

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SIXTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (6)
JANUARY 24, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, Altena and Ringgenberg, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting.

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

Motion by Croker, seconded by Altena to **amend today's agenda for the chairman to sign the approval to pay two bills for JT DD#22 Br 183.** Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Wilkinson started the meeting by presenting a request from Buena Vista County Snowmobile Club to sign a permit request from the DOT stating that the groomers would be crossing county roads while grooming along Highway 71 and Highway 3 and into Truesdale. Wilkinson said they it was similar to a utility permit and had not had this come up before but new that DOT was going through some personnel changes. He said that he had no problem with them crossing and so no reason not to sign the permit.

Motion by Merten, seconded by Ringgenberg to **approve either the Chairman or Engineer to sign the DOT permit.** Carried.

Next was discussion on the new Alta Building. Merten stated that he felt like putting the dividing wall in would limit the use of the building and that if Wilkinson felt the heat would be adequate he would like to see the whole building insulated. Wilkinson commented that if after it is completed and feel the heating bills are too much they could maybe put a curtain in to divide it that could be moved when needed. After brief discussion the board agreed on the discussed points.

Motion by Merten, seconded by Ringgenberg to **approve the insulation of the whole shop in Alta.** Carried.

Wilkinson updated the group that guys are out widening roads and pushing back piles and trying to break up ice on the gravel roads to prepare for the next round of snow. Linn Grove bridge is moving along. The North pier is out, and they are working on finishing up the North side and will start on the South side soon.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 1/17/2023, as printed, and the following **reports:** 2021 County Economic Impact Report for Western Iowa Tourism, December Conservation Board minutes, January Rolling Hills, Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Oct-Dec 2022). Carried

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the chairman to sign the claims for **JT DD#22 Br183** invoice for T&T Backhoeing in the amount of \$23,396.50 and invoice for Clay County Secondary Roads for \$720.00. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the corrected Depository Resolution. Motion by Merten, seconded by Croker to **approve the Chairman to sign Resolution #2023-01-24-A Depository** as presented. Carried.

Resolution 2023-01-24-A

Whereas the Depository Resolution that was approved January 3, 2023, contained an incorrect limit for

Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$1,500,000.00
Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$25,000,000.00
Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$25,000.00

Now therefore be it resolved by the Buena Vista County that the Depository Resolution be correct to be the Depository Banks currently being used by the Treasurer, Recorder, & Sheriff continue to be used during 2023 in the amounts stated below, and, that the appropriate elected official be and is hereby authorized to deposit the designated office funds in amounts, not to exceed in the aggregate, named for said bank:

Treasurer:	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$1,500,000.00
	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$2,500,000.00
	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$35,000,000.00
Recorder:	Security Trust & Savings Bank, Storm Lake	\$100,000.00
Sheriff:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$250,000.00
	Citizen's First National Bank, Storm Lake	\$50,000.00
Attorney:	Central Bank, Storm Lake	\$600.00

and, that the 2023 Federal Depository Bank shall be Security Trust and Savings Bank, Storm Lake, with the payroll deposits to be made by wire transfer.

Kelly Snyder, Chairman of the Board

Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

The Semi-Annual Report was not completed so will be presented next week.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on **the DD #101, DD #33, DD #37, DD#38, and DD #39 Commissioners' Report for Reclassification of Benefits**, with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Assistant to the Drainage Engineer Eric Yunginger, Drainage Clerk Kristina Konradi, landowners Steven Ehlers, Reva Arends, Randal Sievers, Kermit Grote, Joel Ehlers, Brian Wilson present and Mitch Sievers online. The Election Deputy on behalf of the Auditor confirmed that the notice was published as required. The Commissioners appointed were Jim Eaton and Loren Anderson, along with Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme. There was approximately 7,800 acres in the watershed, with one Main Open Ditch schedule and 10 interior district schedules created. Blomme explained that through an IDALS grant a large part of the labor was paid for, so the landowners were only responsible for the increased size of tile that was used. He explained the six factors used in reclassification, and maps were displayed that showed how each parcel

