

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTIETH MEETING, 2021 SESSION (40)
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Secondary Road Conference Room with Vice-Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, and Ringgenberg and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented an updated equipment use rate and sale of ice control materials to municipalities, for the Board to consider. Motion by Huseman, second by Altena to approve the updated **Equipment Use Rates** and **Sale of Ice Control Materials to Municipalities Rates**, to better reflect the county's cost. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been working on driveways, crossroad pipes, pouring concrete by the Secondary Road buildings, and putting snow equipment on; they are mowing along the roads for the last time; Wilkinson informed the Board that he had looked at prices for a used truck, and found the price to be \$30,000 less than a new truck. Wilkinson asked the Board if he should get quotes on a new truck. Wilkinson plans to use the insurance money towards the purchase, and then his department would pay the remainder. Wilkinson stated that his preference would be to order a new truck. The consensus of the Board was to allow Wilkinson to get a quote on the cost of a new truck.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to set a **Public Hearing** for public comments on the proposed Buena Vista County Comprehensive Development Plan with proposed amendments, for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Secondary Road Conference Room. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director presented a 28E Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and IDNR, on well permits. Motion by Altena, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **28E Agreement**, between the Board of Supervisors and IA DNR, on well permits. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to set a **Public Hearing** on the adoption of the Buena Vista County Comprehensive Development Plan with proposed amendments, for October 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Secondary Road Conference Room. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 9/28/21, as printed, and the following **reports:** September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, August Board of Health minutes, and September Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **Class E Liquor License**, beer, wine, and Sunday sales for Brew Oil, LLC, DBA Brew #1 West Lake. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt presented the ARPA Committee's recommended application form to the Board, and discussed the process. Barritt stated that the ARPA dollars were sent to the Board, so they ultimately grant request for the use of the funds. The ARPA Committee recommends for the Board to first look at internal projects of Buena Vista County. The ARPA Committee will review requests submitted, to be sure that the project follows the Federal guidelines, and then pass it along to the Board of Supervisors for review and to decide whether to approve for funding or not. Applications are to be submitted to the committee by November 30, and then the ARPA Committee will present them to the

Board on December 14, to decide on funding. Barritt stated that the application would be sent out to the Department Heads, and discussed at Thursday's Department Head meeting. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the **ARPA application form and process**, as recommended by the ARPA Committee. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a **department update**. Weed Department: they have finished spraying roads and the northeast area of the county for spraying trees and hydroseeding. Conservation: six loads of sand were hauled to Sturchler Beach. Johnson stated that they do weekly water samples for Sturchler Beach and Gabrielson Beach. They have been mowing and brush habitat maintenance. The Linn Grove Campground is open, and has good landscaping and concrete pads. Johnson stated that they are looking at a new playground in Linn Grove, using LATF funds. Johnson stated that there were close to 50 people in attendance at their Linn Grove Dam informational meeting. Johnson has received several comments after the informational meeting, people are excited for the plan, want to boat the river again, and have a good fishing habitat. Johnson stated that EOR will have the 60% design to Conservation this week, the 90% design for their November meeting, and hopefully have packets ready to send out in December. Johnson stated that the cost is 7.5 million dollars to pre-disaster condition. Johnson stated that the alternative/improvement project cost is less than 7.5 million dollars. FEMA will reimburse up to 75% up until the project closes. Bait Shop: it is still open. Johnson is considering making their part-time employee at the bait shop, a permanent seasonal employee, due to the number of hours she works.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present to review **Elderbridge** and **RIDES** resubmitted funding request applications. Allen informed the Board that he would contact both agencies, and discuss with them what is needed for their funding request.

Hear the Public: There were twelve people online and twenty-one people in-person, to discuss the rezoning request of Platinum Crush. Vice-Chair Merten started by informing the public that the county has been in constant contact with the developers of Platinum Crush, as to what is going on, and they understand the process. Merten stated that Monday night, October 11, the Zoning Board will be going through the Comprehensive Development Plan with amendments, then the Supervisors will have a public hearing on October 12 for comments on the Comprehensive Development Plan with amendments, and then on October 19, the Supervisors could approve the Comp Plan with amendments, and have the first of three readings of the ordinance for the zoning change. Merten stated that there was a lot of concern last week, that the developers were going away, and that isn't the case. The Zoning Board meeting will be Monday night, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Secondary Road Conference Room. Dana Larsen, Pilot Tribune, asked the Board if the developers have given a date on when they need an answer. Merten stated that the developers had not given a date, but it is a tight schedule, and the county is moving as fast as they can. Merten stated that there are still plenty of open meetings and hearing for public comments. A question was asked if there would be an economic presentation, at some point, to discuss the value of what the company is bringing in to the county and what the cost of the county would be. Merten stated that the developers haven't presented any request yet. A comment was made that we don't want to approve something and then review it later. Merten stated that the county will look at what needs to be done for roads, etc. Merten stated that there will be a decision on October 19th, and then there will be two more readings of the ordinance. Merten stated that he appreciated everyone's comments, on both sides, and said that the Supervisors are charged with representing the county, and we've all received calls and texts, and it is much appreciated. Mike Wilson asked what the Board is going to do with zoning of that property, if the company doesn't build. Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson stated that the Comp Plan would be worked on again, so let us know what you want the county to look like. Wilson asked if the Board was willing to say that if the plant doesn't come, would the Board change it back to ag. Merten stated that he would agree to put it back to ag, but he is only one person. Wilson stated that he doesn't want a confinement coming in there, making it worse than this is. A question was asked about the difference between the zoning and the Comp Plan. Johnson stated that the zoning is based on the Comp Plan, and the Comp Plan looks at a 5-year plan.

The time arrived for the Board to continue the discussion of the Platinum Crush rezoning request from Ag (A-1) to Industrial (I) in Section 31 Washington Township. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to table the rezoning request of **Platinum Crush LLC** to October 19, after the Comprehensive Development Plan adoption. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. until Tuesday, October 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.