

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (47)
NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

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

Motion by Crocker, second by Merten, to **amend today's agenda** to add authorization for the Chair to sign the Auxiant Business Associate Agreement. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Crews went out Saturday morning and Sunday morning to take care of slick spots and to move a little snow from the storm. Brush cutting is coming to a close unless they can access them with the machine as they don't want people in the ditches as the weather is changing. They will continue to work on crossroad culverts and repairs as weather allows. The spray foam is completed on the Alta building and will be getting the liner up and finishing off the project to get equipment moved into the building. They are still waiting on the handrails for the sidewalk on the Linn Grove bridge and then will finish up the remainder of the project next spring. Wilkinson continues to work with the DOT on the planning of the Highway 7 and 70th Ave intersection. He is still waiting for one land purchase before he can go to bid letting on the project. Platinum Crush continues to move forward on their project and seems to be on schedule. Wilkinson also informed the Board that the Highway 110/7 intersection is now open.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen presented the certification of debt for the Platinum Crush TIF to be signed by the chair. Motion by Croker, second by Merten to approve the **certification of debt for the Platinum Crush TIF** and to authorize the chairman to sign. 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 IA Lakes Corridor introduced the new Vice President Trevor Smith. Smith is originally from the Spirit Lake Area and was excited to get moved back closer to family. He was previously an Assistant College Basketball Coach under both Fran McCaffery and T.J Otzelberger. His hiring put the Corridor at full staff for the first time in a couple of years. Strouth told the group that they had just celebrated Manufacturing week in the Corridor. He explained that people do not realize that manufacturing is leading the way in Iowa, and they are working with companies to help with finding employees and housing. He did tell the group that he is still working on getting a public tour set up with Platinum Crush LLC, but they would like to wait until they are closer to completion for this. Strouth invited the group to join them for their 13th Annual Meeting which will be held on January 31, 2024, and to nominate businesses for the awards that would be presented that day. Smith explained to the group that Cory Hepola, 3-time Emmy Award Winning TV Anchor and Documentarian, would be the keynote speaker at the event. He has also chosen to feature small towns in the Corridor to be part of his new documentary "My Town". Strouth closed by inviting the group if able to join them for a Lunch and Learn on November 30 at RIDES in Spirit Lake.

Payroll Specialist Yvonne Sandhoff requested the chairman to sign the COBRA form with Auxiant as part of the transition from EBS to Auxiant. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman to authorize the chairman to sign the **COBRA form with Auxiant**. Carried.

Sandhoff also requested that the chairman be authorized to sign the Auxiant Business Associate Agreement. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to authorize the chairman to DocuSign the **Auxiant Business Associate Agreement**. Carried.

Sandhoff informed the Board that Stille, Pierce, and Pertzborn have suggested that we use a 20% increase for budgeting next year's health insurance and a 5% increase for dental and vision.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 11/20/2023, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: September Veterans Affairs Commission minutes, October RIDES minutes, October 19 NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, October NWIPDC Transportation Policy Committee minutes, and October NW IA YES Center minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #19-26 claim** for \$748 payable to Mauer Tiling Inc for pipe and rodent repairs. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #16-30-92 claim** for \$1,724.50 payable to Mauer Tiling Inc for tile repairs. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present with Treasurer Danelle Haberman and Albert City Mayor Dale Skog to discuss the 2 vacant lots the county owns in Albert City. Skog told the Board that the city would like to have ownership of the large lot and has taken care of both parcels in the past. Skog also told the group that Jamie and Jessica Wood had reached out to the City of Albert City with interest in having the smaller lot as it is adjacent to their property. Skog gave the Board a letter from Woods with their plans for the lot. The consensus of the Board was to have Allen start the needed process to be able to give the property to the City and Wood. Allen told the Board he would reach out when he was ready to be on the agenda again.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Hartman to authorize Treasurer to move \$10,000 from the county bank account to Recorder's bank account, until the State returns the funds withdrawn in error. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman to go into **closed session** (at 9:42 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2023 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hartman left the closed session at 10:05 a.m. for a funeral.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to go out of **closed session** at 10:54 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Tuesday, December 5 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.