

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIRST MEETING, 2022 SESSION (51)
NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 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 Deputy Auditor Sharon Henkel 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.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Winter Maintenance Agreements** with the City of Rembrandt. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Winter Maintenance Agreements** with the City of Lakeside. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Bid letting was completed on 11/15/2022 for a twin box culvert to replace the Blue Bird Creek Bridge. The project was limited to a 30-day road closure which contributed to the bids coming in somewhat higher but still cheaper than a comparable IDOT project. Project start date for the Little Sioux River Bridge in Linn Grove is now December 12. There will be a partial reopening of the intersection at Hwy 7 and 90th avenue north of highway 7 on Wednesday, 11/23/2022. Highway 110 from Highway 7 to Hyland Drive will remain closed for the time being.

Bret presented the Iowa Attorney General opinion on the use of ATV/UTV's and where they can be driven, currently gravel roads. County Supervisors can decide which paved roads are allowed to be driven on. Operators of ATV/UTV must be 18 years of age, insured, recognize the maximum speed of 35 mph and have working headlights.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 11/15/22, as presented, today's **claims approval list & stamped warrant register**, and the following **reports:** VA Commissioner meeting minutes October 2022. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme was present to review Filing Commissioners' Report on Reclassification for Drainage District No. 101, DD 33 BV, DD 37 BV, DD 38 BV, and DD 39 BV.

The report contains 11 schedules: DD 101 BV, MOD – MAIN OPEN DITCH; DD 101 BV, MTS – MAIN TILE SYSTEM; DD 101 BV, LAT 1; DD 101 BV, LAT 2; DD 101 BV, LAT 3; DD 101 BV, LAT 7; DD 101 BV, LAT 8; DD 33 BV; DD 37 BV; DD 38 BV; DD 39 BV.

Commissioners were Jim Eaton and Loren Anderson. The Commissioners along with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme met on October 26, 2022, and conducted the work as set forth in Iowa Code Section 468.41

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to tentatively approve the **Commissioners Report on Reclassification for DD #101 (MOD, Main Tile System, Lat 1, Lat 2, Lat 3, Lat 7, and Lat 8), DD #33, DD #37, DD #38, and DD #39** with intent to adopt the reclassification. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to set the Public Hearing for the **Reclassification for DD #101 (MOD, Main Tile System, Lat 1, Lat 2, Lat 3, Lat 7, and Lat 8), DD #33, DD #37, DD #38, and DD #39** for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the public meeting room in the lower level of the courthouse. Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to direct the **Notice of Public Hearing for the Reclassification for DD #101 (MOD, Main Tile System, Lat 1, Lat 2, Lat 3, Lat 7, and Lat 8), DD #33, DD #37, DD #38, and DD #39** to be developed for official newspaper at least 20 days prior to hearing. Carried.

Tom Jorgensen, DHS Administrator and Leanne Livermore, State I.T. department, came to the Board with their proposal of a new phone system for the DHS office here in Storm Lake. Leanne stated that the current system is very outdated, crackly, and there are hearing issues with the current phones. They would like to upgrade to Microsoft Office 365 Team Calls which would cost \$5,217 for the initial set up cost in year one with a 1/3 of that being reimbursed back to the County. Upgrading the current system would cost \$41,000 as the building would first need to be rewired plus new phones and equipment. Going with the new system would be a substantial savings to the County. Jasper County in Iowa has this system and are pleased with it. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve DHS to **purchase a new upgraded phone system** for their office. Carried.

Auditor Susan Lloyd requested that the Board allow an employee to carry over excess comp time that has been accumulating due to all the extra time worked for elections. Lloyd stated that it is difficult to schedule time off with vacations and then trying to reduce comp time. The request would be for carry over of excess comp time to Karla Ahrendsen for 39.13 comp hours over the 80 that is allowed. Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the request of Auditor Susan Lloyd, for Karla Ahrendsen to **carry over excess comp time** in the amount of 39.13 hours over the 80 hours that is allowed. Carried.

Motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #317244, issued 9/13/2022 which was lost, to Storm Lake Times Pilot in the amount of \$256.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. until Tuesday, November 29 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting. Carried.