

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (20)
MAY 10, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman (remotely), Ringgenberg, and Snyder and with Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel as clerk for the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all 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. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson discussed the Iowa DOT City Bridge Funding Agreement between the City of Linn Grove and Buena Vista County. Both County and City of Linn Grove need to sign the agreement to move forward on the bridge project over the Little Sioux River. This project, once completed, will be eligible for reimbursement from the Federal-aid Swap funding agreement as awarded, after all project costs are paid up front. A supervisor will attend the Linn Grove city meeting on Thursday night to help with any questions. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to authorize chair to sign the **DOT City Bridge Funding Agreement**. Carried.

The Engineer asked to declare their 1999 Chevrolet C7500 truck (which was used for their sign truck) with 187,000 miles on it as excess equipment and to be allowed to sell. Motion by Altena, second by Snyder, to **declare 1999 Chevrolet C7500 truck as excess equipment** and allow County Engineer to sell. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: We are blading gravel and hauling rock for much of the week. Also still doing edge rutting and widening some entrances. He is working through details with Platinum Crush on right of way at the site and working with Mid American on details for power to the site. He is talking to the DOT on the RISE Grant to work out the details of the two intersections that go to the site based on the traffic survey. Platinum Crush is not going vertical until around September and Bret would like to see DOT approve the RISE Grant before then. Current rain is slowing down the dust, but future dust control is still on the radar. Advertising for seasonal help has been done and looking at June start date for those hired.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Superintendent Joe Keller was in attendance on behalf of the Parade of Flags to ask for permission from the Board to use the courthouse lawn for the Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication at 10 am. The guest speaker flying in from California will be Ryan Hartwig, originally from Storm Lake, who has served approximately 18 tours of duty. The courthouse lawn will be adorned with over 570 flags. In inclement weather, the Memorial Day dedication will be held at the Storm Lake High School auditorium. A Touch of Broadway will perform. The public is welcome to bring lawn chairs. Keller also stated that Awaysis Park in Storm Lake will be adorned with 700 flags. Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve use of the Buena Vista County Courthouse lawn for **Memorial Day Parade of Flags Dedication**. Carried.

Building and Grounds Report: New commercial doors were installed at the County Attorney building and the space previously a garage is being remodeled into usable space. We are working on the LEC building doing rooftop units, duct work and roofing with an estimated late June completion. Public Health building - working on finishing details and looking at a September start date on the remodel. At the Courthouse building we have installed twenty-two new panic buttons replacing the old and broken, working on our spring list of cleaning windows and upkeep to courthouse lawn, carpet squares in offices to make floors warmer, and pricing out for replacement of plexiglass windows at offices with real glass and speaking windows with ARPA funds. Plexiglass is becoming scratched which was a temporary need due to Covid.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to authorize chair to sign acknowledgement of **FY2021 Buena Vista County CASI report**. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 5/3/22, as printed, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: April Sheriff report and April Sheriff Inmate report, FY2021 CASI Report. Carried.

Drainage Engineer presented the proposal for \$8,084 from ArcaSearch LLC, to digitally scan county records for drainage using ARPA funds to pay for the project. The Code of Iowa requires us to keep records. Many of the oldest writings in the drainage books are fading so much that if we do not scan soon, we will not be able to follow the history due to the aging of the books. We will receive two complete archived hard copies and can add additions to the files going forward. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Drainage Engineer to use ARPA funds for **Digital Preservation of Drainage Books** and authorize Chair to sign the proposal. Carried.

There being no further business, motion Snyder by, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. until Tuesday, May 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.