

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (44)  
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Huseman, and Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

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

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **gravel/stockpile lease** for the McKay stockpile beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$125 annually. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board about a new Federal SMART Grant, that he would like Buena Vista County to be the lead on, with 15-20 counties included. Wilkinson stated that this is a 2-phase grant for improving infrastructure resilience. Wilkinson stated that this is a \$2M grant and there is no match required. The funds have to be spent first and then reimbursed by the Federal government. Wilkinson stated that the first phase is a proof of concept, the second phase of the grant would be for \$25M to be used for improving things and doing more. Auditor Lloyd asked if the funds would be paid out of Secondary Road, and that the Engineer would be the fiscal agent. Wilkinson stated that the application has to be submitted by November 1, and that he probably will not hear from the Federal government about the award for another year, and that it could be added to the FY'24 budget requests. Lloyd stated that the county is already fiscal agent for several other entities and said this would be an additional burden on the General Fund if the funds had to be paid out of there first and wait to be reimbursed. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to have Engineer Bret Wilkinson move forward with the **SMART Grant** application. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the **lease** for part of the county building in Linn Grove, which has been leased out to J & D Graesing, ends at the end of December, 2022. Wilkinson asked the Board whether they wanted to renew the lease, if they wanted to take the building back and use it, or if they wanted to offer it to Conservation to use. Wilkinson stated that Graesings have kept up the building and are currently paying \$600/year to lease it. The consensus of the Board was to table the decision on the Linn Grove lease until talking with the Conservation Director, Greg Johnson, to see if he would have use for the building.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to go into **closed session** (at 9:05 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, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to go out of **closed session** at 9:22 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to amend **Chapter 4.5 Ordinance** Prohibiting the Unlawful Use of Engine and Compression Brakes, removing the words "Jake Brake and "Jacobs Brake" from the Ordinance. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced her **new Drivers License Clerk**, Nathan Martinez-Reyes, who started 10/10/2022. The Board welcomed Martinez-Reyes.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the **minutes** of 10/4/22, as corrected, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to approve the **Liquor License Application** for a Class E Liquor License, beer, wine, and Sunday sales for Brew Oil LLC, DBA Brew #1 West Lake General Store. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **Jt. DD #22** claim payable to Johnson Contractors, LLC, for \$975.00 to remove beaver dams. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to approve the **Jt. DD #22** claim payable to Kent Malm for \$40.00 for site visits and paperwork. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue lost check** #316328 for \$30.00, dated 7/5/2022 to Little Hawks Childcare Center. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. until Tuesday, October 18 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting. Carried.