

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUENA VISTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2026 SESSION (13) MARCH 17, 2026

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 3/10/2026 as presented, and accept the following **reports**: February Conservation Board minutes, February BV County Solid Waste Agency minutes, February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and March Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize County Attorney Paul Allen to sign 5-year contracts for both **Westlaw and CLEAR**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve **Resolution #2026-03-17-B**, Public Notice Destruction of Noxious Weeds & Fines Assessed, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried. (There isn't a Resolution "A")

RESOLUTION #2026-03-17-B A PUBLIC NOTICE: DESTRUCTION OF

NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Be it resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, 2026 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1-That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2026, for Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. July 1, 2026, for Canada Thistle, Teasel and Field Bindweed.

Group 3. August 1, 2026, for Palmer Amaranth, Multiflora Rose, Bull and Plumeless Thistles.

2-That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds listed for eradication or control by the Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department Administrative Rules Chapter 58.4 shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3-That if the owners or persons in possession or control of

any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4-That the County Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5-Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed within the right-of-way adjacent to dwellings or property by Buena Vista County, he or she shall sign an annual agreement by June 1st at the County Conservation Board Office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

6-Buena Vista County primarily uses Milestone and TerraVue herbicide for noxious weed control within the road right-of-way. For individuals who harvest hay from the County's right-of-way consult the Milestone and TerraVue labels for possible haying and grazing restrictions. Any additional concerns may be directed to the County Weed Commissioner.

7-The Weed Commissioner, Greg Johnson or Deputy Weed Commissioner, Brian Jones are located at the Buena Vista County Conservation Board office. 377 440th Street, Peterson, Iowa 51047. Telephone-712-295-7985.

PENALTY

Be it further Resolved, that upon failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commissioner,

following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed, or may impose a penalty of \$10.00 per day for each day, up to ten days, that the owner or person in possession or control of the land fails to comply, after which, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed.

Passed and approved on this 17th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair-Board of Supervisors

Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor
Motion by Hartman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **DOT 2026 Roadside Maintenance Agreement**. Carried.

Other topics discussed included: Congratulations to Storm Lake Boys Basketball player Jaidyn Coon on being named Iowa's Mr. Basketball 2026, tabled any action on Projects FM-CO11(121)--55-11 Business 71 and FM-CO11(120)--55-11 N14, Secondary Road Report, Iowa Lakes Corridor update, and Conservation Department update. (The complete text of the minutes is on file in the Auditor's Office and online at: <https://buonavistacounty.iowa.gov/boards-commissions/board-of-supervisors/#minutes>)

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. until **Wednesday, March 25** at 8:30 a.m. for a special session and a regular session. Carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Regular Meeting Supervisors Room, Courthouse Pocahontas, Iowa March 17, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Katie Halligan; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Cory Bailey, Engineering Technician.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from March 10, 2026 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Seehusen reported that the Rolfe mayor was gone last week and they are supposed to meet this week and let him know what they discussed at their council meeting regarding law enforcement compensation amount.

At 10:03 am, Tate Schmeling, Engineer presented four bids for the Pavement Markings Project. The bids were from: Iowa Plains Signing - \$53,755.30; Advanced Traffic Controls - \$72,887.70; Vogel Traffic Services, Inc - \$54,533.30 and Sir Lines-A-Lot - \$48,427.01. Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to accept Sir Lines-A-Lot bid in the amount of \$48,427.01. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling informed the board that the secondary roads employees will be starting four-ten-hour summer schedule on April 6. Schmeling also stated that the bridge work is coming along.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised that their office will be closed April 1 for SEAT Continuing Education training.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the Recorder's monthly report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen,

seconded by Siepker to approve the allowances, disallowances, and deletions for Family Farm and Ag Land tax credits for the 2025 valuation year, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A.4 and authorize the Chairman to sign letter to landowners who no longer qualify. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to table acknowledgement of receipt of the 2025 county farm report until more information can be received. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to acknowledge Connie Schachtner's public health board resignation. Ayes all, motion carried. The board thanks her for her years of service.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) Rittgers Home Place - ID# 58467 NW NW, Section 7, Des Moines Township David Rittgers as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen-Safety; Siepker- Conservation, Linking Families; Stauter- Tile, Fair Board; Smith- Public Health Issue, Drainage, Safety; Aden-Solid Waste. All supervisors attended the Assessor's budget hearing.

