

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTIETH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (40)
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse Public Meeting Room 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 Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he has received another request for **dust control** at 6056 70th Ave., the Steve Poller residence. Wilkinson stated that this residence is one mile south of where the Platinum Crush plant is being built. Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to authorize Secondary Road to provide dust control to the residence at 6056 70th Ave. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he received an email from the District 3 Engineer for the IDOT. The email stated that it is their standard policy to only **place signs at or near the county line**, and they do not allow exceptions. Wilkinson informed the Board that they could pass the Ordinance prohibiting the unlawful use of engine and compression brakes, not placing any signs on Hwy 7. Wilkinson stated that it is difficult to post signs anywhere on the west, due to the state right-of-way meeting the railroad right-of-way. Merten commented that if the county cannot place signs, then it cannot be enforced, and he is not in favor of a county-wide ordinance.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that their oldest dozer has issues, and they will also be needing a mower tractor before next season. Wilkinson stated that on his 5-year capital project worksheet, he was planning to purchase a motor grader this fiscal year but stated that he could delay that purchase to FY'24, and then move the **dozer** and **mower tractor** from FY'24 up to the current fiscal year. Wilkinson stated that he found an ad for a 2017 D61PXL with 4,061 hours, for \$185,000. Wilkinson will ask for quotes from three dealers, and he would get rid of the John Deere. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Secondary Road Report: The crew is working on a crossroad culvert North of Alta; they have been hauling gravel. There is stockpiling to do; in October, they will be putting the snow equipment on; the mowers are still going; contracts have been approved by DOT for the river bridge in Linn Grove. Bluebird Bridge letting will be in November.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman requested the Board to abate taxes on Parcel #0814328004 and Parcel #0814328006 in the City of Albert City, due to the parcels being in the name of Buena Vista County and should be exempt. Parcel #0814328004 has a \$5 drainage assessment that cannot be abated, the Treasurer will pay it through claims. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to **abate the taxes** on Parcel #0814328004 (\$26) and Parcel #0814328006 (\$118) in the City of Albert City. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 9/6/22, as presented, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: September Safety Committee minutes, August BV County Landfill meeting minutes, August Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to go into **closed session** (at 9:23 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(j) of the 2022 Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to go out of **closed session** at 10:47 a.m. Carried.

Chairman Merten informed the Board that the Courthouse Facilities Committee was not recommending the former Meta Bank and suggested that the Board consider the Color-ize building again. Merten asked the Board for a motion, stating that he wanted a direction as to what the plan was going to be moving forward. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to forego the **purchase of the Color-ize building**. Ayes: Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten, Altena, Huseman. Motion failed. Motion by Altena, second by Merten, to purchase the Color-ize building. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten. Nays: Snyder, Ringgenberg. Motion Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to not exceed \$340,000 on the offer to purchase the Color-ize building. Ayes: Huseman, Altena, Merten, Snyder, and Ringgenberg. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. until Tuesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting. Carried.