

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (8)
JANUARY 30, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chair Merten presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson brought the **request** back from Scotty Robbins to use the County's rubber-tired roller during a tractor pull event he wants to have June 15 and August 9. Wilkinson stated that these events bring in people from all over, which is good for the county. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the request of Scotty Robbins, to use the county's rubber-tired roller during his scheduled tractor pull events planned for June 15 and August 9. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew was busy clearing roads last week; they have been mixing salt and sand and filling up the bunkers; the gravels are getting soft by the afternoon, and mud is being tracked onto the roads, so they are trying to clean the roads up; they have been putting sheet steel in the Alta building; they are hauling from the stockpile to Newell; brush cutting has stopped for now; Engineer Wilkinson is working on modifying plans for the Platinum Crush road project to include the left turn lane for IDOT, and to see how much right-of-way needs to be purchased. Supervisor Croker asked who buys the right-of-way, as she commented that the State should purchase it, since it is their highway. Wilkinson stated that he will be discussing this with the Iowa DOT District Engineer and will ask the State to negotiate the right-of-way purchase; Wilkinson said that the survey on Business 71 and N14 was back, and he will see if the design and plan will work with elevations.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 1/23/2024, today's **claims approval list, and stamped warrant register**, and accept the following **reports**: December Central Iowa Detention Commission minutes, December NW IA YES Center minutes, November NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, and June 20, 2023 and 2022 Audit Report for Regional Transit Authority (Region III). Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman presented an updated Investment Policy for the Board to consider. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **Investment Policy** for the County Treasurer. Carried.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman asked the Board if she could have a key to the Boardroom in order to unlock the door for groups that have a meeting scheduled there. The consensus of the Board was to allow the Auditor's Office to issue a **key for the Boardroom** to Treasurer Danelle Haberman.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson met with the Board to discuss the transfer agreement with the DNR regarding the marina. Johnson stated that at the meeting he attended, some questions were answered, and some were not. Johnson anticipated having the Board approve the transfer agreement at today's meeting, however, in the last 24 hours, the DNR made changes to the property boundaries, so he recommends tabling any action until another meeting is held with DNR. Johnson also informed the supervisors that at the last subcommittee meeting last week, there were approximately 83 people in attendance, and not many questions were asked. Johnson would like to have

a link on their website to the Engineers Report and another link to the meeting. Supervisor Croker asked to also have a link on the County website that would direct people to the County Parks website. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to table any action on the **transfer agreement** with the DNR today. Carried.

Vice-Chair Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**, with no response.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller presented a contract for new shingles on the Community Services Annex building. Keller had received two bids on the project, with the lowest being from Brentwood Roofing & Construction for \$9,970. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **roofing contract** with Brentwood Roofing & Construction for shingling the Community Services Annex building for a total of \$9,970. Carried.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller presented a contract for new shingles on the East Richland Annex (Public Health) building. Keller had received two bids on the project, with the lowest being from Brentwood Roofing & Construction for \$21,900. Keller stated that he has asked for bids on this project five times in the past, and the price has come down. Keller informed the Board that this project would be done after July 1, out of next year's budget. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **roofing contract** with Brentwood Roofing & Construction for shingling the East Richland Annex (Public Health) building for a total of \$21,900. Carried.

Maintenance Supt. Joe Keller informed the Board that the Auditor's Office has all moved to their new building and Drivers License has moved into the former Auditor's Office. Keller stated that he will be moving some offices around on the 2nd floor for the Courts, and the new sound system in the courtroom should be done in two weeks. Keller also stated that the Courtroom will be carpeted in April, and he is also looking at carpeting DHS.

Tony Pertzborn, Barb Wetherell, and Christian Grote, Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency, along with Karla Voboril, Wellmark, and John Holt, Auxiant (online) presented information to the Board regarding the county **health insurance rate increases** for 2024. Leaving everything as is, the Wellmark increase would be 26.96%. Using the Safety Fund for the partial self-funding would bring the increase down to approximately 23%. Pertzborn presented two other alternate plans, both with only a slight decrease in rates. The Board asked that the insurance committee schedule a meeting to review the information and plans and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

FY25 Budget work session- The Board reviewed the allocation portion of the budget and discussed making some changes, along with looking at the possible tax levies.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. until Tuesday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.