

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEVENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (7)
JANUARY 23, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder 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, Snyder, and Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

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

Veterans Affairs Commissioners Rich Haldin and Pam Jacobsen came to review the **Veterans budget** with the supervisors. The amount of the budget for FY'25 will be \$182,757. Haldin stated the Louie and Jerry are doing a great job, reaching out to a lot of veterans. The Board thanked them for coming to review the budget and also thanked them for their service.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board of a **request** he received from Scotty Robbins to use the County's roller prior to a tractor pull event he wants to have June 15 and August 9. Wilkinson will have this on next week's agenda, as an action item. The Board reminded Wilkinson that the August 9th date is during the Albert City Threshermen Days.

Secondary Road Report: They have been busy plowing snow and moving the snow piles back; graders put the v-pick on to help with the gravel roads with ice; they have been filling the bunkers back up this week; they were putting some material down on the roads today; it has been a challenge, with long days, long hours, and a lot of overtime.

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**: Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced her two new staff members: Siamphay Zavala and Karyn Waites.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 1/16/2024 and 1/19/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: December Board of Health minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-01-23-A**. Carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-01-23-A

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Sections 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10 require certain public officers of the county to obtain and give bond; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.8 requires the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney to obtain and post a bond in the penal sum of not less than twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) each; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.8 requires the county treasurer to obtain and post a bond in the penal sum of not less than fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Sections 64.19, 331.322, subsection 1, and 64.11 require the Board of Supervisors to approve the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, attorney, and treasurer, and to pay the reasonable cost of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has previously obtained a blanket surety bond from Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of American on behalf of all county officers and employees in satisfaction of the requirements under Iowa Code Sections 331.322, subsection 1, 331.324, section 6, 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 64.5 states that all bonds required by law shall be construed as impliedly containing the conditions required by statute, anything in the terms of said bonds to the contrary notwithstanding; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the County Attorney that the previous blanket surety bond obtained by the Board of Supervisors on behalf of all county officers and employees should be supplemented to more properly satisfy the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 64.2, 64.8, and 64.10, section 64.5 notwithstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has before it surety bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney in the penal sum of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) each, and by and on behalf of the treasurer in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000).

NOW IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors does now and hereby approve the surety bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney pursuant to the board's duty and authority under Iowa Code Sections 331.322, subsection 1, and 64.19; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall hereafter be filed with the county auditor, and the bond of the county auditor be filed with the county treasurer in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 64.23; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, auditor, recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall hereafter be recorded by the auditor in the Record of Official Bonds in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 64.24; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expense of the bonds obtained by and on behalf of the county treasurer, auditor recorder, sheriff, assessor, and attorney shall be paid by the County in accordance with Iowa Code Section 64.11; and

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that as the Board of Supervisors continues to maintain a blanket surety bond from Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company of American, insuring the fidelity of all county officers and county employees, the Board determines that no further bond by and on behalf of the deputy officers and clerks of the county shall be required as permitted under Iowa Code Section 64.15.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Sue Lloyd, County Auditor

Auditor Susan Lloyd presented a contract with Mail Services, Urbandale, IA, for the required HF718 Taxpayer Statement Notification Processing, and asked the Board to allow the Chair to sign. Merten asked

if this would relieve our postage, and Lloyd stated that this was a new requirement, was not included in the current year budget, so it wouldn't relieve anything in the current budget. Lloyd commented that the cities, schools, and the county have to have their initial information prepared and entered into the Department of Management software by March 15, and then the Auditor has until March 20th to mail the notices out to the taxpayers. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **contract with Mail Services**, Urbandale, IA, for the required HF718 Taxpayer Statement Notification Processing. Carried.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed the allocation portion of the budget and discussed making some changes.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. until Tuesday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.