

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTEENTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (17)
APRIL 6, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Huseman (via "GoToMeeting") Altena, 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for the accommodation of one underground primary cable by boring under 200th Ave., between Sections 31 and 32, Nokomis Township, to upgrade the existing facilities. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been blading gravel roads, spot graveling, and edge rutting; parts have been ordered for the motor grader; the tile crew is starting to make tile repairs; Engineer Wilkinson has advertised for two seasonal mowers; fairly normal operations.

Margie Robinson informed the Supervisors, that the **intersection lights** at M44 & Hwy 3 and at Business 71 & Hwy 71 have been off for six months, and she would like to have the lights replaced and working again. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that the light at Business 71 & Hwy 71 is burned out, and ILEC will be replacing it. Wilkinson wasn't aware of the light at M44 & Hwy 3, but stated that he would check it out, and if it was burned out, it would also be replaced. Robinson thanked the Board and the Engineer for taking care of these lights. (Wilkinson did check the intersection of M44 & Hwy 3, after the meeting, and verified that there is not a light at that intersection.)

Annette Koster, Program Director of BV, Crawford, and Sac Early Childhood Iowa, met with the Board virtually, requesting that the Board consider signing a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation**. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme and Asst. to the Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger, presented information to the Board, regarding survey equipment they would like to purchase. Blomme recommends purchasing the R12I rover system, as it will work as long as there is cell phone service in the area. The quote from Precision Midwest is for \$40,136.30, and includes a 5-year warranty for the collector and the rover. Blomme stated that a "base" could be purchased for and additional \$16,063.45, for use when there is no cell phone coverage, however, Blomme recommended waiting to see if they actually would need it, as more cell towers have been installed around the county, and they may not need the base. Blomme stated that the equipment would belong to BV County, and could be used by other departments, if needed. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten to approve and authorize the Drainage Engineer to purchase the **R12I Rover System**, from Precision Midwest, Plainfield, IL, in the amount of \$40,136.30. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 3/30/21 as printed, and the following **reports**: March Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected and March Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather updated the Board on the **COVID-19 Vaccine**. Public Health will be vaccinating more ag and manufacturing employees this afternoon with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Thursday, they will be giving booster shots at the BV County Fairgrounds, and Friday they will be vaccinating another 400 employees at Tyson Pork. Saturday, there will be an open clinic at the Storm Lake Elementary School with 550 doses available, with boosters given on Mother's Day weekend. Sather has been working with SALUD and HyVee to get the message about vaccinations to ethnic groups. Sather is also working with BVU faculty and students, to get them vaccinated prior to the end of the school year. Sather stated that she will prepare a flyer to go out to BV County employees, informing them of a vaccination clinic that Public Health will be conducting on Friday, April 16, for any employees wanting to be vaccinated. The booster vaccine will be administered on Friday, May 14 for those county employees receiving their first vaccine April 16. Sather stated that COVID counts are going up, due to Spring breaks and Easter, and encourages people that are exposed, to get tested, as they could be asymptomatic, and spreading the virus.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to extend the **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Expanded FMLA** through May, 2021, and then revisit the subject again. Carried.

Hear the Public: Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced her new Motor Vehicle Clerk, Connie Jesse. The Board welcomed Jesse.

Hear the Public: Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller and Supervisor Huseman discussed a letter that was received from Marnie Schattgen, requesting a donation letter (for tax purposes) from the Board for her mother's donation of an Abner Bell portrait, in the amount of \$2,500. Motion by Merten, second by Huseman, to approve drafting a letter of donation to Mary Ann Cruzen, for her donation to the County of an Abner Bell portrait, in the amount of \$2,500. Carried.

Hear the Public: I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten informed the Supervisors of the new equipment that will be installed in the Boardroom, of large TV's and microphone system, to be used for the GoToMeetings.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. until Tuesday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.