

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETEENTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (19)
APRIL 20, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, April 20, 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 **amend today's agenda**, adding an additional action item for obtaining a SAM Registration. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for J & K Contracting, LLC, Urbandale, IA, to install a new 6" water service, boring under C65 between Sections 13/24 of Hayes Township, to the wastewater treatment plant. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **letter of support** for the Little Sioux River Bridge in Linn Grove. Merten asked Engineer Wilkinson to add to the letter, stating that this bridge is only one of two crossings of the Little Sioux River in Buena Vista County. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the Plans and Specs for **Project LFM-B-1703—7X-11**, the bridge replacement project on M50, one mile south of C49. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have been hauling gravel and grading the gravel roads; they have had the large shouldering machine out, edge rutting along hard surface roads; the tile crew has been out making tile repairs; applications are in for the two seasonal positions, but interviews haven't started.

Merten stepped out of the meeting.

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Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 4/13/21 as printed, and the following **reports**: March Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Shari O'Bannon for her 30 years of service to Buena Vista County, as County Recorder. Carried.

Merten came back in to 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 Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Cigarette/Tobacco Permit** for Al's Corner Oil Company, DBA Sparky's One Stop #16. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorizing the Chair to sign the letter designating Aimee Barritt as the County's **Entity Administrator for registering in SAM** (System for Award Management). Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented a revised **beaver trapping form** for the Board to consider. Blomme proposed adding that the trapper must follow all rules and regulations established by the IDNR, and that any beaver found to be taken unlawfully will result in no bounty payment. Merten commented that he was not in favor of this proposed change, stating that there are times when the beavers need to be trapped because they are a nuisance. Blomme appreciated Merten's comments, and withdrew his recommendation. The beaver trapping form will remain as it is currently, relying on the registration number and furbearers license.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented a request to the Board, to purchase a Ranger side-by-side and an aluminum flatbed trailer. Blomme stated that he still had funds left over, after purchasing the survey equipment, so he would like to make these purchases out of the current FY'21 budget, which would be around \$18,500. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to authorize the Drainage Engineer to move forward with purchasing a **Ranger side-by-side and flatbed trailer**. Snyder suggested that Blomme also look at steel trailers, as they are less expensive. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme requested that the Board allow him to order a second **truck** for his department, for the Assistant to the Drainage Engineer. Blomme stated that it will take 6 months in order to get the truck in stock, so he would like to order now. Snyder would like to see what the Drainage Department's budget looks like, before making a decision. Blomme stated that he will prepare a summary of his budget, and will meet with the Board again on May 3 to discuss whether he could proceed to order a truck. Blomme stated that he would need to have a budget amendment in FY'22 for the purchase of a second truck.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather stopped in to update the Board on the **COVID vaccine**. Sather stated that BV County is doing well among the 9-county area, with the lowest positivity rate of 1.9%. Sather informed the Board that 6,600 have been totally vaccinated, and 1,500 have received their first dose. Sather stated that people aren't calling as much now. Every other Tuesday vaccine is available, with one bigger event planned for once a month. Sather stated that they declined their vaccine allocation last week, as others needed additional, due to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being on hold.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to go into **closed session** (at 10:00 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2021 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. A call was placed to Huseman, so that he could participate in the closed session. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to go out of **closed session** at 10:12 a.m. Carried.

APPROVED

There being no further business, motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. until Tuesday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.