

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (8)
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, February 7, 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.

Secondary Road Report: Wilkinson stated that the crews are working on pushing snow back and trying to fill in pot holes and rutting on the gravel due to the melting snow. He updated the board of the progress on the Linn Grove bridge, pilings are going in and they will have two crews working on cement for the next couple of weeks trying to stay on track. They should start on Blue Bird Creek Bridge on April 3, 2023. Wilkinson told the Board that he is working with the Army Corps on permits for the roads around the Platinum Crush Plant. He said that they determined that 1.4 acres of wetland designation was found in the area and that Army Corps is reviewing the finds to see if they can disallow some of the designation. Wilkinson is hoping to get under the 1 acre mark because that is the threshold for a Nationwide permit for building. If they are unable to get under this point we would have to apply for an individual permit which will take 8-12 months to obtain, slowing the project down. He would keep the Board updated on this process. Croker asked him to notify the DOT that this may be a problem with traffic flow on 70th Ave and Highway 7 they hadn't originally planned for.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of the 1/31/2023 meeting. **Reports:** Board of Health November 2022 Minutes and January 2023 Sheriff's Report- Federal Inmate Bills. Carried

Northland Security: Heidi Kuhl joined virtually to discuss with the Board the possibility of adding a new three-year Capital Projects Loan Note, since a previous note will drop off of the debt service schedule with the upcoming budget. Kuhl reviewed the 2020 agreement and stated that this new one would work very similar. She also sent the Board information on current loans and stated that she would be back to discuss this in more detail, once the Board had a chance to review the information. Kuhl also presented a letter of engagement for the Board to consider approving. Motion by Croker, seconded by Merten to approve the Chairman to sign the **letter of engagement with Northland Securities**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve hiring **Jennifer Hustedt as a Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI)**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker to approve the Chairman to **sign the Wellmark Account Information and Binder Agreement and the Wellmark Confirmation of MSP Addendum**. Carried.

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

FY24 Budget work session: Auditor Susan Lloyd presented a preliminary budget for the Board to review, explaining that if SSB 1056 passed out of the House this week that the valuation report would have to be redone, which will lower the valuations. Lloyd wanted to give the Board an idea of where they were at with proposed levies and ending fund balances and asked them to start thinking about the budget and what changes they may consider making. If SSB 1056 does not pass, the first budget publication on the

Max Levies would have to be sent to the papers, in order to have all publications done and the budget certified by March 31. If SSB 1056 does pass, the valuation report will need to be recreated and distributed to the taxing authorities, and changes will be necessary to the budget, and the deadline would be moved from March 31 to April 30.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, February 14 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.