

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SECOND MEETING, 2023 SESSION (32)
AUGUST 1, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, and Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd 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, Hartman, Merten, and Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve today's **agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, IA, to install fiber optic along 600th St. and 80th Ave., in Section 31, Township 91N. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **utility permit** for MidAmerican Energy Company, Urbandale, IA to install fiber optic along 590th St. and 80th Ave., in Sections 19, 20, and 29, Township 91N. Carried.

The Board and Engineer Bret Wilkinson discussed the **Whitney Pit Lease**, and whether any changes needed to be made. Wilkinson stated that this is the largest store of gravel that the county has. The consensus was not to make any changes to the Whitney Pit Lease.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been hauling clay to 40th Ave., mowing, replacing two larger culverts by Mitch Sievers place in the East part of the county, tile repairs, and bringing in sand to get ready early for winter; they have finished with the clay material at Blue Bird Creek, then they will be placing rip rap and two types of stone down and then asphalt; at the Linn Grove River Bridge, they have filled in with sand, the deck pouring is done, and cured out. They are filling in on the south side to get ready mix trucks up to pour railings.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that Ron Reckamp's last day would be Thursday and asked the Board to sign a letter of appreciation to Ron for his 26 years of service. Motion by Croker, second by Merten to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **letter of appreciation** for Ron Reckamp for his 26 years of service to Buena Vista County. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of another one of his employees that has their house up for sale, and as soon as it sells, will be moving out of state. Wilkinson stated that he advertised on the radio for Ron Reckamp's position, and will do it again for an E01 position, along with the newspapers. The consensus of the Board was to allow Wilkinson to move forward and **advertise for the E01 position**.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the **motor grader cab** is certified to be okay, and they can close out with the insurance company.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that he attended the **Iowa Quality Water Initiative** meeting on July 26. Blomme stated that they are identifying sites in counties for tile zone wetlands, and work with Dept of Ag to develop the areas, and paid 100%, all based on landowners' interest. Blomme stated that the proposal was placed in front of IDALS, but not approved yet. Blomme stated that

design and construction would be 100% cost covered, and then landowners would sign maintenance agreements and easements.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented the semi-annual report, ending June 30, 2023. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report** for June 30, 2023, and to authorize the publication in the newspapers. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a **department update**: Conservation-on June 29 Johnson submitted a response to FEMA, and they have 90 days to respond. They have been busy at the cabins and lodge. Linn Grove has been slow due to the bridge being out. They have been working on putting in new playgrounds in several parks and taking down ash trees. Johnson stated that they are still working with DNR on the Little Sioux Water Trail. Johnson stated they have been hauling gravel to BV Park, installed highway signs that was part of the byway project. Weed Department-they have been spraying a lot, 1,080 miles of 2,000 miles, 30 application days. They have sprayed a lot of trees all season.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson brought a resolution for the Board to consider signing for the **Marina**. Johnson stated that the July 11 Conservation Board meeting discussed and wanted the resolution to come to the Board of Supervisors. Conservation would like to have shop space, nature center, and office space. The resolution is the first checkbox with IDNR. Todd Coffelt, Travis Baker, and legal counsel Rachel Zander, all from DNR were present virtually to discuss with the Board and stated that this allows both parties to start conversation. Croker asked DNR if the county has a park, is it open and wide what can be done? DNR stated that any activity that you could find in a State Park, and concessions would be allowed. Croker asked if a restaurant and marina fall within the guidelines, and the answer from DNR was yes. DNR stated that the State would be keeping and maintaining the fishery building. Croker asked if they would consider the county owning all the property there, and then leasing out the fishery building to the DNR. The answer to this was no, due to Federal funding that runs the fishery. Merten asked who has access to the property, ingress/egress access, would it be similar to Pottawattamie County. DNR stated that a transfer agreement would be done and would be much less than Pottawattamie County. The DNR would provide aerators to keep the water open during the winter. The DNR stated that there are several bid steps in the process. County Attorney Paul Allen stated that the resolution is covered by the Iowa Code. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve **Resolution #2023-08-01-A** Requesting Transfer by Conveyance. Carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA
REQUESTING TRANSFER BY CONVEYANCE
RESOLUTION # 2023-08-01-A

