

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TWELVTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (12)  
MARCH 2, 2021**

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

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

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to bore under 200<sup>th</sup> Ave., between Sections 31/32 Newell Township, 30' north of 6541 200<sup>th</sup> Ave., for the accommodation of an underground primary cable, to eliminate an overhead clearance issue. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board about **living snow fences**, stating that the DOT pays farmers to leave corn in the field all winter, to help with the snow drifts on the roads. Merten commented that some farmers do this on their own, and others want to be paid for it. Wilkinson stated that snow fence is expensive and labor intensive, and is also hard to remove in the spring. Wilkinson suggested that placing large round bales would be a better option. Merten asked Wilkinson to establish a list of locations, set a policy, and come up with a price for round bales.

**Secondary Road Report**: They had a few trucks out on Sunday to treat slick roads; the crew has finished building the aluminum box culvert, as much as they can; they are working on the gravel roads, as they are getting soft in the afternoon.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Final Bank Term Sheet regarding the **\$1,220,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Note**, Series 2021A, with Citizen's First National Bank, with a proposed interest rate of .82%. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing on the **Proposed Property Tax Levy for the FY'22** County Budget. Auditor Lloyd explained that this Max Levy notice only pertains to the General Fund and the Rural Fund. Buena Vista county levies the maximum of \$3.50 for the General Basic Fund, and \$2.3 for the General Supplemental Fund. The Rural Basic Fund is at the maximum levy of \$3.95. The total increase for the General Fund property tax dollars is 2.61% from the prior year, and the total increase for the Rural Fund property tax dollars is 2.72% from the prior year. The Chair asked if there were any questions from the public. Merten commented that this is the max that the levies can be, it is not set-in stone. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman to approve and authorize the Board to sign **Resolution #2021-03-02-A** Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution. Ayes: Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-03-02-A**

**Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY '22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

**WHEREAS**, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on 3/2/2021,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY '22 shall not exceed the following:

- General County Services: \$7,397,199; an increase of 2.61% from the prior year
- Rural County Services: \$3,024,466; an increase of 2.72% from the prior year

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021.

/s/ Kelly Snyder-Chair, Tom Huseman-Supervisor, Paul Merten-Supervisor, Rhonda Ringgenberg-Supervisor.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to set a public hearing for **BKJ Pork, BKJ Pork, LLC MMP** in Section 27 Newell Township, for March 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to set a public hearing for **Paradise Pork-Nutra Tech, LC MMP** in Section 27 Newell Township, for March 16, 2021 at 9:40 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to set a public hearing on a **Master Matrix** for Gold 8, Tom Witt Contractor in Section 32, Coon Township, for March 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather gave the Board an update on the **COVID vaccine**. Sather stated that 17 counties were allocated doses of 2,300 Johnson & Johnson vaccine. They are working on vaccinating the ag and manufacturing businesses, with Tyson and Rembrandt Enterprises done this week. Sather stated that there is a "link" on the Public Health website, to complete a survey and see if they qualify for a vaccination. Public Health has 300 Maderma prime vaccines, and will be having clinics for those 65+ at Public Health tomorrow and Thursday, and Sioux Rapids tomorrow afternoon. Sather is still working with MCO's and physicians for those individuals that are unable to leave their home to be vaccinated. The question was asked when someone is fully immune. Sather stated that an individual is fully immune two weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine, but not for more than three months.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for the discussion of whether to continue the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Expanded FMLA. Allen stated that nothing has changed by the Federal Government, it is still voluntary. There are still some county staff out sick, and the CDC still recommends a 10-day quarantine if you are exposed. Allen stated that there could be an employer negligence or a work comp issue if someone were to get sick due to a COVID exposure at work and discussed that the risk of liability would be reduced once all employees have an opportunity to get vaccinated. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to extend the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Expanded FMLA** through March, 2021, and then revisit the subject again. Carried.

The Board discussed the previous request of Medical Examiner Dr. Crippin, to get on the county's health insurance plan, including his spouse. According to the county's policy, an individual must be a full-time employee in order to obtain coverage for their spouse. Dr. Crippin is a contract employee. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to leave the **Medical Examiner** as a contract employee, paid per case, and not allowed to be included on the county's health insurance plan. Ayes: Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Abstention: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 2/23/21 and 3/1/21 as printed, today's **claims approval list, stamped drainage warrant register**, and the following **reports**: February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, February Public Health Nursing Report, December Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes, January Conservation Board minutes, January Board of Health minutes, February Storm Lake United Director update, and January Storm Lake United meeting minutes. Carried.

Board Member Ringgenberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2021A" and moved that it be adopted. Board Member Huseman seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03-02-B**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2021A

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista County, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the County, is a political subdivision duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary that the County should enter into a Loan Agreement and borrow the amount of \$1,220,000 as authorized by Sections 331.402 and 331.443, Code of Iowa as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal has been received from Citizens First National Bank of Storm Lake, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of this Board of Supervisors to enter into a Loan Agreement in accordance with said proposal dated March 2, 2021.

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

Section 1. That this Board of Supervisors does hereby accept the attached proposal of Citizens First National Bank of Storm Lake, Iowa, and takes additional action to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The Chairperson and County Auditor are authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the County to enter into such Loan Agreement, to negotiate the final terms of a Loan Agreement to take all action necessary to permit the entering into of a Loan Agreement on a

basis favorable to the County and acceptable to the Purchaser, and to proceed to meet the conditions of this accepted proposal.

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

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to set the **FY'22 County Budget** Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Certificate of Appreciation** for Sherie Elbert, for her 6 years of service to Buena Vista County, serving as County Treasurer until her retirement on 2/28/2021. Carried.

The Board tabled action on the **Employee Benefit Systems (EBS)** 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Administration Services bank form, PHI, Business Associate Addendum (A)/Verification of Purchase, and Service Agreement until next week.

There being no further business, motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.