

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FIFTY-THIRD MEETING, 2022 SESSION (53)  
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 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 Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** Engineer Wilkinson presented the Board a request and information for the purchase of a used Komatsu D61EXI-23 Dozer for \$164,265.00. The EXI is narrower which would fit the ditches better. He currently has two dozers on inventory and is looking to trade the 1984 CAT Dozer D-6. He is also looking to purchase two new motor graders in FY24. They use their inventory of fifteen motor graders like crazy all year -nine of them used for dry weather months and six in the winter; half of the inventory are tandem, and half are all wheel drive. Regarding new purchases, CAT is about 14-15 months out on a new build. For moving forward, we have several options to consider: if buying new, we need to get ordered. If buying used, they need to start looking because finding one online could take several months. Another option would be leasing brand new motor graders for 5 years, covered by warranty and then sell back to the leasing company after that period for new. Some other counties have been taking this route. However, getting out of a lease is hard. A fourth option would be getting a bond for a new fleet. Merten stated that we could check with the dealer on the newer equipment that Dickinson County recently traded. Wilkinson asked the board if they want him to get quotes on two motor graders as he would get around \$50,000 in trade. Nothing was decided at today's board meeting.

President of the **Sioux Rapids Historical Society** Ginny Smith along with spouse Rusty presented their 2022 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'24 Budget. This year with the help of county support they built a new building which houses the Abner Bell cabin. New financial support would aid in finishing the inside of the new building and adding electricity and bringing authenticity to Abner Bell's cabin and creating a nice visitor option. They have been keeping busy within the community of Sioux Rapids and with fundraising activities this year. They are hoping to replace the carpet in the old theatre which is original from the 1940's. They are looking for new that looks like the original. The rest of the theatre has been restored. They thanked the Board for their support each year.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve the **minutes** of 11/29/22, as presented, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: November 2022 Sheriff's Report, November 2022 Sheriff Federal Inmate Billing, Third Judicial District FY22 Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. until Tuesday, December 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting. Carried.