

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
ELEVENTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (11)  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, and Altena, Ringgenberg joining virtually, 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, Altena, Ringgenberg, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

**Secondary Report:** Wilkinson updated the Board on the roads after the rain on Sunday, night. There was a few places the water went over the roads but the crews cleaned them up quickly. They are using the moisture to work on the rougher spots. Wilkinson said that the roads seem to be firming up since the last rain but will continue to monitor them and put down rock if it is needed.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that the **Linn Grove bridge** continues to move forward, the north pier stem would be poured soon and then they would move back to the south side to prepare for that pier stem. Merten asked what would happen if the Dam project does not get done as we await FEMA decisions. Wilkinson feels that the bridge would need more protection put in place to keep the south side from washing away. He told the group that there was still time to make the decision on that before the contracts would be done and to wait and see if the Dam will be completed. He also mentioned that a gentleman from Des Moines would be coming to review some of the other bridges in town this week postponed from last week due to weather.

County Attorney Paul Allen presented the Board with the new **lease contract** for his Marco Printer. If he would sign a new five-year lease, it would reduce his current payment. Croker asked him to contact other companies and get quotes to see if he could get a better deal elsewhere. Since there was time left before the contract needed to be signed, Allen was going to reach out and see what he could find.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response, he then asked the people present in the room, with no response.

Motion by Altena, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of the 2/21/2023 meeting and approve **today's claims approval list and stamped warrant register**, and the following **reports**: BV County Conference Board 1/26 and 2/16 minutes, Joint DD181 1/10/2023 meeting minutes, NW IA YES Center 1/20/2023 minutes and FY22 audit, NWIPDC 8/18/2022 minutes, NWIPDC 6/30/2022 Financial statement, and RIDES 2023 Emergency Succession Plan. Carried.

Asst. Zoning Administrator Johanna Knipper presented information on a Minor S/D request of Elizabeth Franzmeier in Section 33 Hayes Township. Knipper said that Franzmeier's lawyer dropped off additional paperwork that did not match the names on the resolution and was unsure how to proceed since Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg was in training. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to table authorizing the Chair to sign **Resolution #2023-02-28-A** Minor S/D for Elizabeth Franzmeier until all the information could be verified. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten to accept and approve the Chair to sign the B&W Control Specialists **2023 Woody Vegetation Treatment** for BV County drainage districts, with the following cost not to exceed: **DD #83** (\$3,000), **DD #180** (\$1,000), **DD #34 Lat 4 OD** (\$3,000), **DD #34 Lat 5 OD**

(\$3,500), DD #34 Lat 6 OD (\$3,000), DD #34 Lat 7 OD (\$5,000), DD #34 Lat 8 OD (\$2,500), DD #34 Lat 9 OD (\$3,500), DD #106 (\$1,500), DD #34 MOD (\$7,000), and DD #34 UMOD (\$7,000). Carried.

Ringgenberg left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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**FY24 Budget Discussion:** Kevin Jesse asked the Board questions in reference to taxing and the budget process in general. Merten and Snyder explained to Jesse in general terms how the process works. Auditor Susan Lloyd presented the Board with the new levy information as the updated valuations had been completed. Lloyd told the Board that with the new valuations, in order to keep the same amount of tax dollars that was discussed at the previous meeting, the levy rate would need to be raised to \$4.64472 for General Basic, exceeding the \$3.50 limit, and the Rural Basic levy rate would be \$3.97801. After some discussion, the Board advised Lloyd to publish the Notice of Hearing on the Max Levies, as presented. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to set the Public Hearing for the **FY'24 Proposed Property Tax Levy** for Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and to publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. until Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.