

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2022 SESSION (55)
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 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.

Motion by Snyder, second by Huseman, to approve today's agenda. Carried.

Elected officials were sworn in.

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.

Hear the Public: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Altena, to approve the minutes of 12/13/22, as presented, today's claims approval list & stamped warrant register and the following reports: November Conservation Board Minutes, October Board of Health Minutes, November BV County Landfill minutes. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to authorize the chair to sign a Certificate of Appreciation for Buena Vista County Board of Supervisor Tom Huseman for his 8 years of service to the County. Carried.

Dick Aronson with the Albert City Historical Society presented their 2022 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'24 Budget. With the requested allocation they hope to receive they will put a new roof on the Anderson Mercantile. It still has the original shingles since 1983. They give several private tours during the year which are made by appointment. The Board thanked him for his time and his group for their dedication and efforts.

Jeff Stewart, Chairman for the Buena Vista County Compensation Board, presented their Board's FY24 salary recommendations from their December 14, 2022 meeting. Recommendations were as follows: 10% increase for the Sheriff, 8% increase for the Auditor, 6% increase for the Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, and a 3% for the Supervisors, and to continue Longevity for all Elected Officials and a \$1,500 stipend for the Board Chair and for the Board Secretary.

The Board of Supervisors thanked Jeff for his time. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to acknowledge receipt of the Buena Vista Compensation Board salary recommendations.

Martha Olsen with the Newell Historical Association presented their 2022 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'24 Budget. The 1891 Allee Mansion in Newell was repainted this year. The mansion is looking very sharp as is the landscaping and the gardens. This year a watermelon days celebration was held in Newell. They hosted several tours this year and received by donation several interesting items. The Board appreciates the group for their commitment on everything they do.

Jennifer Launderville with the Buena Vista County Fair Board along with Mike Christen presented their 2022 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'24 Budget. One new improvement the board is working on for 2023 is to build a 32' X 50' permanent covered stage near the Carter building facing the greenspace on the northwest side of the fairgrounds. Proposals have been put out to local businesses and grants. They will also be selling engraved bricks to businesses and area residents who wish to sponsor

the building of the stage. They plan to have more interactive entertainment for kids. The racetrack does not use any of the county allocated money, the track is leased to BV Raceway. This year they are asking for a \$10,000 increase above the usual request. Prices on everything are going up – fuel, entertainers, and general upkeep. Fair week will be July 6-11, 2023. The Board thanks them for their time and hard work.

Secondary Road Report: Trying to plan for the upcoming weather this week with the snow and wind. Discussion on the new Iowa All-Systems Overweight DOT permits for commercial & farm vehicles that is effective January 1, 2023. The permits for the vehicles are valid 12 months for \$500. This allows vehicles on designated roads within a county if the vehicle bears the permit. The permits allow for a 12% increase over legal load. The consensus of the board was to have Bret start on the selection of choosing designated routes to get our foot in the door as the county gets reimbursements from the permit cost if we are a participating county. Participating counties in Iowa will split 75% of each \$500 permit issued in the state. Maps of the designated routes within a county will be listed at the iowadot.gov. More discussion will be had once the designated routes are in place.

Colleen Schwanz with the **Buena Vista County Soil and Water Conservation District** presented their 2022 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'24 Budget. They use the county funds to support the conservation education programs in Buena Vista County. They involve K -12 in many exciting activities every year – in our schools and the 4H program. The board thanks the group for all they provide to the communities.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson attended to present his 2022 Annual report reviewing progress and growth of their efforts in conservation for all to enjoy nature and outdoor activities within the county. They have so much to offer -four campgrounds, two large shelter houses, educational programs with their Naturalist, a bait shop in Linn Grove, hiking and canoeing just to name a few.

The reappointment of Sarah Vanderhoff to the **Conservation Board** with a term ending 12/31/2027 was postponed until January.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11 :45 a.m. until Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and organizational meeting of the new year. Carried.