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**BUENA VISTA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SIXTH MEETING,  
2024 SESSION (6),  
JANUARY 19, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

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

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to go into *closed session* (at 8:30 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to go out of *closed session* at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. until Tuesday, January 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. 45

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**BUENA VISTA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FIFTH MEETING,  
2024 SESSION (5),  
JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to *amend today's agenda*, adding an action item, signing off on the BV Blizzard Busters request to use county right-of-way for the snowmobile route. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the *gravel crushing contract* with Stratford Gravel, Inc., to crush approximately 200,000 ton from the Goldsmith/Marathon Pit, with an estimated cost of \$1,104,528, with 70% to be paid in FY'25 (\$773,169.60), 15% paid in FY'26 (August 1, 2025 \$165,679.20), and the remaining 15% in FY'27 (August 1, 2026 \$165,679.20). Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the *minutes* from 1/9/2024, today's *claims approval list*, and accept the following reports: December Conservation Board minutes, December Landfill minutes, and Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Oct-Dec). Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign off on the DOT form to allow *Buena Vista Blizzard Busters* to use county right-of-way for their snowmobile trails. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go into *closed session* (at 9:15 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to go out of *closed session* at 10:35 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to accept the County's *FY'23 Annual Urban Renewal Report* and authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Other topics discussed included: Secondary Roads Report, Juvenile Probation Officer, UDMO FY'25request. (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](http://www.bvcountyiowa.com/index.php/board_of_supervisors/supervisors_minutes)

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. until Friday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. 88

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TRUST NOTICE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:  
BETTY L. HANSEN REVOCABLE  
TRUST AGREEMENT**

To all persons regarding Betty L. Hansen who died on or about January 13, 2024. You are hereby notified that Citizens First National Bank is the trustee of the Betty L. Hansen Revocable Trust Agreement dated on June 28, 2000. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Buena Vista County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice, to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on January 22, 2024.

Betty L. Hansen Revocable Trust  
Citizens First National Bank – Trustee  
529 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

Date of second publication: February 2, 2024. 1/2-45

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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR  
BUENA VISTA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
EVELYN RUTH MAHN,  
Deceased.**

**CASE No. ESPR017820**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Evelyn Ruth Mahn, Deceased, who died on or about January 2, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 12, 2024, the last will and testament of Evelyn Ruth Mahn, deceased, bearing date of February 10, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Security Trust & Savings Bank was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 17, 2024.

Date of second publication: February 2, 2024.

Probate Code Section 304

Gary W. Armstrong, ICIS#: AT0000541  
Attorney for the Executor  
Mack, Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong & Brown, P.C.  
316 East 6th Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Security Trust & Savings Bank  
Executor of the Estate 1/2-66

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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR  
BUENA VISTA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
GARY S. CHRISTEN,  
Deceased.**

**CASE No. ESPR017816**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gary S. Christen, Deceased, who died on or about December 25, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on December 20, 2023, the last will and testament of Gary S. Christen, deceased, bearing date of November 18, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Joan M. Christen has been appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated January 11, 2024.

Date of second publication: January 26, 2024.

Edean M. Murray, ICIS#: AT0005557  
Attorney for Executor  
530 Erie St.  
PO Box 27  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Joan M. Christen  
Executor of the Estate  
817 Angier Dr.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588 2/2-64

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**CITY OF ALTA, IOWA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2024**

A special meeting of the Alta City Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Walsh, with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Desi Suter, and Bruce McGowan.

The Mayor and Council toured the City buildings. Councilmember Lang joined the meeting at 5:55pm, when everyone returned bank to City Hall. Henderson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lang. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Lang moved, and Suter seconded, to approve the following as check signers moving forward: Mayor Kevin Walsh, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce McGowan, City Clerk Megan Peterson, and Public Works Director Brad Pedersen. Motion carried with all members voting aye. Henderson moved, and Lang seconded to approve the Class E liquor license for Kimmes Country Store, and to approve the automatic renewal option. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Council considered the bill to be sent to Platinum Crush for discharge costs. The Council agreed to move forward and have Attorney Armstrong work with Platinum Crush to come with a contract, including the billing schedule.

Much discussion took place regarding the FY25 budget and budget requests from some department heads. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5, 2024. There being no further business, Lang moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded by McGowan, and approved with all members voting aye.

Kevin Walsh, Mayor  
Attest: Megan Peterson, City Clerk 48

AUDIT REPORTS

STORM LAKE CSD

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C., CPAs on Jan. 18 released an audit report on the Storm Lake Community School District in Storm Lake.

*Financial highlights:*

The District's revenues totaled \$48,564,912 for the year ended June 30, 2023, a 5.9% increase over the prior year. Expenses for the District operations for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$43,267,100, a 9.6% increase over the prior year. The increase in revenues and expenses is due primarily to additional property tax, un-

restricted state grants and federal sources and negotiated salaries and benefits and construction/capital improvement projects.

*Audit findings:*

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C reported three findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 106 through 113 of the audit report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties. Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C provided the District with recommendations to address the findings.

The three findings discussed above are a repeat of

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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR  
BUENA VISTA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
HELEN M. BABCOCK,  
Deceased.**

**CASE NO. ESPR017806**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Helen M. Babcock, Deceased, who died on or about October 24, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 31, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Helen M. Babcock, deceased, bearing date of January 7, 1985, and a First Codicil dated April 28, 2022 was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Thomas J. Allen has been appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated November 2, 2023.

