

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (24)
JUNE 6, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson received one quote for fuel for FY'24: Growmark FS quoted .23 for #1 fuel and .20 for #2 fuel, for delivery to locations in Albert City, Alta, Linn Grove, Marathon, Newell, Rembrandt, and Sioux Rapids, and .14 for #1 fuel and .12 for #2 fuel for a 10,000-gallon capacity tank at the Storm Lake shop. Wilkinson told the group that this is what they are currently paying. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to accept and approve the Secondary Road Department **Fuel Bid** from Growmark FS, for delivery of fuel to Albert City, Alta, Linn Grove, Marathon, Newell, Rembrandt, and Sioux Rapids locations for FY'24, at .23 for #1 fuel and .20 for #2 fuel, and prices for the 10,000-gallon capacity tank at the Storm Lake Shop of .14 for #1 fuel and .12 for #2 fuel. Carried.

Wilkinson told the group he had been approached by the owner of Bobcat in Linn Grove asking if they could close M36 for a street dance since they will be unable to have their annual float down the river while the bridge is being constructed on June 24th. He explained that they are working with the city council to get approval on that end. All the signage is already in place for the north side because of the bridge work. There is a back alley that can be used if someone needs to get through town. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to allow for the **one time closing of M36** in Linn Grove, on June 24th for a street dance. Carried.

Secondary Report: Wilkinson updated the supervisors on the Linn Grove Bridge. They are still on track to pouring the decking the last week of June. The middle portion of the box culvert was poured on Monday. The crew is working on gravel, mowing, hauling gravel, and tile repairs. Snyder asked how the new chipper was working and Wilkinson told him it was not currently being used but when it was it was working well for them. He plans to use it more in the Fall.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response. Richard Langner was present to discuss the road conditions on **C65**. The board thanked him for coming in and told him they would take his suggestions under advisement.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 05/30/2023, as presented, today's **claims approval list & stamped warrant register**, and accept the following **reports**: March Rolling Hills Community Services Region minutes, May Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, and May Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. for the CDBG Status Hearing on Funded Activities of the **Career Link Rembrandt Enterprises**, with Staci Kleinhesselink, Grant Administrator for NW IA Planning & Development present virtually. Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen, Assistant County Attorney Rebecca Kern, and I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten present in person, and Conservation Secretary Angie Wilkinson, E911 Coordinator Mark Van Hooser, Sheriff Kory Elston, Nurse Administrator Julie Sather, and three unidentified callers present virtually.

Buena Vista County, Iowa

CDBG Status Hearing for the Buena Vista County Career Link Employment Transportation Project

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 9:00 am

This CDBG Status Hearing is being held to comply with the citizen participation requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987.

Buena Vista County was awarded \$149,100 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Career Link Employment Transportation Project from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) on August 27, 2021.

Buena Vista County was awarded CDBG funds to initiate a commuter shuttle service provided by the Regional Transit Authority from Storm Lake to Rembrandt Enterprises in rural Rembrandt, Iowa.

IEDA released CDBG funds for Career Link employment transportation activities on November 15, 2021. The Regional Transit Authority provided career transportation shuttle service from November of 2021 to March of 2022. This shuttle service has been discontinued and is no longer being utilized so the remainder of the funding for the Rembrandt Career Link Employment Transportation grant is being deobligated.

As of CDBG Draw #3, \$17,551.00 in Federal funds have been requested and Rembrandt Enterprises contributing \$14,784.00 in local matching funds, for a project total of \$32,335.00 expended on CDBG eligible activities. Of this federal amount, \$2767.00 is for CDBG administration.

To date, changes to the project's CDBG contract budget, performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives or beneficiaries would include the deobligation of the remainder of the grant funds and the discontinuation of this service. There were no public comments. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman requested suspension of taxes on the three parcels, due to receiving a DHS/SSU request for the suspension, and for three additional parcels. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **suspension of taxes** on parcel #1403277021 in Storm Lake, parcel #1033382007 in Storm Lake, parcel #1617479006 in Newell, parcel #1404232005 in Storm Lake, parcel #1620128005 in Newell, and parcel #1034405028 in Storm Lake. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman requested abatement of taxes on parcel 1034353015, due to now being owned by a nonprofit. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to **deny** the **abatement of taxes** on parcel #1034353015 in Storm Lake. Carried.

Tom Schuetz, Alera Group, presented the Board with the different **Flex spending options** they requested when he was here previously. He handed out information on two additional options and told the Board that several of their clients are switching to EBC Flex and feel that would be the best option for us also. They would also be able to do the COBRA administration. Schuetz suggests waiting until January to make the change because that would allow the smoothest transition for employees. The Board thanked Schuetz for his time and effort and will get back to him in the near future on their decision.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Marathon for FY'24 and FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Sioux Rapids for FY'24 and FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Truesdale for FY'24 and FY'25. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Lakeside for FY'24 and FY'25. Carried

Sheriff Kory Elston told the Board that he wanted to discuss the purchasing of a new boat hoist. The DNR gives the county a boat to use but the county is responsible for upkeep and storage of the boat and the old boat hoist has fallen into disrepair. Elston is trying to get quotes on a different one but they are very hard to find. He is estimating that if he buys new, the cost will be between \$10,000-\$15,000 and used will be around \$8,000. This will be paid out of the Inmate Fund, but he wanted board approval so that he can act on it if one does become available. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to authorize the Sheriff Department to purchase a **boat hoist** for the patrol boat. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to set the **Public Hearing** for Master Matrix for James Hultgren in Section 18 Nokomis Township for Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the whole Board to sign the **FY'24 employment contract** for Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, with a salary of \$111,364. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #922657 for \$9.23, dated 2/17/2023 to Marco Barahona. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve payment to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for **tile repairs** (\$1,583.89) for **Jt DD #146 North Main** and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, June 13 at 8:30 a.m. for a special meeting.