

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SEVENTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (7)  
JANUARY 31, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, and Altena and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent -Ringgenberg.

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

Motion by Merten, seconded by Altena to **approve today's agenda**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** Wilkinson presented to the Board the proposed project and costs for crushing of the Goldsmith Pit this fall. This pit is not easy to crush in because of the large amount of water that is always present so when they do drain the water, they want to crush enough to last several years. Wilkinson says that they try to do enough to last 5-6 years. He presented doing 200,000 ton of rock with an option to use a Primary Crusher for larger rocks. The Board requested that he check a little further into different options but go ahead with getting us on the schedule with the crushers. He also updated the group that they continue to move snow and cleaning up for future storms.

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 Altena, to approve the **minutes** of the 1/24/2023 meeting and approve **today's claims approval list and stamped warrant register**. **Reports:** Central Iowa Detention Commission Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 minutes. Carried

County Attorney Paul Allen and Assistant Attorney Ashley Herrig informed the Board that Iowa Code Chapter 232 changed how juveniles awaiting to be waived to the adult system are detained. This is to align more closely with the Federal requirements. There now needs to be a hearing before a District Court judge before they can be placed in jail. This could be days if arrested on the weekend. Herrig explained that there were only 3 options the county could look at to deal with this issue. One being that a peace officer would sit with the juvenile until they were able to appear in court and be ordered to be placed in jail. Two, we send all juveniles to be held in a juvenile facility to be held until they are waived into the adult system and at which time they could then be placed in the jail following a hearing. Or three, to house juveniles under District Court indefinitely at a juvenile detention center unless otherwise directed by the court. It was discussed to raise the Sheriff's budget to cover these costs for next year by \$20,000. It was motioned by Merten, second by Altena, to **house juveniles** under District Court jurisdiction indefinitely at a juvenile detention center unless otherwise directed by the court. Carried.

Allen then presented to the Board that he had been contacted by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party that was seeking to file litigation for a suppression foam that is being used by firefighters that have been known to have harmful side effects. Allen told the group that he reached out to Emergency Management Aimee Barret to see if she had heard of this and was told she had not heard of anything locally on it. It was Allen's recommendation that at this time we do not join the litigation and to wait and see if anything more comes of it. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to **not join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party's litigation**, regarding suppression foam. Carried.

Allen told the Board that Auditor Susan K. Lloyd had reached out to him in regards to an email from Family Crisis Center requesting their FY23 payment. He told the Board that they had not complied with the contract that was signed by them in FY22 but that the FY22 payment was made anyway because of the newness of requirements from the state for allocations. The Board asked what their options are for working this them. Allen told them they could modify the contract to include salaries but feels to meet the state requirements you would still need to know specifically who is doing the work, when they are doing it and that they are in Buena Vista County or working with a Buena Vista County resident. The Board instructed Allen to reach back out to **Family Crisis Center** with this information and to wait and see what the response was before deciding on the FY23 funding.

Julie Edwards came to discuss the **FY24 Budget Request for Upper Des Moines Opportunity** and to introduce herself and to go over the happenings of the last couple of years. Edwards told the group she had only been with this position for a short time and looked forward to meeting with Supervisor Croker in February to go over more specifics. She just highlighted how many people they had helped in the last couple of years and the board stated that they are getting a good bang for their buck with Upper Des Moines. Snyder thanked her for her hard work and would discuss the request for next year.

Gene Suhr attended virtually to present the **FY24 Budget Request for the Hanover Historical Society**. Suhr started off by thanking the Board for their continued support and told them that their allocation went towards upkeep of the buildings. He explained that the group is having an issue with racoons getting into some of the buildings and causing some damage. He also stated that they are working on repainting the buildings but had to higher this done now as the group is too old to work on ladders and do it themselves. Both Merten and Snyder said how nice the area was looking and how much they enjoyed seeing the history preserved for future generations. In closing Suhr told the group that they are working on plans for a tractor ride this summer but unsure of the dates. Hanover Historical requested \$1,000 be allocated to them again this year and the board told Suhr they will take that under advisement and let him know when the final decisions have been made.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the Semi-Annual report explained to the group that due to a correction made in the Auditor's office in December but not carried through on the Treasurer side until January that the report was \$150 long to the Pooled Cash. The issue would be resolved in January's postings. Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **Semi-Annual report** as presented and for the Chairman to sign the report. Carried.

Barb Wetherell and Tony Pertzborn with Stille, Pierce, and Pertzborn presented for **Health Insurance**. Ashley Herrig, Yvonne Sandhoff, Ben Mueggenberg, Mark Van Hooser, Tyler Van Houten, Bret Wilkinson and Tom Cullen, Angie Wilkinson and Kory Elston joined virtually. Wetherell presented the Safety-Fund numbers from Alera group on the different options presented last week to the Board. Herrig stated that the insurance committee is recommending that we change to the Wellmark Blue Choice Network with a 0% increase adding the difference to the Safety-Fund. Motion by Merten, second by Croker to change to the **Wellmark Blue Choice Network** with a 0% increase adding the difference to the Safety-Fund. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Altena to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal alternate from Wellmark. Carried.

FY24 Budget discussion was tabled until the next board meeting so that Department Heads could recalculate their information with the decision being made on insurance and some other changes that had come up.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. until Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.