Thomas J. Allen  
148 S. Plum St.  
Boone, IA 50036  
Executor of the Estate of Helen M. Babcock

Edean M. Murray, ICIS#: AT0005557  
Attorney for Executor  
530 Erie St.  
PO Box 27  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Date of second publication: January 26, 2024. 2/2-65

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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR  
BUENA VISTA COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
CHARLES REED GOODMAN,  
DECEASED**

**CASE NO. ESPR017814**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF  
APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Charles Reed Goodman, Deceased, who died on or about July 8, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on November 30, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Charles Reed Goodman, deceased, bearing date of April 26, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jeffrey Charles Goodman was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 23, 2024

/s/ Jeffrey Charles Goodman  
Jeffrey Charles Goodman  
Executor of Estate  
700 Meadow Lane  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

/s/ Willis J. Hamilton  
Willis J. Hamilton, ICIS#: AT0003122  
Attorney for Executor  
Hamilton Law Firm, P.C.  
P.O. Box 188  
606 Ontario Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Date of second publication: February 2, 2024.

Probate Code Section 304 1/2-70

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**Albert City-Truesdale CSD  
Board of Directors Meeting  
School Library  
January 15, 2024-12:00 p.m.**

Board members present: Kayla McCarthy, Jake Heuton, Luke Peterson and Kyle Swenson. Also present Superintendent Dicks and Board Secretary Ellrich.

Regular board meeting called to order by President McCarthy at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Peterson to approve the amended agenda adding 7.c.1 Resignation Brandy Uribe and 7.d. Open gym advisory group. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Swenson to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of past board meetings, financial reports, and summary list of bills, open enrollments-none, board policies-none. Motion 4-0.

Communications/Celebrations-none

Delegations-none

Discussion items-none

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Swenson to approve At Risk/Dropout Prevention Modified Allowable Growth in

T.P. Anderson & Co., P.C. reported that the city's receipts totaled \$5,936,313 for the year ended June 30, 2023. The receipts included \$776,695 in property tax, \$650,176 in charges for service, \$1,351,667 in intergovernmental receipts and \$328,644 in local option sales tax.

Disbursements for the year totaled \$4,972,693. The disbursements included \$325,357 in public safety, \$684,115 for culture and recreation, \$2,589,501 for capital projects, and \$666,591 for business-type activities.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Auditor of State and the City of Alta's municipal office.

the amount of \$74,114. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Swenson to approve Janitor's Closet for the purchase of an auto scrubber at a cost of \$14,900.81. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Peterson; seconded by Heuton to approve the resignation of Brandy Uribe. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Swenson to approve establishing an Open Gym Advisory Group of 3 members. Motion carried 4-0.

Principal Report: FAST/iReady testing and Reading curriculum.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Dicks discussed repainting the gym, AEA bill to restructure, CD's, and superintendent interviews.

Board Sharing - electric bus

Motion by Heuton; seconded by Peterson to adjourn at 12:49 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Next regular board meeting is February 19, 2024.

Kim Ellrich  
Board Secretary

Kayla McCarthy  
President

INVOICES LISTED FOR APPROVAL  
12/15/2023 through 1/12/2024

<u>General Fund</u>	
AFLAC .....	Med Ins Payable .....
AGState .....	Fuel .....
Albert City-Truesdale Flex Account.....	Flex Payable .....
Alliant Energy .....	electricity .....
Alta-Aurelia CSD.....	open enrollment.....
BASE .....	payroll fees .....
BUV .....	tuition.....
Carroll Refuse Service.....	garbage/disposal .....
Central Iowa Distributing.....	supplies .....
City of Albert City.....	water/sewer .....
Community State Bank .....	payroll fees .....
D&D Auto.....	bus repairs .....
Elan Financial Services .....	after school supplies .....
EMC .....	Life Ins Payable .....
Feld Fire Equipment .....	supplies/repairs .....
Josh Gonzalez.....	mileage reimb .....
IPERS .....	IPERS Payable .....
Iowa Sports Supply.....	supplies .....
ISEBA .....	Med Ins Payable .....
Mike's Pest Control .....	pest control .....
One Source .....	background checks .....
PaymentSpring .....	Online Pmt Fees.....
Pocahontas Area Community School .....	open enrollment .....
Prairie Lakes AEA .....	librarian purch service .....
Rays Mid-Bell Music Co.....	supplies/repairs .....
Spencer CSD .....	open enrollment.....
Storm Lake Times Pilot.....	ads/publications.....
TASC Client Invoices .....	payroll fees .....
TASC PVR .....	Depend Care Payable.....
Treasurer, State of Iowa .....	state withholding.....
Truck Center Companies .....	supplies .....
TSYS Merchant Solutions .....	Online Pmt Fees.....
US Treasury .....	federal withholding .....
VOYA 403B.....	TSA Payable.....
Windstream Communications.....	telephone .....

<u>Physical Plant &amp; Equipment Levy</u>	
Access Systems .....	copier lease .....
Control System Specialists .....	HVAC work.....
ICN .....	internet service .....
Truck Center Companies .....	E-Bus Purchase.....
Vista Software .....	accounting software .....

<u>School Nutrition Fund</u>	
Anderson Erickson .....	groceries.....
EMC .....	life ins payable .....
Fareway .....	groceries .....
Martin Brothers .....	groceries.....

<u>Student Activity Fund</u>	
Ashley Dirks.....	student council supplies.....
Rialto Theatre .....	movie day .....

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