

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (24)
 MAY 31, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, and Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to **amend today's agenda**, adding an additional action item, approving the minutes of 5/27/22. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **utility permit** of Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, to install pipeline under 440th St., in Section 9 Brooke Township, to serve Bur Oak Campground at 371 440th St. in Peterson. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented the Title Sheet on the bridge replacement project over Bluebird Creek. Wilkinson stated that the letting date would be September 20, one month later than the River Bridge. Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Board to sign the Title Sheet on **Project BRS-SWAP-CO11(100)--FF-11**, for the bridge replacement over Bluebird Creek, installing two-barrel box culverts. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Wilkinson informed the Board that the bridge replacement project on M50 was started last week; the crew has been edge rutting and hauling gravel; Wilkinson stated that they went out to shape up 70th Ave. by the Platinum Crush plant, placed some limestone on it, and will be putting dust control on again. Merten commented that he would like to see something in the papers and on the radio, urging people to keep the local traffic off of 70th Ave., by the Platinum Crush plant; the two seasonal mowers are working on the hard surfaces first, and then will move to the gravel roads; the wheel loader was delivered last week.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the fourth **FY'22 budget amendment**. Notice was published as required. No written objections have been submitted and no objections were offered during the hearing. Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **FY'22 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2022-05-31-A**, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	1110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 28	\$10,000
Increase activity	3020	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 46	\$23,946
Increase activity	3020	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 46	\$13,563
Increase activity	3040	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 23	\$45,000
Increase activity	4413	Mental Health Fund (0010)	Dept 60`	\$100,000
Increase activity	6300	Rural Basic Fund (0011)	Dept 53	\$2,500
Increase activity	7140	Secondary Road Fund (0020)	Dept 20	\$80,000
Increase activity	7230	Secondary Road Fund (0020)	Dept 20	\$50,000
Increase activity	7210	Secondary Road Fund (0020)	Dept 20	\$100,000
Increase activity	8101	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 03	\$200

Increase activity	8101	General Suppl Fund (0002)	Dept 03	\$1,300
Increase activity	9000	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 01	\$5,000
Increase activity	9020	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 03	\$10,960 Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented information from Treasurer Danelle Haberman, requesting suspension of taxes on three parcels, due to receiving a DHS/SSU request for the suspension, and for three additional parcels. Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **suspension of taxes** on parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake, parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake, parcel #1617479006 in Newell, parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake, parcel #1620128005 in Newell, and parcel #1034405028 in Storm Lake. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson informed the Board that the final **floodplain maps** have been received, 44 of them, and they are effective October 13, 2022. Johnson stated that the maps are official, and they will be kept until they are replaced.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Altena, second by Snyder, to go into **closed session** (at 9:49 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, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Hear the Public: John Pitstick presented information regarding the air permission permit application for Platinum Crush and asked the Board if they were aware that they increased their volume by 25%. Pitstick stated that he knows it is a done deal but is concerned about the side effects. Pitstick quoted that 6.3M people died due to Covid-19 and 8.9M people died due to air pollution. Pitstick stated that this will affect the lives of the people around here and said that Storm Lake and Alta have the capability to monitor air quality. Pitstick is recommending that an air quality monitoring system be installed. Merten was not aware of the increased volume but stated that the Board relies on the Iowa DNR. Pitstick stated that having a meter installed would give the capability to alert Storm Lake, Alta, and the schools when the meter reading is high, that it is not a good day. The Board thanked Pitstick for the information.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 5/24/22, as corrected, and the minutes of 5/27/22, as presented, along with the following **reports:** October Region III Local Emergency Plan Committee minutes, April NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, April NW IA YES Center Board minutes, December E911 Service Board minutes, and February E911 Service Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Economic Development Assistance Contract** by Platinum Crush, LLC, Buena Vista County, and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to set a public hearing for a FY'22 BV County **budget amendment**, for June 14, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Notice of Appointment** of Kelly Snyder to serve on the Board of Directors of the Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services for the remainder of calendar year 2022, replacing Tom Huseman. Carried.

Chairman Merten informed the Board that he met with a representative of the Sac and Calhoun County Board of Supervisors, along with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, to discuss the employment contract of Blomme for FY'23. Merten stated that the counties agreed to include a 6% increase for Blomme, bringing his FY'23 salary to \$108,120. Sac and Calhoun would like to see a yearly contract and would like to meet in December of each year, to discuss the upcoming Drainage Engineer employment contract, in

order to include the salary in the county budget. Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the whole Board to sign the **FY'23 employment contract** for Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, with a salary of \$108,120. Carried.

Chairman Merten informed the Board that when he met with representatives from the Sac and Calhoun Boards, they discussed the FY'23 wage of the Assistant to the Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger. It was recommended to increase the FY'23 wage for Eric Yunginger 8%. Motion by Huseman, second by Snyder, to approve increasing the **wage** for Assistant to the Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger 8% for FY'23, bringing his hourly rate to \$34.83. Carried.

Chairman Merten stated that Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed Buena Vista, Calhoun, and Sac Counties that the **Shared Joint Drainage Engineer Fund** will be refunding \$70,000 to each County, of their original start-up money. The refund will be sent out in FY'23.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that the pickup that Eric Yunginger drives, has 4-ply tires that were ripped out from driving on corn and bean stubble. Blomme stated that they are going to purchase four **new 10-ply tires**, at a cost of \$778.00.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten and Huseman sat in on the S & P bond rating call, and the county received an A+ rating. Altena attended the Memorial Day services, which were held at the SL High School, due to the weather.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. until Thursday, June 2 at 8:15 a.m. for a special meeting.