With no further business, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Louis Stauter, Chairman
Nita Hinrickson, Auditor



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The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has received a construction permit application for a confined animal feeding operation in Buena Vista County, more specifically described as follows:

Name: Lance Heuser #2-South Site
Location: Buena Vista County, Iowa Section 25, Maple Valley Township
Increasing animals only at an existing swine confinement facility

Capacity: 4656 head finishing swine (1862.4 AU)
Examination: Application is on file in the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Office before the public hearing and there will be a public hearing with the Board of Supervisors on

Date: March 31st, 2026
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Location: Supervisors Meeting Room
Courthouse
215 East 5th Storm Lake, IA

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed NEWELL-FONDA School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: Newell-Fonda CSD Conference Board Room 205 S Clark Street Newell, IA 50568	Date of Hearing: 04/14/2026	Time of Hearing: 07:00 PM
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The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,930,108	4,695,388	4,581,452 % 3.7
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	61,843	58,613	59,112 % 2.3
Income Surtaxes	3	319,083	411,629	266,938 % 9.3
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	795,000	780,000	790,403
Earnings on Investments	5	12,875	20,820	65,538
Nutrition Program Sales	6	210,000	206,315	254,094
Student Activities and Sales	7	264,020	258,500	217,196
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	496,000	432,450	440,997
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid	10	3,164,326	3,197,790	3,228,928
Instructional Support State Aid	11	7,091	0	0
Other State Sources	12	682,650	688,868	752,123
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	40,639	40,639	20,413
Title 1 Grants	14	85,000	98,845	85,735
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	432,500	427,560	402,974
Total Revenues	16	11,501,135	11,317,417	11,165,903
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0
Transfers In	18	404,633	406,000	547,202
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	75,417
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	11,905,768	11,723,417	11,788,522
Beginning Fund Balance	22	5,092,941	5,789,108	5,246,653
Total Resources	23	16,998,709	17,512,525	17,035,175
*Instruction	24	5,762,770	5,583,960	5,180,283 % 5.5
Student Support Services	25	216,300	210,000	66,357
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	470,300	456,750	327,395
General Administration	27	552,000	517,000	475,206
School Administration	28	432,500	420,000	346,581
Business & Central Administration	29	390,500	378,000	294,648
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	932,250	773,250	709,158
Student Transportation	31	570,000	718,500	644,649
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	3,563,850	3,473,500	2,863,994 % 11.6
*Noninstructional Programs	32	860,100	837,000	821,867 % 2.3
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	500,000	662,500	282,128
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,368,000	1,292,135	1,347,127
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	183,950	164,489	203,465
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	2,051,950	2,119,124	1,832,720 % 5.8
Total Expenditures	36	12,238,670	12,013,584	10,698,864
Transfers Out	37	404,633	406,000	547,203
Other Uses	38	0	0	0
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	12,643,303	12,419,584	11,246,067
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,355,406	5,092,941	5,789,108
Total Requirements	41	16,998,709	17,512,525	17,035,175
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		13.39346		

NOW HIRING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

City of Newell, IA — Department of Public Works

The City of Newell is seeking a motivated and dependable individual to serve as Assistant Superintendent (Full-Time Position) in our Department of Public works.

QUALIFICATIONS:


- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Valid Iowa Driver's License
- Class B Manual CDL with air brakes
- Iowa DNR Water and Wastewater Certifications
Licensure MUST be obtained within 12 months if not currently held.
- Equipment operation & maintenance experience (preferred)
- Must be 18+ years old
- Must pass pre-employment physical & drug screening
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