

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRD MEETING, 2022 SESSION (3)  
JANUARY 11, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a map of a proposed Urban Renewal Area in the county. Wilkinson highlighted several county roads that should be included in the Urban Renewal Area, and the Board made suggestions to add additional roads to the proposed map.

**Secondary Road Report:** The crew has been busy brush cutting and blading the gravel roads; they have maintained several pieces of equipment last week; there is snow in the forecast for Friday.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the minutes of 1/7/22, as printed. Carried.

**Supervisor Meeting Reports:** Merten, Snyder, and Altena attended the Jt. DD #181 meeting that was held yesterday in Sac City; Altena will be attending the Hazardous Waste meeting in Cherokee tomorrow morning.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance No. 1.6 Voting Precincts. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 1.6**

**Title:** VOTING PRECINCT ORDINANCE FOR BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal existing Ordinance 1.6, entitled Voting Precinct Ordinance for Buena Vista County, Iowa, which was a part of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances, and to adopt a new ordinance 1.6 of the same name and number. The new ordinance makes changes in the voting precincts for Buena Vista County, Iowa, pursuant to the provisions of Section 49.7 of the 2021 Code of Iowa.

**SECTION 2. Ordinance 1.6 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances (Entitled Voting Precinct Ordinance for Buena Vista County, Iowa) Repealed.** Effective January 1, 2006, Ordinance 1.6 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances (entitled Voting Precinct Ordinance for Buena Vista County, Iowa) is repealed. Effective January 15, 2012, Ordinance 1.6 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances (entitled Voting Precinct Ordinance for Buena Vista County, Iowa) is repealed. Effective January 15, 2022, Ordinance 1.6 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances (entitled Voting Precinct Ordinance for Buena Vista County, Iowa) is repealed and replaced by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Definitions.** For use in this ordinance, the following terms or words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

- I. "Voting Precinct" or "Precinct" shall mean a county or municipal subdivision for casting and counting votes in elections.
- II. "Township" shall mean a civil and political subdivision of Buena Vista County, Iowa, six miles on each side.

- III. "Township Officials" or "Township Officers" shall mean a board of officers to whom the affairs of a township are entrusted.
- IV. "Census Blocks" and "Census Tracts", as used herein, refer to those Blocks and Tracts as fixed by United States Census Bureau.

**SECTION 4. General Provisions.**

(a) The Precincts of Buena Vista County (except Storm Lake Precincts established by the Storm Lake City Council) are as follows:

- 1. Coon-Fairfield-Newell-Poland (CFNP) shall include all of the city of Marathon and city of Albert City, city of Newell all of the remainder of Fairfield Township, all the remainder of the Poland, all the remainder of Newell and all of Coon Township. The 2020 census population of this precinct is 2,510.
  - 2. Brooke-Barnes-Lee-Lincoln Precinct (BBL) shall include all of the cities of Sioux Rapids, Linn Grove, and Rembrandt, and all of the remainder of Lee, all of the remainder of Barnes and all of Lincoln and Brooke Townships. The 2020 census population of this precinct is 1,797.
  - 3. Elk-Maple Valley-Nokomis-Scott Precinct (EMNS) shall include all of the city of Alta and all of the remainder of Nokomis Township and all of Elk, Maple Valley and Scott Township. The 2020 census population of this precinct is 3,028.
  - 4. Grant-Hayes-Providence-Washington Precinct (GHPW) shall include the city of Lakeside and Truesdale all of Grant and Providence Township and the remainder of Washington Township except the areas in the city limits of Storm Lake and the remainder of Hayes Township except the areas within the city limits of Storm Lake, and the West half (1/2) of section 8 and the East half (1/2) of section 7. The 2020 census population of this precinct is 2,219.
- (c) Residents within an established township shall continue to vote for independent elected officials of such township. There shall be no combination of township officers.
- (d) Residents of areas within unincorporated Hayes Townships that are included in census block containing City of Storm Lake incorporated land, have been, by agreements with the City of Storm Lake, included in the city precinct to which they are adjacent. Pursuant to such agreements, and subject to their terms,
- 3. Residents of Census Block 1016 in Census Tract 9606, Hayes Township, shall combine with the residents of Storm Lake 03 Precinct for voting purposes.
- (e) No changes are made to the Storm Lake Precincts, which are established by the Storm Lake City Council.

