

The completely preventable consequences of woodenheadedness

BY ALAN GUEBERT
 Longtime readers of this weekly effort may recall my affection for the word “wooden-headedness.” It comes from “The March of Folly,” Barbara Tuchman’s 1984 book about “the pervasive presence... of failure, mismanagement, and delusion in government.”

In Tuchman’s telling, history is filled with “the pursuit by government of policies contrary to their own interests despite the availability of feasible alternatives.” For example, this contrariness — or as she often refers to it, “woodenheadedness” — is seen in King George III’s picking a fight with American colonists or America’s “own persistent mistakes in Vietnam.” Both led to predictable failures by stubborn instigators who refused to relent despite clear evidence of even larger, “more spectacular” failure ahead.

“More spectacular” failure ahead” sure sounds like what export-dependent U.S. farmers and ranchers now face as the Trump Administration continues its failing, completely incomprehensible tariff policy that not even its ardent MAGA supporters can explain.

And yet, no hard fact deters the president’s insistence that his ever-changing, “beautiful” tariff program will work sooner or later. For example, one goal of the indecipherable tariffs on China, says the White House, is to bring back to America high-paying, high-tech jobs “like iPhone assembly.”

By any U.S. standard, however, there are no “high paying, high-tech” jobs in China. According to one business news service, the “average monthly salary for an iPhone assembler in China is around \$500 to \$1,000 depending on overtime and location.” Another reports that “workers at Foxconn, another major Apple supplier, may earn 19 to 20 yuan (U.S. \$2.76 to \$2.90) per hour.”

Those two, irrefutable facts lead to two obvious realities. First, no American will leave their current job for the chance to earn 1970s wages assembling high-tech anything in the U.S. now or in the foreseeable future.

Second, Apple and its high-tech competitors will find

ways around tariff-impacted Chinese manufacturing costs that avoid any eight- to 10-fold increase in labor costs. The most obvious strategy is — surprise, surprise — lobby the White House for an exemption from the business-strangling, economy-cracking tariffs.

If the goal, as has been explained repeatedly by the woodenheaded White House, is to raise U.S. wages and government income while punishing China, the Trump Administration punted away that opportunity on one of the first days of its administration — its first administration, Jan. 23, 2017.

On that day, the new Administration noisily announced the U.S. would leave the almost-completed Trans-Pacific Partnership, the 12-nation free trade organization then almost built to bring together 40% of the global economy that rimmed the Pacific Ocean.

Just as important as who was in the TPP group — Australia, Japan, Mexico, Canada, the U.S. and others — was who wasn’t in the group, China. In fact, the TPP’s exclusion of China was a founding principle of the organization. It was to be a powerful and decisive tool to swiftly discipline and counter the rising global power if it stepped out of line.

The Trump Administration’s withdrawal, however, had the opposite effect: it weakened any market clout TPP members might build over China, diluted most of the stiff trading rules sought by the U.S. and, in the end, left the door open to China’s entrance into the very group conceived to keep it out.

Worse, the U.S. walked away from the very successes the current Trump Administration claims it will get — it won’t — through its uncooked, unseasoned tariff hash.

According to the International Trade Commission, leaving the TPP cost the U.S. an anticipated \$42.7 billion increase in GDP through 2032 and \$131 billion of “gains to U.S. real incomes... through 2030.”

Now, eight woodenheaded years later, here we go again.

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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION)

No. JVVJ003420 & JVVJ003421

Published Original Notice

In the Interest of J.Q. & W.Q., Minor Children

To: Any biological fathers of J.Q., a child born June 4, 2023, and W.Q., a child born May 1, 2024.

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of court for Buena Vista County, a petition in case numbers JVVJ003420 & JVVJ003421, which prays for termination of your parental rights to J.Q., a child born June 4, 2023 and W.Q., a child born May 1, 2024, who were previously adjudicated as a Children in Need of Assistance.

You are further notified that there will be a hearing on the petition to terminate your parental rights to the children before the Iowa District Court for Buena Vista County, at the Courthouse in Storm Lake, Iowa, at 9:00 A.M. on the 9th day of May, 2025.

For further details contact the clerk’s office. If you should receive notice this notice after the above scheduled date, please contact the clerk of court and/or the office for Juvenile Court Services immediately. The petitioner’s attorney is Ashley Herrig, Assistant County Attorney, 606 Genesee St., Storm Lake, Iowa 50588, 712-732-1933 (phone), 712-213-3014 (fax).

