

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIRST MEETING, 2021 SESSION (51)
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, 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 Huseman, to **amend the agenda**, adding appointment of three Zoning Commission members and reappointment of Rich Haldin as a Veterans Affairs Commissioner. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They were out plowing Friday and Saturday, and sanding. The motor graders went out Monday; they are also working on equipment maintenance and brush cutting; Engineer Bret Wilkinson will be attending his annual conference virtually this week; Wilkinson stated that he has received a large utility permit for Schaller Telephone, to replace all of their copper line with fiber optic. Wilkinson also stated that the new pipeline will need several large permits, and he looks for a representative to come and talk to the county.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Huseman informed the Board that there is \$29,042 left in the BV account for NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, and stated that they would like to write a check out to an agency that could use the funds, like Upper Des Moines and General Relief. This will be on next week's agenda; Altena attended the Solid Waste Commission meeting, and stated that they are leaving the annual assessments the same as the current year.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 12/07/21, as corrected, and the following **reports**: December Safety Committee minutes. Carried.

The Board discussed the proposed Resolution #2021-21-14-A, that would declare BV County to be a **Second Amendment Sanctuary County**. Merten stated that the first time this was on the agenda, he didn't hear anything, but now he has. Merten stated that the word "sanctuary" has a bad connotation. Al Clark was present for this discussion, and commented that the resolution says that we stand behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Clark stated that Hancock County and Union County have passed this, so Buena Vista County would be #29. Merten stated that two weeks ago, the Sheriff and County Attorney were present for the discussion, and stated that they were not against it. Merten suggested using the word "support" instead of "sanctuary. Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to approve by motion, and not a resolution, to **support the Second Amendment**. Carried.

Engineer Spencer Peck, ISG, and Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, discussed the need to appoint someone to perform drainage inspector services for the Navigator Pipeline Project. The Board previously signed a letter of intent with ISG for field inspection services. Peck stated that drainage district utilities are not covered by the Iowa Utilities Board, it is required to have a 3rd party negotiate crossings with the pipeline. Peck informed the Board that there would not be a cost to the drainage districts, as the fees will either be covered by a payment for damages, or it may be a pass through. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to appoint ISG for **drainage inspector services** for the Navigator Pipeline Project. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to appoint three members to the **Planning & Zoning Commission**: Marvin "Butch" Engel, replacing Quentin Bodholdt, Richard Marshall, replacing Steve Gustafson, and Kyle Hansen, replacing Vic Hansen. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to reappoint Rich Haldin to the **Veterans Affairs Commission** with a term to expire 6/30/2024. Carried.

Supervisor Ringgenberg, ARPA Committee member, informed the Board that the Committee met and would like to request that the Board open up the application process, for departments to submit their requests, based on the current rules. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve opening up the departmental **ARPA application process**, with applications due by 12/23/21 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. until Monday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. for a special session on reprecincting. Carried.