

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2023 SESSION (41)
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Snyder presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented an updated sale of ice control materials to municipalities, for the Board to consider. The adjustments include increasing the cost of gravel by \$5.00/ton, increase the cost of salt by \$10.00/ton, and increasing the cost of the sand/salt blend by \$5.00/ton. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to approve the updated **Sale of Ice Control Materials to Municipalities Rates**, to better reflect the county's cost. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Certificate of Appreciation** for Terry Galvin, who is retiring after 24 years of service to Buena Vista County. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Engineer Bret Wilkinson report that they have wrapped up the large culvert projects, and are working on the small ones; the mowers are going, the crew is working on the Alta building, others are rocking the gravel roads; they have started putting the plows on and going through the trucks, preparing for winter, and have more sand coming in; Bluebird Creek Bridge is open to traffic and the grass is finally coming up; as for the Linn Grove Bridge projects, they are doing the last pours of concrete today and tomorrow, and then there will be cure time. They hope to open the bridge to traffic next Monday or Tuesday. The walkways will not be open yet as there are railings that still need to be done along the sidewalk; Engineer Wilkinson has sent his revised plan for the 70th Ave. and Highway 7 intersection to the DOT, and is waiting for their approval; Engineer Wilkinson reported that there are still a couple signatures needed for the right-of-way on 70th Ave. The plan is to have grading and paving done early next spring by the Platinum Crush plant; the motor graders have been out shaping roads, working out the potholes and smoothing out the rumble strips.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 10/3/2023, as corrected, today's **claims approval list & stamped warrant register**, and accept the following **reports**: October Safety Committee minutes and September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected. Carried.

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

Curt Strouth, President/CEO of the **Iowa Lakes Corridor** came to introduce himself to the Board. Strouth started with the Corridor in August, coming from Sheldon. Strouth hopes to have the Corridor fully staffed in 30-45 days. The Board congratulated Strouth on his new position and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #320772 dated 6/6/2023 to Gerald Weiland for \$350.00, as the check has been lost. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen and I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten informed the Board of a demand Van Houten received from the City of Storm Lake for an agreement that outlines four different things that they are requiring the County to agree to when **installing fiber optic line** in the city alley adjacent to the Public Library to connect to the county building at 317 E. 5th Street. Van Houten stated that there was a signed 28E Agreement between the school, city, and county, in 2015, and since that time, no other agreements have been required. Allen stated that under the current 28E Agreement, the county is allowed to connect to any county owned building. The first demand is already provided for under the 28E, and the next two would be addressed with the sub-contractor's permitting process. The last demand to provide a 2-year warranty for the trenching in the alley is not required by the 28E or any permitting process and has not been required before. Allen recommended that the Board not take any action on the request from the City of Storm Lake, that Van Houten notify the city that there wouldn't be an agreement drawn up, and that the county was going to continue with the project, and the sub-contractor will be asked to continue with the permit process, as we are following the original 28E Agreement. The consensus of the Board was to agree with Allen's recommendation.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. until Tuesday, October 17 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.