

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (7)
FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, Merten, and Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

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

Secondary Road Report: The trucks were out plowing snow on Sunday; they are busy fixing equipment; Engineer Wilkinson spoke with a salesman about getting a new semi-tractor, and found out that it wouldn't come until August. Wilkinson asked the Board whether he should carry over the funds in to the new fiscal year to pay for the semi-tractor in August, or if they preferred he bought something else this year, that was planned for next fiscal year. Merten asked Wilkinson to look for a used semi-tractor. Wilkinson stated that he wanted auto transmission and similar to the others, so they would use the same filters, etc. The consensus of the Board was to have Wilkinson look for a used semi-tractor first.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 1/26/21 as printed, today's **claims approval list, stamped drainage warrant register**, and the following **reports**: November Board of Health minutes, December Board of Health minutes, November RIDES minutes, FY'19 Rolling Hills Community Services Region Audit Report. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented a Certificate of Appreciation for Leigh Madsen, and asked for the Chair to sign. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Leigh Madsen, for her 28 years of service to Buena Vista County, in the Auditor's Office. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt was present for the 9:00 appointment, stating that Sheriff Kory Elston would be coming in later, as his department was busy with a situation. Barritt informed the Board that more Cares Act Funds would be coming, due to leftover funds from municipalities that didn't submit for a reimbursement. Buena Vista County will be receiving an additional \$101,312.60 in Cares Act Funds, adding to the \$248,742.50 already received. Barritt requested \$3,500 in Cares Act Funds to purchase carpet for the LEC training room, stating that defibrillators have been purchased with Cares Act Funds and installed in several buildings and audio/visual equipment has been purchased for the LEC and the Boardroom. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to use **Cares Act Funds** of \$3,500, to purchase new carpet for the LEC training room. Merten asked why the money received wouldn't be put back in to the fund where the wages were spent, since it is a reimbursement. Barritt stated that the wages would have been paid anyway, and that at the time the first Cares Funds came in, the Board had agreed to deposit the money in to a separate fund to be used for other upgrades and preparing for future disasters. Ringgenberg stated that since other upgrades were being done at the LEC, now is the time to update the carpet too. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Abstention: Merten. Motion carried.

Auditor's Clerk Karla Ahrendsen, representing the Wellness Committee, presented an allocation request of \$20,000 for wellness activities in FY'22, keeping the amount reimbursed to employees for a physical at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours paid time off for their physical. Ahrendsen stated that they would like to have one wellness program each quarter. Snyder stated that he had received a request from an employee to increase the amount of reimbursement to the employee from \$150 to \$200. Merten suggested leaving the amount as it is now. Ahrendsen stated that more employees are going to the doctor for their physical, so the program is working. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve an **allocation** of \$20,000 for Wellness activities in FY'22, continuing the amount reimbursed to employees for a **physical** at \$150, and allowing up to 3 hours of **paid time off** for their physical. Carried.

Hear the Public: Public Health Administrator Julie Sather stopped in to update the Board on the COVID vaccine, as she knew that the Board had questions. Sather stated that they are getting 100 doses of vaccine per week with 500 doses coming in this week. These 500 doses are divided between both Unity Point Clinics, United Community Health, BVRMC, and Public Health. Sather stated that they are going to start receiving an allocation of boosters on Tuesday, and an allocation of first doses every Friday. Merten asked Sather to come in and give the Board an update weekly, to get the word out.

Tom Schuetz, Group Services, was present virtually, and reviewed the self-funded portion of the County **health insurance rates**, with Stille Pierce & Pertzborn representatives, Mike Pertzborn, Tony Pertzborn, and Barb Wetherell present, along with the following members of the Insurance Committee and Department Heads: Tyler Van Houten, Mark Van Hooser (virtual), Yvonne Sandhoff, Rob Danielson (virtual), Bret Wilkinson (virtual) Angie Wilkinson (virtual), Karen Crilly (virtual), and Kim Johnson (virtual). The increase Schuetz calculated based on projected costs, leaving everything as is, would be 9.75%, with a cost increase of \$195,922. Schuetz stated that if the deductible with Wellmark were increased to \$7,000, self-funding the increase down to the \$1,000 deductible that the County currently has, and having a split co-pay of \$40/\$80, the increase would be 7.70%, for a cost increase of \$154,702. Ringgenberg commented that the split co-pay will increase the cost for the employee's regular doctor visit \$5, but if they go to a specialist, the increase will be \$45 more. No action was taken, this will be discussed at the February 9 board meeting.

Huseman left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Supervisors meeting reports: Ringgenberg attended the Storm Lake United meeting.

Board Member Merten introduced the following Resolution #2021-02-02-A entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF", and moved that the same be adopted. Board Member Ringgenberg seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was, Ayes: Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Absent: Huseman. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #2021-02-02-A

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA (FOR GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, should provide for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of not to exceed \$200,000, as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.442, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out general county purpose project(s) as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement and Notes shall be payable from the Debt Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has a population of more than 20,000 but not more than 50,000, and the Notes for these purposes do not exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, before a Loan Agreement may be authorized and General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, issued to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal and

of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and Notes and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to such action; and

WHEREAS, before the Notes may be issued, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Chapter 331 of the Code of Iowa, and to publish a notice of the proposal to issue such Notes and the right to petition for an election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at 9:00 A.M., on the 23rd day of February, 2021, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and issuance of not to exceed \$200,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for general county purposes, the proceeds of which notes will be used to provide funds to pay the costs of acquisition and equipping of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding the maximum specified in the attached notice.

Section 2. The Auditor is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County with the negotiation of terms of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, evidencing the County's obligations to a principal amount of not to exceed \$200,000, to select a date for the final approval thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the County and this Board and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the completion of a loan on a basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Board.

Section 3. That the Auditor is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the County. The publication to be not less than ten clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of the Notes.

Section 4. The notice of the proposed action to issue notes shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
BUENA VISTA COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF
THE PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND
THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE COUNTY (FOR
GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES), AND THE HEARING ON THE
ISSUANCE THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 23rd day of February, 2021, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board Room, County Courthouse, 215 E. 5th Street, Storm Lake, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$200,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, for general county purposes, bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed 9 per centum per annum, the Notes to be issued to provide funds to pay the costs of acquisition and equipping of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Principal and interest on the proposed Loan Agreement will be payable from the Debt Service Fund.

At any time before the date of the meeting, a petition, asking that the question of issuing such Notes be submitted to the legal voters of the County, may be filed with the Auditor of the County in the

manner provided by Section 331.306 of the Code of Iowa, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.442 of the Code of Iowa.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to evidence the obligation of the County thereunder or will abandon the proposal to issue said Notes.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, State of Iowa, as provided by Sections 331.402 and 331.442 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021.

Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor
Buena Vista County, State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of February, 2021.

/s/ Kelly Snyder, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Sheriff Kory Elston made a request to the Board to use Cares Act Funds to purchase new bullet-proof vests for the deputies. Elston stated that he would need 15 vests, and the approximate cost is \$1,850 each. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to allow \$30,000, for Sheriff Elston to purchase **bullet-proof vests** for the deputies, out of the Cares Act Funds. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. until Tuesday, February 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.

