

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NINETH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (9)
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman (virtual), Ringgenberg, and Snyder 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 Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**, as presented. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: All of the trucks were out today at 5:00 a.m. working on the icy roads; Wilkinson stated that he hasn't received any information on the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act dollars. The bill has been written, but nothing has been appropriated yet. Typically, the State gets 2/3 and the cities and counties get 1/3. Wilkinson thinks that some funds will go in to the Bridge Fund, and the Farm-to-Market Fund. Wilkinson stated that the plan is in place, and has been approved with IDOT, so they are ready when the dollars come in.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt updated the Board on her ARPA project, purchasing a truck and trailer. Barritt stated that her original bid was for a trailer and a ¾ ton truck to pull it. After the Board approved the use of ARPA funds for the project, Barritt reached out to the vendor, and was told they couldn't guarantee a price. If the price goes up, when it is time for the trailer to be built, Barritt would have to pay whatever they say the price is at that time. Barritt went out to get bids from other vendors, and the vendor with whom she received the lowest price from, and guarantees the price, she has worked with before. Barritt stated that prices have skyrocketed, so now the \$90,000 trailer is \$127,000. Barritt had requested \$133,000 for the total project, which means she wouldn't be able to get the truck. Barritt and Supervisor Snyder talked to the vendor, to ask if a ½ ton truck would pull the trailer, as the county has several of those in the vehicle inventory, and they were told that a ½ ton truck could pull the trailer. Barritt asked the Board if they wanted her to continue with the purchase of the trailer, and drop the purchase of the truck, or what their thoughts were. Barritt stated that this issue was brought up to the Emergency Management Commission, and the Sheriff was in favor of moving forward with purchasing the trailer. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to amend the **ARPA application for Emergency Management**, to move forward with purchasing the trailer only, using existing ½ ton trucks to haul the trailer. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the **minutes** of 2/15/22, as presented, and the following **reports**: January Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to make the increase in the per diem for the **Veterans Commissioners**, from \$40/meeting to \$50/meeting, retroactive to January 1, 2022. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to change the date of the Public Hearing on the proposed **Platinum Urban Renewal Plan** for the Platinum Urban Renewal Area, from March 8 to March 15, and to publish the notice of the hearing in the official newspapers. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to appoint Doug Simons and Mark Kirkholm, as **Deputy Medical Examiners** (Chapter 331.801), with their terms expiring 12-31-22. John Dahl submitted his resignation to Tim Speers, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner. Carried.

Bldgs/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller presented the only bid that he received, for the rooftop HVAC units for the LEC, from Tessier's Inc., for a contract amount of \$458,380. Keller stated that this would be paid for from ARPA funds, approved by the Board previously, and they plan to begin the work June 1st. Motion

by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Tessier's Inc. for the **HVAC units for the LEC**, not to exceed \$458,380, to be paid from ARPA funds. Carried.

Bldgs/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave a **department update**: He is working with CMBA Architects, out of Spencer, IA, to start drawing the plans for the Public Health remodeling project. Keller stated that he is paying the architect by the hour, until he feels that he can take over himself. Keller stated that they hope to begin the project this fall, and stated that the Veterans Office will have to move to another location. Keller stated that John has been busy putting shut offs on at the jail. Keller has been painting the Recorder's Office, as their new furniture will be coming in next week.

Hear the Public: Ray Dentlinger, head coach of the Trap Shooting Club for Storm Lake Public, St. Mary's, Newell-Fonda, and Sioux Central students, came in to update the Board on the Goldsmith Pit Youth Range. The students practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dentlinger stated they had 27 athletes last year, with 90% going to State competition. Dentlinger stated they went through 650,000 targets last year, and the "big boys" used half that amount, which they were a million-target award winner for the supplier. Dentlinger stated that they would like more "no trespassing" signs, along the landowner's fence line. Dentlinger said that they have had to call the Sheriff's department out, as people want to fish at the Pit, and they have to be farther than 300 yards away from the shooting, so they cannot be fishing. Dentlinger stated that they would like to have a "frost buster" competition, where parents and athletes come out and shoot. The coaches are all volunteer, and they have background checks on them. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that they have done a great job out there, and communicating with his office, and will see about getting more signs to post. Dentlinger will get together with Wilkinson, as he would like to have a Five Stand or Skeet setup at the Goldsmith Pit.

Deputy Assessor Jerilyn Sahr presented a list of old furniture and equipment that she is requesting to be declared excess property and be able to dispose it. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to declare the following as **excess property**, and authorize its disposal: metal typewriter table, printer stand, two computer desks, file cabinet stand, storage cabinet, projector, portable screen, computer stand, mail scale, metal folding chair, cart, and four office chairs. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson (virtually) presented an IDOT Special Roadway Maintenance Agreement, for spraying weeds along the State roadways. There is no change to the agreement from 2021. The same roads will be sprayed: Hwy 3, Hwy 7, Hwy 71, and Hwy 110. Johnson stated that they spray 95 miles (200 spray miles), in the spring and fall, and receive \$22,500 for each application. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2022 **IDOT Special Roadway Maintenance Agreement**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, March 1 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.