

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (5)
JANUARY 25, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, and Snyder (virtually) 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 Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a quote from John Deere for a 2022 **John Deere Wheel Loader** 644P, which also includes a grapple bucket, along with the regular bucket. Wilkinson stated that he is waiting for a trade-in value for a 1977 JD 644G. Wilkinson stated that this wheel loader is available now, or they could order a unit, but it would not be available for 12 months, and then he didn't have a hard number for a price if ordering. Wilkinson stated that if he purchased this fiscal year, he would be over budget in his new equipment area. Huseman commented that he would be in favor of paying for it this year. Ringgenberg commented that she was worried that the price may go up again waiting for another year. The consensus of the Board was to table this decision, until Wilkinson had a price of the wheel loader if it were ordered, and then also see what a trade-in value would be for the 1977 unit. Wilkinson stated that he is also getting quotes on dump trucks for the next fiscal year.

Secondary Road Report: The crew was out sanding yesterday, and today they are cleaning trucks and working inside; Wilkinson stated that they are working on sizing culverts in the 7 miles between Storm Lake and Alta, as most of them will have to come out and be replaced prior to paving the roads for the Platinum Crush project.

Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 1/18/22, as printed, and the following **reports:** FY'21 Audit Report for BV County Solid Waste Commission, January Solid Waste Manager's Report, December Landfill minutes, January Recorder's Report of Fees Collected, and CB Household Hazardous Waste Agency Financial Statements at 12/31/2021 and 2020. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Ringgenberg attended the Storm Lake United meeting last week; Merten attended the Zoning meeting Monday night, and has Plains Area Mental Health tonight and the Rolling Hills Governance Board meeting tomorrow; Altena attended the BV County Solid Waste meeting.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to increase the per diem rate for **Veterans Commissioners**, from \$40/meeting to \$50/meeting. Carried.

Attorney Ryan Mohr presented the paperwork that the Board Chair needs to sign in regards to the County purchasing the White Family Trust property, for the North Raccoon River Watershed Project. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the paperwork for the purchase of the **White Family Trust land**, for the North Raccoon River Watershed project. Carried.

The Board discussed the topic of the Navigator Pipeline project, and mentioned various counties were submitting letters to the Iowa Utilities Board, urging them to not allow the pipeline to use eminent domain. Engineer Bret Wilkinson and Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme were also present for the discussion. Blomme mentioned that he had presented a resolution to the Jt. DD #181 Boards of Supervisors, and he was preparing a resolution for the Buena Vista County Board to consider at their next

meeting, in regards to the pipeline crossing over drainage tiles and open ditches. Snyder mentioned that from talking with other county supervisors, they are not against the ethanol and biodiesel companies, they were against the pipeline company using eminent domain, they would rather see the pipeline company talking to landowners. Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Iowa Utilities Board, urging them not to allow the **Navigator Pipeline** to use eminent domain. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. until Tuesday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.