THE UNDERSIGNED Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors do hereby request by Resolution, without monetary consideration and pursuant to Iowa Code §461A.32, conveyance of real estate to Buena Vista County and state:

WHEREAS the state-owned real property, locally known as the Storm Lake Marina (hereafter "the Property") is physically located in Buena Vista County and benefits Buena Vista County residents and those who travel to Buena Vista County; and

WHEREAS Buena Vista County proposes to own the Property, and manage the same including assuming all risks and responsibilities inherent in the ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS the Buena Vista County Board of Conservation voted on July 11, 2023 at its regular meeting to approve the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors seeking ownership of the property for use as a county park.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that Buena Vista County, Iowa, requests title by conveyance from the State of Iowa, Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Natural Resource Commission, of the real estate locally described as the Storm Lake Marina, of which the attachment hereto showing the boundaries is incorporated by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors understands and agrees that the building and grounds for the Property shall revert to the State of Iowa if the building and surrounding grounds would ever cease to be used as a public park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors understands and agrees that Buena Vista County assumes full responsibility and right for the operation of the Property, should this transfer be approved by the State of Iowa, including, but not limited to maintenance of the grounds, insuring the premises as may be required, and appropriate management including conservation practices.

SO DATED 1st day of August 2023.

/s/ Kelly Snyder, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Hear the Public: EMA Director Aimee Barritt presented a RAGBRAI update, and informed the Board that the new emergency response trailer was used, along with the generator, with a lot of good comments given to her about how nice it was to have the trailer for RAGBRAI and also the fire that was at Rembrandt. There were 14 departments that responded to the fire at Rembrandt, and everyone worked well together and had the fire under control quickly. Barritt stated that the emergency responders did an awesome job. Barritt also stated that the Storm Lake Fire Chief told her that whenever there is a commercial fire, they will request the trailer. Barritt then informed the Board of the need for her department to have a larger truck in order to pull this trailer. Barritt mentioned getting a new truck through the capital projects loan and giving her current truck to the Bldg/Grounds and I.T. Departments to share.

Merten left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

Auditor Susan Lloyd and Payroll Specialist Yvonne Sandhoff presented two proposals to the Board for HR services. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to accept the proposal of Von Bokern Associates for **HR services** at a cost of \$6,200 per year. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the **Class B Retail Alcohol License** application for Al's Corner Oil Co., DBA Sparky's One Stop Shop #16. Carried.

The Board took up discussion of vehicles included in the **G O Bond for Capital Projects**. Earlier EMA Director Aimee Barritt mentioned that she could donate her current truck to I.T. and Bldg/Grounds. A call was placed to Barritt to ask about the truck and what the State bid might be on a new truck purchase. A call was also placed to Heidi Kuhl of Northland Securities, as she was wanting an answer today whether to include the truck in the loan or not. Kuhl stated that she could wait until the next meeting, since there wasn't a full board today.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the County Recorder to have a **VISA credit card** for his department, with a \$1,000 limit. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the request from NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund's application, as the funds are used for their local match, to maintain housing, which will contribute to

economic retention of workers and work done, and to authorize the Chair to sign the sign the FY'24 pledge letter to **NW IA Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc.** in the amount of \$1,694. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #321071 to Lakeshore Learning Materials, in the amount of \$7,900.58, as it has been lost. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign IEDA form regarding **CDBG Grant funding received.** Carried.

A **letter of engagement** was received from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC, for their services for the FY'23 audit and preparing the financial statements. The consensus of the Board was to have the Board Chair sign the letter of engagement.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 07/18/2023 and 7/25/2023, as presented, today's **claims approval list & stamped warrant register** with the reduction of \$5,920 to the Treasurer's invoice payable to The Master's Touch, LLC, and accept the following **reports:** May Board of Health minutes, June Board of Health minutes, and June Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. until Tuesday, August 8 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.