

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FIFTIETH MEETING, 2023 SESSION (50)  
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to add an action item for accepting Family Farm Credits and approve **today's amended agenda**. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report**: crews continue cleaning the ditches, getting rid of any old tires and junk out before the snow comes. Both brush cutters are going, and they will continue to haul limestone this week and working around the shops. The rail for the sidewalk on the Linn Grove Bridge was delivered Monday and hopefully will be installed yet this week while the weather is nice. Wilkinson said he now has all signatures for the ROW purchase for phase 1 of the Platinum Crush project and the Army Corp approval that was needed. They are still waiting on the DOT before they can go to bid letting. The Board requested that Wilkenson keep the residence along the building informed and to let local law enforcement know as road closures take place. Merten also suggested that Wilkinson make a bigger effort to let local contractors know when letting projects.

Colleen Schwanz and Charlie Hogrefe with the **Buena Vista County Soil and Water Conservation District** presented their 2023 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'25 Budget. They use the county funds to support the conservation education programs in Buena Vista County. They involve K -12 in many exciting activities every year – in our schools and the 4H program. The board thanked the group for all they provided to the communities.

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

Environmental Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg started off by introducing his new food inspector Kylea Ledesma. He presented the Resolution for the Minor subdivision for Keith Movall in the NW1/2 SW1/2 of Section 32 Newell Township. Motion by Merten, second by Croker to Approve **Resolution 2023-12-19A Minor Subdivision for Keith Movall, in the NW1/2 SW1/2 of Section 32 Newell township.** Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-12-19-A**

**WHEREAS** Keith Movall has presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

**DESCRIPTION – LOT D**

**A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW ¼ SW ¼) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

Commencing at the Northwest (NW) corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of said Section 32; Thence South 00° 18' 54" East, along the West line of said Southwest Quarter (SW ¼), 472.79 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing South 00° 18' 54" East, along said West line, 580 feet; Thence North 89° 41' 06" East, 690.00 feet; Thence North 00° 18' 54" West, 580.00 feet; Thence South 89° 41' 06" West, 690.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Hereafter known as Lot D in Section 32, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa.

Tract contains 9.19 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

**WHEREAS**, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:**

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Hereafter known as Lot D in Section 32, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa; is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; **None**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:**

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**A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW ¼ SW ¼) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

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Hereafter known as Lot D in Section 32, Township 90 North, Range 35 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Buena Vista County, Iowa;

and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2023.

/s/ Kelly Snyder, Chairman...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, County Election Deputy

Stacia Timmer, COO of **Elderbridge Agency**, presented the agency's annual report. Elderbridge supports the aging population in BV County and is mandated by the Older Americans Act which is also there primary funding source. She did tell the group that they are now under Health and Human Services and to receive state funding they have a 25% local funds matching requirement. Their primary group served is the lower income seniors with congregate meals and in home meal delivery. They are asking for \$3.15 per senior in county support for the FY'25 budget allocation for a total of \$13,778. Timmer thanked the board for past and future support to the seniors of our county.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 12/05/2023 and 12/13/2023, as presented, approve **today's claims approval list**, and accept the following **reports**: FY23 Elderbridge Annual Report, Board of Health October 2023 Minutes, Conservation November 23 Minutes, Rolling Hills Governance Board November 2023 Minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt DD 146 North Mod** drainage bill for \$18,142.33 payable to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for replacing 600' of 18" tile. Carried

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt DD 150** drainage bill for \$593.18 payable to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for tile repair. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #922867 for Josh Brown, dated 08/04/2023 for \$457.13. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to accept the Assessor's recommendation for allowance of the **2023 Family Farm Credits**, as per Iowa Code Section 425.3. Carried.

Rusty Smith of the **Sioux Rapids Historical Society** presented their 2023 Report and came to ask for continued support in the FY'25 Budget. He showed the group pictures of the new replica carpet that was installed in the theater and told the group that there was enough overrun to be able to do the lobby also and that work would start on that process after the first of the year. He also showed the group the new Memorial Building that houses Abner Bell's cabin and several pieces of Don's old barber shop. Smith explained that this year's funding would be used to get electricity to this new building so it can be used for other activities after dark. He thanked the Board for their support each year.

Stephanie Henrich, Executive Director with **CAASA**, presented their FY25 funding request. She started by telling the group that funding from the state was down 22%. In Buena Vista County last year, they helped 30 survivors and have two bi-lingual advocates on staff. She did mention that she is looking for new office space as their current location is not ideal and is very expensive. She told the group about some of the new happenings in the area for CAASA and told them just because they are not in our county does not mean that our residents cannot utilize them. They are always just a phone call away. With the cut in funding and everything increasing they did ask for an additional \$2,500 this year for \$7,500 total. She thanked the group for their continued support and handed out pamphlets telling them if they needed anything just to call.

Elizabeth Huff, **Buena Vista County Library Association**, along with each of the local Liberians presented the FY25 funding request for the libraries. Each giving a brief update of the yearly activities and thanking the board for their continued support.

Curt Strouth, **CEO Iowa Lakes Corridor**, and his staff presented the FY25 funding request. Smith told the group that the participants for the My Town documentary have been set and was feeling confident that this would help promote our area in a positive light and help bring people to the community. Fallon said that they have been working on sight visits and working with a few of the older owners on succession plans.

Strouth closed by reminding the Board of their annual meeting to be held January 31, 2024, at the Clay County Event Center.

Jen Launderville and Mike Christen, **Buena Vista County Fair Board**, FY25 funding request. Launderville started off by thanking the group for their past support and updated them on some future plans. The fair will be moving to Wednesday-Sunday (July 10-14). She said they did sign a 3-year contract with Trent Chinn to run the racetrack. They were also able to purchase back some ground that was part of the original grounds that will be used for overflow parking. They concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support and did increase their funding request to \$30,000 for FY25 due to the increase in the cost of everything.

Daniel Jones, Tom Grau, and Gelder Pineda with **Storm Lake United** to discuss FY25 Funding and restructuring of Storm Lake United. Jones started by explaining that they are looking to expand beyond Storm Lake. They have already been advertising several community events outside of Storm Lake. Their request for FY25 funding is \$60,000 due to plans to expand beyond Storm Lake. The Board thanked them for coming in and will get back to them on their funding.

Ringgenberg left the meeting at 12:15pm.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson attended to present his **2023 Annual Conservation report** reviewing progress and growth of their efforts in conservation for all to enjoy nature and outdoor activities within the county. They have so much to offer -four campgrounds, two large shelter houses, educational programs with their Naturalist, a bait shop in Linn Grove, hiking and canoeing just to name a few. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to accept the **2023 Annual Conservation Report**. Carried.

Marina Update: Johnson told the group that the subcommittee will be holding a public meeting January 18; 6:00pm at Lake Avenue Lounge. He also told the group that the "draft" transfer agreement has been delivered but was still being negotiated. The DNR would like the final agreement back by February.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m. until Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session and organizational meeting of the New Year.