

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TWENTY-FORTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (24)  
MAY 18, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Huseman, Altena, Merten, and Ringgenberg and with Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel 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 Roads Reports:** Contractor started millwork project on C-63. They will be milling off top 3" of surface, rap product being recycled with some being used in the C-63 project which saved the county approximately \$33,000 and the rest being used on shouldering work on the county roads. Next week cold-in -in-place will begin, weather permitting. This will need to sit for 10 days after completion to get the moisture out for best results. Tile crew is out repairing. Shouldering will begin on C65 and C49 soon. Hoping to begin mowing shoulders on blacktops the week of May 24th.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the bids that were submitted for project LFM-B-1703—7X-11. Four bids were received: Dixon Construction, Correctionville, IA, for \$359,703.40, Midwest Contracting, Marshall, MN for \$396,502.10, Peterson Contractors Inc., Reinbeck, IA for \$395,946.80, and Progressive Structures, In Elkader, Iowa, for \$551,540.50. The Engineer's estimate was \$308,393.50. This would be the biggest single cell precast box culvert in the State of Iowa so there wasn't another to compare price with. The new box culvert will serve M-50 for a long time. Right-of-way has been purchased from two landowners next to box culvert. Motion by Merten, second by Huseman, to award the bid for the project **LFM-B-1703—7X-11**, to Dixon Construction for the amount of \$359,703.40. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit for Iowa Lakes Regional Water**, Spencer, IA, to bore north and south under 540<sup>th</sup> Street between Lincoln township Section 34 and Grant township section 3, to the west of 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue for water service to Dennis Hogrefe and New Fashion Pork. Carried.

Bret Wilkinson reviewed his intent for pavement markings on every hard road in the county that have not been resurfaced in the past seven years. Two bids were received for the project which had been advertised. Iowa Plains Signing for \$353,930.75 and Vogel Traffic Services for \$192,697.88. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the agreement with **Vogel Traffic Services** for pavement markings in the amount of \$192,697.88. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to accept Wilkinson's recommendation to hire returning Kenneth Ohrtman, as a **seasonal employee** in the Secondary Road Department as a mower, effective immediately, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour and Dustin Drzycimski as a second **seasonal employee** in the Secondary Road Department, as an additional mower, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman, clerk Tami Tendal and County Attorney Paul Allen presented information on a property on 605 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Storm Lake, parcel # 812601344E, that was improperly titled and assessed as a mobile home, but was just a 96 sq. foot shed. Taxes and interest for \$22 need abated. Motion by Merten, second by Altena to, **abate the taxes** and interest of \$22. Carried.

Cara Elbert, Planner for NW IA Planning & Development along with Engineer Tyler Baumbach, were present virtually to discuss with the Board moving forward to the bid letting part of the **White Family Trust** project. Follow up on the easement was discussed and will move forward. Tyler Baumbach will get the information to the Pilot to advertise for the bid letting process and it will be listed for 30 days. Bids will be due June 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to put the White Family Trust project out to bid and have the Engineer Tyler Baumbach run the advertisement in the Pilot Tribune for bids on the project. Carried.

Chairman Kelly Snyder read aloud the Proclamation to declare **May 2021 as Mental Health Month**. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to declare May 2021 as Mental Health Month. Carried.

Discussion was held on the **Massop Property** for the board to create a county committee to review progress reports and to provide information to County Attorney Paul Allen as necessary. Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to appoint County Engineer Bret Wilkinson, Environmental Health & Zoning Director Kim Johnson, Conservation Director Greg Johnson and the following Board of Supervisors, Paul Merten and Rhonda Ringgenberg. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 5/11/21 and 5/12/2021 as printed, and the following **reports**: April 13, 2021 Veterans Affairs Commission Report and the April 13, 2021 BV County Conservation Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Huseman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. until Tuesday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.