

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-THIRD MEETING, 2022 SESSION (33)
JULY 26, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, July 26, 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 Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve the **utility permit** for Cherokee Rural Water, Cherokee, IA, to bore under 70th Ave. from the right-of-way in the SE ¼ of Section 36 Maple Valley Township to the right-of-way in the SW ¼ of Section 31 Washington Township, for a new water pipeline for the transmission of potable water to the soybean crush plant office. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to table the discussion of increasing the pricing to the **driveway/field entrances construction services** until August 2. Carried.

County Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a resolution to the Board for their consideration, to participate in the SS4A (Safe Streets For All) Grant Application. Wilkinson stated that the IA County Engineers Association plans to apply for a grant to develop and supply all 99 counties with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties, which would allow all counties to apply for SS4A Grant funds in the coming years. Wilkinson recommends that the county approve this resolution. Merten stated that he was concerned about what the Federal Government could do to the county in the future, possibly taking away local control. Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2022-07-26-B**, for PARTICIPATION IN SS4A GRANT APPLICATION. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-07-26-B
RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SS4A GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, as part of the new Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county MUST have an eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Buena Vista County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Buena Vista County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

Resolution adopted this 26th day of July, 2022, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the building in Truesdale is still available and would be a good option for a county shop. Wilkinson informed the Board that the county owns the building in Alta that was purchased from the Arthur Dahl Estate, and he has not found a buyer interested in purchasing this building if the county wanted to pursue purchasing the building in Truesdale instead. Ringgenberg commented that the county already spent the money for the building in Alta and should keep it. Merten stated that the original intention was to combine things in Alta, remodel the new building, and then sell the existing county shop in Alta and Truesdale. Huseman commented that had the Board known about the building in Truesdale prior to the Alta property coming up for auction, their decision may have turned out differently. Snyder commented that there is another individual that is interested in purchasing the Truesdale property. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to forego the purchase of the **Truesdale property**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson asked the Board if they wanted him to go ahead and insulate the front 80' of the **new Alta building**, with the crew building an interior wall with 24' sliding doors. Wilkinson stated that he would prefer insulating the whole building, stating that he cannot give up the existing shop building until the new building is insulated. Merten commented that he would prefer that Wilkinson wait until next fiscal year and can include the figures in his budget. The consensus of the Board was to have Wilkinson take his time and do it right, waiting until the remodeling cost is included in the next fiscal year budget, and they have a plan established.

The Chair opened the public hearing for the **FY'23 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 Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the **FY'23 budget amendment** as published, to authorize the Chair to sign the Budget Amendment certification, to sign Resolution #2022-07-26-A, and to approve the following appropriations:

Increase activity	0300	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 90	\$24,233
Increase activity	0030	Shared Drainage Fund (0029)	Dept 15	\$105,000
Increase activity	0030	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$14,654
Increase activity	0110	Debt Service Fund (2022)	Dept 85	\$423,249
Increase activity	0200	Capital Project Loan Fund (1540)	Dept 81	\$4,039,368
Increase activity	0210	CLAT Fund (0027)	Dept 22	\$50,000
Increase activity	0220	REAP Fund (0023)	Dept 22	\$50,000
Increase activity	0220	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$193,207
Increase activity	0220	Capital Loan Fund (1520)	Dept 22	\$92,833
Decrease activity	1100	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 04	-\$5,000
Increase activity	1100	Attorney Forfeiture Fund (0035)	Dept 04	\$5,000
Increase activity	3040	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$83,750
Increase activity	6110	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 22	\$80,000
Increase activity	6320	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$15,000
Increase activity	9010	ARPA Fund (0033)	Dept 59	\$46,209
Increase activity	9030	General Basic Fund (0001)	Dept 98	\$25,000

Increase activity 9040 MHDS Fund (0006) Dept 61 \$130,718 Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07-26-A
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY'23 ANNUAL BUDGET
BY ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved Departmental Appropriations on June 28, 2022 for all departments, of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has held the necessary hearing after having caused to be made the publication and notice required by law; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the budget amendment #1 for FY'23, as presented by the County Auditor, increasing appropriations by \$5,478,221; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believe the aforesaid budget amendment #1 proposed for FY'23 to be in the best interests of Buena Vista County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION ONE: That the FY'23 budget for Buena Vista County, Iowa, on file in the County Auditor's Office is hereby amended and approved.

SECTION TWO: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to make the filings required by law and to set up the books in accordance with the summary and details as adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 2022, by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he received communication from IDOT regarding the **RISE application**. Wilkinson stated that IDOT offered to convert the application from an Immediate Opportunity to a Local Development. If the application is for an Immediate Opportunity, the potential RISE Grant is estimated between \$510,000-\$663,000, and has a contingency based on jobs. If the application is for a Local Development, the potential RISE Grant is estimated at about \$2.6 million, and has a contingency based on RISE eligible development for a pre-determined number of acres. Local Development is more restrictive, as Wilkinson stated that it is tied more to the land. Wilkinson recommends converting the application from an Immediate Opportunity to a Local Development for the RISE Grant. The consensus of the Board to approve Engineer Wilkinson to email IDOT with his recommendation to convert the application for the RISE Grant to a Local Development.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been working on driveways, and replacing crossroad culverts by Platinum Crush, with ten to be replaced on the 4-miles of road. Engineer Wilkinson stated that it will take 4-6 weeks to complete all of the culvert replacements; Engineer Wilkinson is waiting for

information from the BV County Fair Board as to whether they had a good turnout for the motor cross event, and if they made money on it.

Hear the Public: County Attorney Paul Allen introduced his newest employee, Rebecca Kern, as an Assistant County Attorney, effective July 25, 2022. The Board welcomed Rebecca to Buena Vista County.

Hear the Public: Auditor Susan Lloyd asked the Board to consider moving the Auditor/Elections Department to another location, where the machines, cages, and supplies could be stored, and it would be easier and safer to load the cages and transport them to the precincts prior to Election Day. Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented photos for the Board to see the process currently, on getting everything loaded into the cages, and then maneuvered through the old jail, to the garage, and pushed up the ramp to be loaded on a trailer, to then be delivered to the precincts. Deputy Sharon Henkel, Real Estate Deputy Kristina Konradi, and Payroll Clerk Yvonne Sandhoff also gave their concerns to the Board on the difficulties of the current process, and everyone is concerned about the safety issues. Auditor Lloyd mentioned to the Board that the Color-ize building would be coming up for sale and asked the Board to consider the possibility of using ARPA funds to purchase the building. It would be a perfect location for the election equipment, cages, and supplies, and has a driveway that would make it ideal for loading on to the trailer for distribution to the precincts. The supervisors were encouraged to stop and look at the building, when they had time, along with Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten will be meeting with the City of Storm Lake after the meeting today. The city is requesting the use of county green space for their Community Betterment project.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 7/19/22, as presented, and the following **reports:** None. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **reissuance of a Rolling Hills region check issued to Calhoun County Public Health** for \$45.96 dated 6/7/2022 as the original check has been lost and never received. Carried.

Motion by Altena, second by Snyder, to approve the **Jt. DD #22, Lateral 252** for tile repairs completed by Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,649, and return to Clay County for payment. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Buena Vista County becoming members of the **Iowa Businesses Against Trafficking (IBAT)**. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize chair to sign the **EBS - Employer Benefit Systems** renewal forms for the FY23 Plan year. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, August 2 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting