

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-SECOND MEETING, 2022 SESSION (22)
MAY 24, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 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.

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 Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to amend **today's agenda**, to discuss and act on two truck chassis, for Secondary Roads. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson continued the discussion of purchasing two truck chassis, which the company has added \$5,800 surcharge per truck, after the quote was signed and approved. Wilkinson contacted the company, and there was already a surcharge included in the first quote of \$4,300, which was effective January 1, 2021, and now they have added an additional surcharge of \$5,800 May 30, 2022. Wilkinson stated that the trucks that he would order now, would not get to the line until 4th quarter. Huseman asked Wilkinson, if the Board says "no", what hardship will that create for your department? Wilkinson stated that they are 18 months – two years out from seeing trucks. Wilkinson informed the Board that the purchase would increase the number of tandem trucks by two, and he intends to sell the single axle trucks. Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to deny the request to purchase two **truck chassis** for Secondary Roads. Snyder suggested to purchase one truck, as back in March, snow equipment was ordered for two trucks. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Snyder. Nays: Merten, Ringgenberg. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve purchasing one **truck chassis** for Secondary Roads, which includes \$5,800 surcharge, for a total of \$142,586. Ayes: Altena, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Huseman, Merten. Motion carried. Engineer Wilkinson will contact the company about the snow equipment, to see if the County would be able to cancel one set of snow equipment and will report back to the Board later in their meeting.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he has been asked to create areas to take ash trees to, in order to burn. Cities do not allow burning in city limits. Wilkinson stated that Secondary Roads has two areas that they haul trees to, in order to burn. Wilkinson stated that DNR recommends not transporting more than three miles. Huseman stated that he is reluctant to get into this, as there will be other issues. Merten suggested opening the area they refer to as the **Truesdale dumpsite**, which is one mile south of Highway 3, ¼ mile west of 80th Ave., as it is gated. Merten stated that Secondary Road uses this location to burn trees, and so if people wanted to haul to this site, they could contact Secondary Road, and someone would go open the gate, to control what is being brought in. The consensus of the Board was to try one site, the Truesdale dumpsite, with the people contacting Secondary Road to open the gate.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson has received a request to place a 6'-8' **cross in county right-of-way**, along the fence line, a monument for someone that was killed at the location. Wilkinson stated that he is hesitant to get this started, as it is not benefiting the traveling public and not an informational sign for the traveling public. The Board agreed with Engineer Wilkinson on this request, and not allow it.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the contractor has moved in to begin the bridge project on M50, one mile south of C49. Wilkinson stated that the road closed signs are up. The crack filling contractor is working on M50.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that he will be replacing the plexiglass at the office counters with tempered glass, with a speak-through. He has a quote from Northwest Glass for \$13,000. Keller stated that this includes the Clerk of Court, but they may be paying for their cost. Keller also stated that he would like to lay carpet down in the first-floor offices and the Clerk of Court. Keller stated that this would help keep the offices warmer in the winter. Keller has a quote from Snooks for \$22,000. Keller stated that Snooks will not come in to lay the carpet on weekends, so Keller would like to have one office closed for the day that they are laying their carpet, and then move on to the next office, and have that office closed for the day. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the use of **ARPA funds** for installing tempered glass, with a speak-through, for the first-floor offices of the Courthouse and the Clerk of Court for a total of \$13,000, and to install carpet in the same offices, at a cost of \$22,000, with the offices closed to the public for one day. The Board will determine, at a later date, what the office employees will do for day their office is closed. Carried.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that the **roof project** will be starting June 16 at the Law Enforcement Center, and then at the Courthouse. The Court system will be shut down for a couple of days, while this project is done at the Courthouse, due to the noise.

County Attorney Paul Allen requested \$15,800 in ARPA funds, to be used for replacing three laptops and virtual conferencing equipment, including a large screen monitor, microphones, camera, and workstation. Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve \$15,800 in **ARPA funds** for the County Attorney's Office, to be used for replacing three laptops and purchasing virtual conferencing equipment, including a large screen monitor, microphones, camera, and workstation. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen requested the Board allow Valerie Anspach to carry over an additional 12 hours of vacation. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request to allow Valerie Anspach to carry over an additional 12 hours of **vacation** over the 40 hours allowed, with the intention that she use it within six months. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Altena, second by Snyder, to go into **closed session** (at 9:45 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2022 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to go out of **closed session** at 10:05 a.m. Carried

Huseman stepped out of the meeting.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 5/17/22, as printed, today's **claims approval list**, **stamped drainage warrant register**, and the following **reports**: April Board of Health minutes and May Veterans Commission minutes. Carried.

Huseman came back to 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 Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to **rescind the motion** made on March 15, 2022, creating Special Revenue Fund 0035 and transferring \$24,033.65 from the General Basic Fund to Fund 0035, to wait until after July 1, 2022, the start of the new fiscal year. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson came back to the meeting to report that he spoke with the company about the snow equipment that was ordered and was told that the county could cancel one order for snow equipment if they were only purchasing one truck chassis. The company representative informed Engineer Wilkinson that the cost of the snow equipment will be 15%-20% higher, if the second set of snow equipment is ordered at a later date. County Attorney Paul Allen reviewed the quotes that were originally signed, and informed the Board that there is a disclaimer on the quote, stating that a surcharge may be added, and the county would have to pay it. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he would like to purchase two truck chassis, as the price is not going to come down, and then if we had to order snow equipment, the 15%-20% increase would be more than paying the surcharge for purchasing the second truck. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to **rescind the motion** of purchasing one truck chassis for Secondary Roads. Carried. Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to **rescind the motion** to deny purchasing two truck chassis for Secondary Roads. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of Engineer Bret Wilkinson to **purchase two truck chassis**, including surcharges, for a total of \$285,172.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. until Friday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.