

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (37)  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Merten, and Ringgenberg and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Huseman.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to **approve the agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **utility permit** for Alliant Energy, Spirit Lake, IA, to extend the life of the overhead line along 230<sup>th</sup> Ave/N14 and 510<sup>th</sup> St./C29, in Section 35 Fairfield Township, from 470<sup>th</sup> St. to the southern city limits of Albert City. Carried.

Engineer Wilkinson presented a **utility permit** for Northwest Telephone Coop, to place fiber optics from Pocahontas County, along 510<sup>th</sup> St., in BV County, to the east side of Albert City. The utility company wants to place two structures in the shoulder, and Wilkinson and the supervisors are concerned about this being placed in the shoulder of the road. Wilkinson will contact Pocahontas County to see if they are going to approve the permit. The consensus of the Board was to table this permit request, and to have Wilkinson notify them to either resubmit or modify their request.

**Secondary Road Report:** They are still mowing, working on driveways, and crossroad culverts; there was an accident with a truck and trailer, with both units likely to be totaled; Wilkinson has asked for a quote for a trailer, for replacement of the 3-year old trailer; the small fuel tanks have been installed; Wilkinson is looking into the RISE funding on the soybean crush proposed location; Wilkinson stated that the crew is back to their regular schedule, the four 10-hour days ended prior to Labor Day.

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board that he received an application from an individual that has graduated from Creighton, and has passed the Nebraska State Bar, and is applying for the Iowa State Bar. Allen requested that the Board allow hiring the applicant as a law clerk, pending admission to the Iowa State Bar, with a salary of \$55,000 salary. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the request of the County Attorney to hire a **law clerk**, pending the admission to the Iowa State Bar, at a salary of \$55,000. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his possible closed session appointment. It was determined that a closed session was not needed. Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the firm that is representing the county in the **Opioid lawsuit**, to sign off on our behalf. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for the Board's discussion of the new private non-profit applications for FY'22 funding. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to table the request of **Elderbridge**, pending further review. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to table the request of **RIDES**, as they are requesting to contract for a subsidy for a service. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to deny this current request of the **BV Soil & Water Conservation District**, and ask them to resubmit a contract for each educational program. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the request from **Western Iowa Tourism**, as it qualifies for economic development, as they generate tourism through their marketing activities, such as participation in events, on social media, as well as brochures, advertising and networking with their peers. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request from NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund's application, as the funds are used for their local match, to maintain

housing, which will contribute to economic retention of workers and work done, and to authorize the Chair to sign the sign the FY'22 pledge letter to **NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc.** in the amount of \$6,846. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to deny the funding request from **CAASA**, as it needs to be a contract for services, rather than a request for funds for economic development. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the funding application from **Storm Lake United**, as it qualifies for economic development, in the amount of \$25,000, denying the additional \$5,000 that was requested. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the funding application for Iowa Lakes Corridor, in the amount of \$30,000, as it qualifies for economic development. Carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the application for the **Thresherman & Collectors Association**, as they preserve history, and are treated the same as a local historical society, and qualify for funding. Carried. No new application requests have been received from Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Ready Set Grow, or the Family Crisis Center.

Bob Adams, **Globe Life Family Heritage Division**, presented a request to contact employees regarding accident, cancer, heart, and ICU policies that are available. Adams stated that they do not do payroll deductions, the premiums are post-tax, as they have a return of premium feature after 25 years. (Altena left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.) The Board informed Adams that normally companies are allowed to meet with employees once a year to sign up. Chairman Snyder informed Adams that he would bring this up to the Department Heads at their next meeting, to see if they would mind if Adams came in prior to the May-June normal sign-up time.

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

Sheriff Kory Elston, Chair of the Courthouse Security Committee was present for his appointment. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to go into **closed session** (at 10:55 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(a) of the 2021 Code of Iowa, to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds. Ayes: Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to go out of **closed session** at 11:20 a.m. Carried.

Action on the **Courthouse Security Plan** was tabled until the 9/28 Supervisor meeting.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt presented a request to use CARES Act Funds to purchase and AED trainer unit and an AED unit for the County Attorney's Office. Barritt stated that the cost of the AED trainer unit would be \$341.10 and the AED would be \$1,259.10, and would come from the American Red Cross. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the purchase of an **AED trainer unit** and an **AED unit** for the County Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$1,600.20, to be paid from the CARES Act Funds. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 8/31/21, as printed, today's **claims approval list** (less \$107.60 deducted from Secondary Roads credit card payment), **stamped drainage warrant register**, and wire approval list from 9/1/21, and the following **reports**: August Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, August Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and September Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson requested that the Board set a public hearing for the Platinum Crush rezoning request, in Section 31 of Washington Township. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to set the Public Hearing on the **Platinum Crush** rezoning request, in Section 31 of Washington Township, for September 21, 2021. at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Jt. DD #14-42 Lat 198** claim from Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., for \$2,455.08 for outlet repairs. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Jt. DD #14-42 Lat 168** claim from Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc., for \$1,870.89 for outlet repairs. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Official Proclamation**, declaring September, 2021, as National Voter Registration Month, and Tuesday, September 28, 2021, as National Voter Registration Day. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. until Tuesday, September 21 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.