of land was affected by each of the six factors. Blomme asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the methodology of reclassification, which they had none. Blomme then asked if any write-in objections had been received and none had been. He then asked those present if they had any objections and none were voiced. Motion by Croker, seconded by Ringgenberg, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to accept the Commissioners Report for Reclassification of Benefits on DD #101, DD #33, DD #37, DD#38, and DD #39. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, MOD. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 4.04 which would raise \$404,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to set the levy factor of 4.04 for **DD101 BV, MOD**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, MTS. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.13 which would raise \$13,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set the levy factor of 0.13 for **DD101 BV, MTS**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, LAT 1. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.15 which would raise \$1500, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set the levy factor of 0.15 for **DD101 BV, LAT 1**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, LAT 2. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.80 which would raise \$8,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to set the levy factor of 0.80 for **DD101 BV, LAT 2**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, LAT 3. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.16 which would raise \$1,600, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Croker, second by Altena, to set the levy factor of 0.16 for **DD101 BV, LAT 3**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, LAT 7. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.35 which would raise \$3,500, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to set the levy factor of 0.35 for **DD101 BV, LAT 7**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD101 BV, LAT 8. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.15 which would raise \$1,500, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to set the levy factor of 0.15 for **DD101 BV, LAT 8**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD33 BV. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.60 which would raise \$6,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to set the levy factor of 0.60 for **DD33 BV**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD37 BV. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.04 which would raise \$4,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to set the levy factor of 0.04 for **DD37 BV**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD38 BV. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.44 which would raise \$44,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to set the levy factor of 0.44 for **DD38 BV**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme discussed the proposed levy for DD39 BV. Blomme recommends a levy factor of 0.25 which would raise \$25,000, and a 10-year waiver, with 5% interest. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to set the levy factor of 0.25 for **DD39 BV**, with a 10-year waiver and 5% interest. Carried

The Commissioners' Report with Reclassification Factor Maps have been placed on file in the District Records of the Auditor's Office.

Drainage Engineer: Brian Blomme informed the Board that the owner of B& W Control passed away recently. He has been told that Troy Fox who already worked closely with the previous owner will continue to work with us. He will reach out to Troy shortly to review our contracts for spraying and make sure everything is still in order. Blomme does not foresee any issues at this time but wanted to make the Board aware of what had happened.

Health Insurance: Barb Wetherell & Tony Pertzborn with Stille, Pierce, & Pertzborn Agency were present to review the FY24 renewal and options for possibly lowering the county's cost. Paul Allen, Ashley Herrig, Rob Danielson, Julie Sather, Lacey Anderson, Mark Van Hooser, Curt Reis, Bret Wilkinson, Kim Briley, Yvonne Sandhoff, Tyler Van Houten, Ben Mueggenberg, Brian Blomme, and Tom Cullen were all present for the meeting, Sue Lloyd, Greg Johnson, and Kory Elston joining online. Tony presented the current renewal information with a summary of the last 3 years of claims, explaining that a lot of it is due to the rising cost of pharmaceuticals. He presented that the new Wellmark renewal for our current plan would be almost 16% increase. None of the numbers presented today include the self-funding portion of the insurance cost and to have a complete number we would have to wait for that information also. Barb then presented a few options that they had found for lowering the cost of renewal. One was changing our prescription drug plan which would affect a minimal amount of used drugs but had no real substantial cost savings. She also presented that if each employee would pay a part of the premiums and again would be a small amount of savings. The third option would be to go to a point of service policy which would change our in-network providers. The providers are only in the state of Iowa and not all current providers in Iowa are in the network on the new policy. Barb explained that the reduction in providers was mostly due to Chiropractors not wanting to participate in this plan. She did say that a 50-mile radius outside of the state of Iowa was included and that would cover the Dunes, Omaha, and Sioux Falls this savings for the Wellmark premium was substantial but was unsure how this would affect our self-funding portion. The fourth option presented to the board was to take option 3 and add the reduced drug coverage discussed in option one. After a brief discussion the Board asked the Insurance Committee to review these options in more depth with Barb and Tony and to present their recommendations back to the Board at next week's meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. until Tuesday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.