

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SIXTEENTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (16)  
MARCH 30, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Huseman (via "GoToMeeting") Altena and Ringgenberg and with Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel as clerk for the meeting.

Merten arrived at 8:37.

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

**Secondary Road Report:** Engineer Bret Wilkinson reported that the crew has been out grading, winds are helping to dry the roads. Spring work is in full force. He updated the Board about the proposed schedule for the C63 Paving Project. The project is slated to begin with milling the road surface the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Cold-in-Place Recycling the following week. Allowing approximately 2 weeks for curing time, the paving should begin the first 2 weeks in June with the project wrapping up by the end of June. He also discussed a citizen concern for sight distance on 570<sup>th</sup> St at 175<sup>th</sup> Ave. There is history of an accident at that location and a new hog building is being built there. Wilkinson will investigate the site further and decide if changes to the roadway are warranted.

The County Engineer presented his list of Excess equipment to the board which included two tandem dump trucks, 2 John Deere utility tractors, Hobart welder, large tire changer, and other miscellaneous items. He recommended sealed bids on the trucks, auction and other means. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **Disposal of Excess Equipment and Materials** by the County Engineer. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Engineer's contract** for FY'22, FY'23 and FY'24, as presented. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for a **Master Matrix** for **Gold 8 – Tom Witt Contractor** in Section 32 of Coon Township, with Environmental Health Director Kim Johnson, present. Johnson reviewed the Master Matrix with the Board, explaining the points. There are 440 points needed to pass, and Gold 8 – Tom Witt Contractor received 440 points, and satisfies the minimum requirements for air, water, and community. Public comments were heard and were made note of in the resolution before the motion was made. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve **Resolution 2021-03-30-A**, with added comments for the Gold 8 – Tom Witt Contractor application to the DNR. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2021-03-30-A**

Recommending approval of the Gold 8 – Tom Witt Contractor Construction Application to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Master Matrix CAFO construction applications to provide an opportunity for local input; and

**WHEREAS**, a construction application for an additional 121'10" feet X 197'0" hog finisher building with 8-foot manure pit storage, has been submitted by Tom Witt Contractor on Feb 26, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista County Environmental Health Inspector has reviewed the application using the Master Matrix, finding a score of 440 points, and has verified all of the elements of the application for accuracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum score set by the DNR is 440 points.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors published a notice in the Pilot Tribune on March 5, 2021 as required, and held public hearing in the Supervisors Meeting Room at the Courthouse on March 30, 2021, for the purpose of receiving public comment; with responses provided: **When is enough enough. People are frustrated with lack of being heard. They have concerns with water quality and usage. They are concerned about the treatment of the animals, and nitrates in the water. There are studies that show manure is being spread at 100 lbs. per acre more than what can be used. Property values are going down 7 to 11 % based on direction building are from the CAFO. The owner does not live at the same location as the animals. Owners are not good neighbors. Coon Township has 36 CAFO's; that is sites not buildings. (See attached map of our area). We are going to run out of water, and Nitrate levels are saturated now. When is enough, ENOUGH!!!**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors shall submit the recommendation within 30 days of DNR receipt of application,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, has assembled their comments with knowledge provided for submission to the DNR; Merten, it is time to update the matrix.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby recommend approval of the construction application of the Gold 8 – Tom Witt Contractor Application.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 30th day of March, 2021.  
/s/ Kelly Snyder, chair...../s/ Sharon Henkel, Deputy Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the minutes of 3/23/21 as corrected, today's claims approval list, and the stamped drainage warrant register. Carried.

Veterans Service Administrator David Andrews attended to review the guidelines and verbiage for the Eligibility for Buena Vista County General Relief. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena to accept the Eligibility for General Relief guidelines. Ayes: Altena, Snyder, Huseman, and Ringgenberg. Nays: Merten.

Public Health administrator Julie came to Board meeting to give the COVID-19 Vaccine updates for our county as follows: Vaccine series initiated for BV County residents: Total- 1,450; 65+- 558 and Vaccine series completed for BV County residents: Total- 4,854; 65+- 1,826. We are reaching out to nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the county to vaccinate new staff, new residents, or newly eligible residents. Between this week and next we will vaccinate approximately 400 Tyson employees. We are completing boosters for education and 65+.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten to set the public hearing date on the status of the **North Raccoon River Watershed Project** to April 13, 2021 at 9:30 am. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to set the public hearing date for the **Career Link/Rembrandt Enterprises CDBG application**  
To April 13, 2021 at 9:45 am. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to approve **Jt. DD #22 Drainage work for Clay County** to pay Malm \$100 and Gunnarson \$3,600 for inspector fees. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to approve **work order #BV-01-2021 for repairs in section 8 Poland Township**, in the amount of \$4,650. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing for **Ehlers Home Finisher-BKE Enterprise LLC, MMP expansion in Section 22 Grant Township**. Brent Ehlers explained where the property was located in Section 22 of Grant. Kris Kohl spoke in favor of the expansion. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten to close the public hearing for Ehlers Home Finisher-BKE Enterprise LLC, MMP expansion in Section 22 Grant Township. Carried.

**Hear the Public:** Ray Dentlinger, head coach/instructor of the Trap Shooting Club for Storm Lake Public, St. Mary's, Newell-Fonda, and Sioux Central students came to give updates to the Board. The target range is being called the **Goldsmith Pit Youth Range** and now has an E911 address. Ray has spoken with County Engineer that they plan to pour concrete runways 2 ½' wide and 27 yds long in order to set the distances for shooting. Two traps have been set. One concern that Ray voiced was having residents of the county not fishing in the pit during target range hours. They will be in operation every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 4:30 as of 3/30. Board chair Snyder recommended that Ray inform Marathon First Responders of the activity schedule. Ray also wants to post a sign at the entrance that states the new name and In Use/Not in Use.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.