

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (54)
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 13, 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 Auditor Susan Lloyd 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 Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to amend **today's** agenda to add an action to approve the Joint DD 14-42 claim for Clay County to pay. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light, dba Alliant Energy, Spirit Lake, IA, for the accommodation of single-phase underground cable, replacing the existing overhead power lines on different taps off the main 3ph line along M27 from 420th St. to 480th St. in Brooke Township, with the stipulation that they bore under the driveways and that Secondary Road will inspect the project. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve the purchase of a used **Komatsu D61EXI-23 Dozer** for \$164,265.00, with the Engineer either trading in the 1984 CAT Dozer D-6 or selling it outright. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he has been talking to salesmen about **motor graders**. Wilkinson stated that Story County leased ten motor graders from Caterpillar from 2014-2019. In 2019, Story County went to a bank to borrow funds to purchase ten additional motor graders, and now for the third purchase, they are buying ten motor graders outright. Wilkinson stated that Story County traded their other motor graders off, going back to Caterpillar. Wilkinson stated that he would like to talk to the salesman at Caterpillar, letting him know the county would be interested in some of those traded-in motor graders that are only 5-years old, as they would be half the cost of new machines. The consensus of the Board was to have Wilkinson talk to the salesman about purchasing four of the 5-year-old motor graders that were traded from Story County, selling four of BV County's older machines that would pay for one of the four 5-year-old motor graders from Story County.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he will be attending an engineering conference Wednesday-Friday of this week, and they will be discussing the law that passed regarding the **annual all-systems overweight permit for commercial and farm vehicles**. Wilkinson stated that the counties have a choice to allow all county roads on the permit, to disallow any county road on the permit, or to hand pick which roads to be allowed on the permit. Wilkinson stated that this is a DOT issued permit which allows 12% over current maximum legal weight on 5, 6, and 7 axle trucks. The consensus of the Board was to participate, but to limit the county roads on the permit to where there are no bridges to cross.

Breanna Horsey, Executive Director of **Storm Lake United**, and Gelder Pineda reviewed their activities of the past year. Horsey is requesting increase of \$5,000 in funding for FY'24, to \$35,000. Horsey stated that they are expanding outside of the Storm Lake District. Horsey informed the Board that next year is Storm Lake's sesquicentennial. Horsey thanked the Board for their support. The Board thanked Horsey and Pineda for what they do.

Supervisor Kelly Snyder informed the Board that North Central IA Workforce Development (6 counties) would like to join NW IA Workforce Development (10 counties). Snyder stated that there are a

lot of similarities between the two organizations. Members of North Central IA Workforce have already agreed to join. Chairman Merten stated that he is concerned as to where funding will go when you add another large city. Snyder stated that feedback from other counties is that this is a good idea, and if they are combined there are more dollars available. Snyder stated that if this passes, the proposed effective date is July 1, 2023. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Huseman, to table voting on the **realignment of the Workforce merger** to a later date. Carried.

Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller gave a **department update** and a **Public Health Building remodeling** update. Keller stated that a door was installed for the Drainage Engineer; the roofing project at the LEC is getting completed; they are waiting for electrician to finish up the LEC HVAC; today they are starting the Public Health remodeling project, with the demolition complete, walls are starting to go up today. Keller stated that there is a question whether Veterans Affairs will be going back out to the East Richland Annex, and if so, they will need a separate entrance so there wouldn't be access to the Public Health side. Public Health Administrator Julie Sather commented that when the original plans were created, the homemakers were working from home. Family Steps are now back in the office, so they need the space and storage. Veterans Affairs Officer Louis DeRoos commented that space is very tight where they are located currently, and they know it is temporary, but they need a central location, easy for veterans to access, and handicap accessibility, along with separate rooms for visits. Snyder stated that he would like to keep the Public Health Building strictly for Public Health only.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen was present virtually, asking the Board to approve and sign Resolution #2022-12-13-A Utilities Resolution. Ahrendsen stated that this is a resolution that needs to be approved annually, and the numbers come from the State. Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2022-12-13-A** Utilities Resolution. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2022-12-13-A

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa that it is hereby ordered that the lengths of the mileage of the several railroads, electric and gas companies in Buena Vista County, Iowa, and the assessed value and taxable value thereof, fixed according to the following schedule and the County Auditor is hereby ordered to spread the same upon the tax books of said county for the year 2022, payable in the fiscal year 2023-2024.

UTILITY COMPANY	RATE	MILE S	ASSESSED VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
Alliant Energy, IESU			\$25,486,839	\$9,427,951
Alta Municipal Power Plant			1,032	12
Corn Belt Power Coop			6,667,363	2,406,147
Iowa Lakes Electric Coop			7,934,369	1,701,296
ITC Midwest LLC			2,312,603	167,823
Mid-American Energy Company			33,925,472	11,903,589
Racoon Valley Electric Coop			39,611	5,607
Valero Renewable Fuels Co LLC			152,785	8,667,927
WSTN MINN Mun Power Gas Div.			0	295
TOTAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES			\$76,520,074	\$34,280,647

Dakota Access LLC			85,633,295	85633295
Northern Natural Gas Company			1,918,393	1,918,393
NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership,			121,500	121,500
TOTAL GAS & PIPELINE COMPANIES			\$ 87,673,188	87,673,188
Canadian National Railway	249,626.5656	25.42	\$ 6,345,507	\$ 5,660,696
Union Pacific Railroad Co	1,288,547,268	8.3	10,694,942	9,575,185
TOTAL RAILROADS		33.72	\$17,040,449	\$15,235,881
TOTAL Buena Vista CO UTILITIES			\$181,233,711	\$137,189,716

Dated this 13TH day of December, 2022.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors
/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor

Motion by Huseman, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 12/06/22, as presented, and the following **reports:** Western Iowa Tourism annual request letter, Third Judicial District December 2022 agenda, and Newell Public Library letter. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #317612, issued 10/11/2022 to Jennifer Fulcher, in the amount of \$150.00, as the check has been lost. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen submitted a letter requesting that Heidi Hanson be allowed to carry over more than the allowed 80 hours of comp time, stating that Hanson will be earning more comp time for the next four weeks due to workload and another employee being out that she will be covering. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the request of County Attorney Paul Allen to allow Heidi Hanson to **carry over more than the allowed 80 hours of comp time**, pending receiving a plan from Allen on when Hanson will use the comp time overage. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve the **Jt. DD #14-42 BR 223** claim for tile repair in the amount of \$478.28, payable to Christian Bros. Excavating LC. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. until Tuesday, December 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting. Carried.