

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (4)  
JANUARY 09, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. (due to weather delay) in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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, Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

**Secondary Road Report:** Out plowing and checking gravel. The weather will slow down the outside work but will move crew in the New Alta building as weather allows. Wilkinson will be sitting down with Platinum Crush to discuss intersections, timing, traffic flow, and other plans for moving forward. He mentioned that he had a verbal request from Pocahontas on assisting them on the C49 paving project. He also brought a potential utility permit from Leafgreen Energy for burying lines for existing and new sites. The Board requested that he set up a sit-down meeting with them to go over their future plans.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 1-2-2024, 1-4-2024, and 1-5-2024 and accept the following **reports**: December 2023 Sheriff's Report, December 2023 Federal Inmates Billings, and December 2023 Rolling Hills Governance Board Minutes.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to remove from tabling **Resolution #2024-01-2-B**, Sheriff's Chaplain Appointment, and to approve the chairperson to sign it. Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2024-01-02-B**

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best public interest for the Buena Vista County Sheriff to appoint a Chaplain to offer friendship, support, and spiritual guidance to those within the organization including the Sheriff, command staff, deputies, civilian employees, and citizens with whom the Sheriff's Office encounter through their daily activities, and in some cases inmates, if desired.

The Sheriff's Office Chaplain is a clergy person with special interest and training for providing pastoral care in the unique and sometimes dangerous world of law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office Chaplain recognizes the unique needs and challenges of the law enforcement community and is trained to meet those special needs. The pastoral care provided by the Sheriff's Office Chaplain is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, or religion.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisor's that this date met in lawful session, that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to appoint Pastor Doug Corlew, Pastor Renato Jimenez and Pastor Joe Rock as Chaplains for the Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office.

Dated at Buena Vista County, Iowa the 9th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors..... /s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Election Deputy

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the Chairperson to sign the **HUB Actuarial Services Agreement**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to appoint Tim Heuton as **trustee of Lincoln Benefitted Fire District** until 06/30/2026. Carried.

**Drainage Engineer:** Brian Blomme was present to discuss cell phone reimbursement for his department. He started by presenting both his and Eric Yunginger's cell phone bills and explained to the group that they have certain times that they need to use their personal hot spots on their phones to get equipment to work when they are unable to reach satellite connections. He requested that the Board pay 50% of each plan. Blomme explained that Yunginger's had unlimited 5G hot spot connection making his a little higher. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve **\$40.00/month reimbursement for Eric Yunginger and \$35/month for Brian Blomme** until the Board was able to write a county wide cell phone reimbursement policy. Carried.

**Albert City Thresherman-** Gary Sundblad was here to request the annual funding request. He stated that the money would be used for advertising in local and national publications. He told the group that this year they are hosting John Deere and highlighting the New Generation tractors. The board said how proud they are for the national spotlight this event brings to the county. They thanked him for coming and told him they would get back to him on the allocation for the coming year.

**FY25 Budget Review-** Treasurer Danelle Haberman was back to continue presenting her budget for FY25 after running out of time on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Auditor Susan Lloyd presented her budget.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. until Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.