

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FOURTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (4)
JANUARY 10, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Merten, Altena and Ringgenberg, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to **amend today's agenda** to add merger between Northwest Iowa Workforce Development and North Central Iowa Workforce Development. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are going to start brush cutting this week with the new attachment. Wilkson updated the board on the Linn Grove bridge project that the deck was removed, and that progress was being made but slow because of the weather. Wilkson asked the board to make recommendations on the insulation of the New Alta Shop so that they could start working on that project. Merten questioned if the numbers presented yesterday was correct, he felt they were a little low. Wilkson said he would double check the quotes and present them to the board at a later date.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt presented her FY'24 budget saying that she was increasing her request for Hazmat training because of the Federal Government has changed how this is reimbursed and she did not want the public to suffer if there was a lap in coverage. The board told her they would review her numbers and get back to her.

EMS President Kirk Reetz was in requesting the continued support of \$10,000 from the board. He said that he was using the money for educational purposes. He told the board about the course he is teaching through Iowa Central Community College stating that 13 Buena Vista County residence are currently taking the class. He stated that he was excited to have new people looking into getting into EMT work. The board thanked him for all that he has done for the county and told him they would get back to him on his funding.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Buena Vista Historical Society & Genealogy Library-Lucille Fitzhenry was present to thank the board for the contribution to the historical society. She explained to the board that they are working hard to get things updated in the current building and that they were welcome to stop by anytime to see it. She stated that they have newspapers dating back to the 1850s and that they have had several people stopping in to look at the old obituaries that they have on file there. She requested that the board continue their support and the board said they would take it into consideration and get back to her on it.

Albert City Thresherman- Gary Sundblad was here to request the annual funding request. He stated that the money would be used for advertising in local and national publications. He said that this year Allis Chalmers would be holding their national show with the annual event. Sundblad also stated that 20 new full hookup camping sites have been added to the location. The board said how proud they are for the national spotlight this event brings to the county. They thanked him for coming and told him they would get back to him on the allocation for the coming year.

County Library Association- Patria Jenson (Linn Grove & Rembrandt Librarian), Bethany Peat (Sioux Rapids Librarian) and Elizabeth Huff (Storm Lakes Librarian) represented the association. They thanked the board for their continued support and did a brief overview of the happenings at each library. They are all excited to have the kids back the buildings and have seen a great increase in library use. Huff stated that due to the HVAC work being done the Storm Lake Library will be closed for about 4 weeks in late March or early April but felt that the book delivery system that was put in place during Covid would allow them to meet the communities needs while this was taking place. They asked that the board continue the support they have been giving to the local libraries. The board thanked them for coming and said they would get back to them on next year's allocation. Jim Cox representing the Marathon Library requested that the board increase the allocation given the libraries and everything has increased in cost and the need for small libraries is bigger than ever. The board thanked him for coming and said they would take that under advisement.

Alera Group Tom Schuetz was joined by Barb Wetherell and Tony Pertzborn and Michael Pertzborn joined electronically. Schuetz stated that the county safety fund was about \$25,000 under if claims stayed on the current line. It was also stated that insurance costs are trending up and that we should expect about a 12-15% increase in premiums to last year. Schuetz explained to the group that this increase was due in large part to the pharmaceutical side of claims especially the specialty drugs. He also explained that there wasn't a lot the county could do to bring this down, but that Stille Pierce and Pertzborn were looking into a few options to help with this. Michael explained that they were still waiting on the exact quote from Wellmark and would get it to us as soon as it came.

****ACTION ITEMS***- none to approve due to illness and the board minutes not being updated.

Hanover Historical Society did not come for their scheduled appointment.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the resolution to update the **Depository Resolution** 01-10-2023-A upon questioning from the board it was clear that more research needed to be done. It was motioned by Merten and seconded by Altena to table this until such time the board's questions could be answered. Carried.

FY24 Budget discussion for Supervisors and County Farm was worked on.

Chairman Snyder presented that the Northwest Iowa Workforce Development and North Central Iowa Workforce Development would like to merge as one. He told the group that they are already sharing staff and it would be a bigger pot to spread between the participating counties. Motion by Ringgenberg and seconded by Snyder to approve the combining of the **Northwest Iowa Workforce Development** and **North Central Iowa Workforce Development**. Merten stated that he was against this because he felt the funds were not being split in a fair manner. Having no further discussion the vote was taken, Ayes: Ringgenberg, Altena, and Snyder. Nay: Merten. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. until Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.