You are advised to seek legal advice at once to protect your interests.

Tami Christensen
 Clerk of the Above Court
 Buena Vista County Courthouse
 Storm Lake, Iowa 50588 3/3-47

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY

EQUITY NO: EQCV036784

ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Secretary of Agriculture

Plaintiff,

vs.

Theron J. Watts; Deborah D. Keck; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Creditors, or other Claimants with an interest in the property of Cheryl I. Dominguez, Deceased; Anthony Davis; Dale Davis; Known and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Creditors, or other Claimants with an interest in the property of April Ackelson, Deceased; State of Iowa, Department of Revenue; Unknown spouse, if any, of Cheryl I. Dominguez; Unknown spouse, if any, of Anthony Davis; Unknown spouse, if any, of April Ackelson; Unknown spouse, if any, of Dale Davis; Unknown spouse, if any, of Deborah D. Keck; Parties in Possession, et al.

Defendants.

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on February 27, 2025, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$76,446.26, with 5.375% per annum interest thereon from February 2, 2016, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney’s fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from March 19, 2013, located in Buena Vista county, Iowa:

LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK THIRTEEN (13), SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALTA, IOWA, commonly known as 101 Johnson St, Alta, IA 51002 (the “Property”)

The petition further prays that the Mortgage on the above described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. For further details, please review the petition on file in the clerk’s office. The Plaintiff’s attorney is Richard Reinblatt, of SouthLaw, P.C.; whose address is 10855 W Dodge Road, Suite 250, Omaha, NE 68154.

NOTICE

The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur promptly after entry of judgment unless you file a written demand with the court to delay the sale. If you file a written demand, the sale will be delayed until six months (or three months if the petition includes a waiver of deficiency judgment) from the entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is your residence and is a one-family or two-family dwelling or until two months from entry of judgment if the mortgaged property is not your residence or is your residence but not a one-family or two-family dwelling. You will have no right of redemption after the sale. The purchaser at the sale will be entitled to immediate possession of the mortgaged property. You may purchase at the sale.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before June 5, 2025, and within a reasonable time thereafter, you must file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Buena Vista County, at the county courthouse in Storm Lake, Iowa. If you fail to respond, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in a court action because of a disability, immediately call your District ADA Coordinator at 712-279-6035. If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You may find more information and general rules governing electronic filing in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. You may find information concerning protection of personal information in court filings in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI.

By: CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
 Buena Vista County Courthouse
 215 East 5th Street, P.O. Box 1186
 Storm Lake, IA 50588-1186

IMPORTANT:
 YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS. 1/3-139

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: April 30th, 2025
 TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Buena Vista County SECONDARY ROADS
 526 Radio Road
 Storm Lake, IA 50588

The Buena Vista County Board of Adjustment will open a public hearing, as noted above, to hear public comments on request for a Variance for a Front Yard Setback of 45 feet in an Ag-1 District to erect a Covered Compost Facility at the property described as:

LOCATION OF THE FACILITY

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ SW ¼) OF SECTION 3, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

Any person has the right to appear at this hearing to express any objections to this petition. If you cannot attend this hearing, you may comment in writing prior to the hearing to:

Ben Mueggenberg, Director
 Buena Vista County Courthouse
 (712) 749-2555
 P.O. Box 301
 Storm Lake, IA 50588 3/7

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

DIONNE M. PAMON; STEPHEN R. PAMON; CITY OF STORM LAKE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC; BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE; LNVV FUNDING LLC AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION,

DEFENDANTS.

EQUITY NO. EQCV036659

ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To the above-named Defendants: **Dionne M. Pamom and Stephen R. Pamom**

You are notified there was on January 3, 2025 filed in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court a Foreclosure Petition, which prays for foreclosure of a mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described herein and judgment in rem in the amount of \$76,839.23 plus interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum from August 1, 2024, such amount equaling \$8.42 per day, the costs of the action including title costs of \$250.00, and reasonable attorney fees and that said sums be declared a lien upon the following-described premises from March 19, 2013, located in Buena Vista County, Iowa, to-wit:

Lot Two (2), Block One (1), Prospect Park Addition to the City of Storm Lake, Iowa

that the mortgage on the above-described real estate be foreclosed, that a special execution issue for the sale of as much of the mortgaged premises as is necessary to satisfy the judgment and for other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Matthew E. Laughlin, whose address is The Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3993, Phone: (515) 288-2500, Facsimile: (515) 243-0654.