**SECTION 4. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5. Severability clause.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6. When Effective.** This ordinance shall be in effect January 15, 2022, and after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Auditor

First reading 1-3-2022, Second reading 1-7-2022, Third reading 1-11-2022

CEO Shari Kastein, **Family Crisis Centers**, attended virtually, to present their FY'23 funding request of \$7,500, an increase from \$5,000 in the current year. Kastein stated that the number of persons seeking services has increased more in Buena Vista County, than the other 17 counties, due to having staff here reaching out to people. In Buena Vista County, they saw 95 domestic violence clients, 54 homicide & violent crime clients, 74 clients for medical clinic outreach, 13 clients for housing, and took 95 crisis line calls.

President & CEO Shannon Landauer and Vice-President of Business Operations Tom Nelson, **Iowa Lakes Corridor**, reviewed the past year, and stated that they continue to progress the goals put forward in their resources campaign: Partnership, Progress, Prosperity FY 2021-2025. Landauer stated that they will continue to support creation of new jobs, new businesses, housing units, and expansion of the regional labor pool. They are requesting \$30,000 for FY'23.

County Attorney Paul Allen discussed the latest information on the OSHA regulations on the vaccination, testing, and mask mandate. Iowa has a Federally approved State OSHA Plan, which the State of Iowa has said they will not be enforcing the vaccination, testing, and masks. The U.S. Supreme Court has not ruled on the issue, so things could change for the State, depending on what the Supreme Court decides. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to suspend the **Vaccination, Testing, and Mask Mandate Policy**, effective immediately, until there is a Supreme Court decision on the matter. Merten asked Allen if the county would be out of compliance, and Allen stated that the county would not be out of compliance, based on the fact that Iowa OSHA declared they are not following the Federal plan. Ayes: Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Abstention: Huseman. Motion carried.

Executive Director Breanna Horsey, and Gelder Pineda, **Storm Lake United**, reviewed their past highlights and programs, and presented their funding request for FY'23. The amount of their request is \$30,000 which is \$5,000 over their approved amount for this current fiscal year.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the semi-annual report, ending December 31, 2021. Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report** for December 31, 2021, and to authorize the publication in the newspapers. Carried.

The Board discussed the fifteen ARPA applications that were submitted by various departments. EMA Director and member of the County ARPA Committee Aimee Barritt, informed the Board that all of the applications that were submitted, all fall within the original guidelines of what the funds could be used for. Barritt informed the Board that the final rules have come out now, stating that up to \$10,000,000 of the ARPA allocations can be considered "lost revenue", and the guidelines are less restrictive. The various applications submitted include: putting AV in fire stations for EMS/Fire training, a desk for Drivers License, digitizing all transfer books in the Auditor's Office, pickup & trailer project for EMA, Public Health remodel, Electronic Health Record for Public Health, air conditioning unit for the Comm Center equipment, broadband in county parks, restroom in BV County Park, add-ons to the Beacon Property Management Portal, roof & HVAC for the LEC, Courthouse roof, Bur Oak Campground project, bike path/pedestrian walkway across the Linn Grove bridge, and potential project with the Storm Lake Marina. Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman to approve the following projects to move forward, with the remaining projects and amounts on hold until the final ARPA allocation is received: \$54,462-putting AV in fire stations for EMS/Fire training, \$1,225.34-a desk for Driver's License, \$63,345-digitizing all transfer books in the Auditor's Office, \$60,000-

(partial) pickup & trailer project for EMA, \$400,000 (partial) Public Health remodel, \$140,000 (partial) Electronic Health Record for Public Health, \$94,200-air conditioning unit for the Comm Center equipment, \$15,000-broadband in county parks, \$85,000-restroom in BV County Park, \$11,424-add-ons to the Beacon Property Management Portal, \$573,380-roof & HVAC for the LEC, and \$120,000-Courthouse roof. Carried.

**FY'23 budget requests** were received from the following departments: Susan Lloyd-Medical Examiner budget, Curt Reis-Recorder, Tyler Van Houten-I.T. Department, Kim Johnson-Env Health/Zoning, Paul Allen-County Attorney, Susan Lloyd-Auditor, election, non-departmental, and insurance budgets.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. until Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.