NOTICE

THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL SIX MONTHS (THREE MONTHS IF THE PETITION INCLUDES A WAIVER OF DEFICIENCY) FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 15th day of May, 2025, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Buena Vista County, Iowa. You are notified that Buena Vista County District Court utilizes the Electronic Document Management System. You are directed to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and, in particular, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 712-279-6035. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (18007352942.) Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

Date of Third Publication: April 25, 2025. 3/3-134

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (17), APRIL 15, 2025

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to amend today’s agenda, adding Resolution #2025-04-15-B Terminating 28E Agreement Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-04-15-B Terminating 28E Agreements Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt for the City of Alta, City of Newell, City of Sioux Rapids, and the City of Storm Lake. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-04-15-B

Resolution Terminating 28E Agreements Concerning Collection of Delinquent Court Debt

WHEREAS Iowa Code Chapter 28E permits state and local governments in Iowa to enter into an agreement with one or more public or private agencies for joint or cooperative action; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County has elected to participate in the collection of delinquent court obligations on the county level and has filed with the Clerk of Court the required annual notice of full commitment to collect delinquent court debt for all cases assigned to Buena Vista County for collection by the court, in accordance with Iowa Code § 602.8107(4); and

WHEREAS Iowa Code § 364.22 permits cities to classify certain violations of city ordinance as municipal infractions and upon a defendant being found in violation of such ordinance, thereafter provides subject to Iowa Code § 364.3 that a portion of the fine imposed by the Court shall be retained by the city; and

WHEREAS a portion of the fine imposed by the Court under Iowa Code § 364.22, including but not limited to, filing fees and criminal penalty surcharges, are owed to the State pursuant to Iowa Code § 364.3; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County and the City of Alta, the City of Newell, the City of Sioux Rapids, and the City of Storm Lake entered into separate 28E agreements concerning the collection of delinquent court debt; and

WHEREAS the Iowa Judicial Branch has recently corrected an error that will automatically allocate the proper amounts to the respective city, county, and the State, which nullifies the original basis for requesting the 28E agreements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of each 28E agreement, Buena Vista County hereby terminates the following:

a. “Agreement for Buena Vista County and City of Alta for Collection of Delinquent Court Debt” (M510687)

b. “Agreement between BV County and the City of Newell for the collection of delinquent court debt by the County Attorney’s Office” (M510274)

c. “Agreement between the City of Sioux Rapids & the BV County Attorney regarding the collection of delinquent court debt” (M509733)

d. “28E Agreement for BV County (County Attorney) and City of Storm Lake for Collection of Delinquent Court Debt” (M509292)

2. Written notice to be provided to the addresses as indicated in the 28E agreements.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Donald D. Jackson and Phyllis I. Jackson, in Section 25-90-37. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, authorize the Chair to sign Resolution #2025-04-15-A. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-04-15-A

WHEREAS Donald D. Jackson and Phyllis I. Jackson have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; Thence North 89 degrees

42 minutes 17 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 1019.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on said south line, 297.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West, 295.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East, 75.55 feet; thence South 60 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East, 138.09 feet; thence South 78 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, 89.62 feet; thence South 32 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East, 39.03 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West, 179.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 1.76 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

WHEREAS, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; Thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, 1019.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 42 minutes 17 seconds West on said south line, 297.76 feet; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West, 295.94 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 13 seconds East, 75.55 feet; thence South 60 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East, 138.09 feet; thence South 78 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, 89.62 feet; thence South 32 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East, 39.03 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West, 179.26 feet to the point of beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any: **None**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:

DESCRIPTION LOT B

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ SE ¼) OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Hereafter known as Lot B, in Section 25, Township 90 North, Range, 37 West of the 5th P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa;

and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairman Board of Supervisors

/s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to correct the Resolution number in the 2/11/2025 minutes from Resolution No. 2022-02-11-A to Resolution No. 2025-02-11-A, Setting Dates of a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Platinum Urban Renewal Plan in Buena Vista County, State of Iowa. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 4/8/2025, as presented, and accept the following report: March Sheriff’s Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Other topics discussed included: Book of ordinances. (The complete text of the minutes is on file in the Auditor’s office and online at: http://www.bvcountyiowa.com/index.php/board_of_supervisors/supervisors_minutes)

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. until Tuesday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. 2/71

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