

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TWELVTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (12)  
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker (virtual), Hartman, Merten, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC, Little Rock, AR, to replace a damaged pole near 991 480<sup>th</sup> Street. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a quote from Greenfield Contractors, LLC, Clermont, IA, to build a salt shed in Sioux Rapids, 52' x 60', in the amount of \$44,404.51. They would also install 12' tall concrete panels around the outside, for a total of \$56,584.00, for a grand total for the project of \$100,988.51. Wilkinson stated that Secondary Roads would prepare the pad and would have Blacktop Services placing 6" of blacktop on it, which would be an additional \$30,450. Wilkinson stated that they intend to take the old shed down, move the material to the new shed in Alta, saving the hoop to also use in Alta. Wilkinson stated that they are looking at end of May/early June as a time frame for building the salt shed. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the quote from Greenfield Contractors, LLC, Clement, IA, to build a **salt shed** in Sioux Rapids, for a total of \$100,988.51. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** They have finished the ceiling panels in the Alta building and have started the wall panels; they started on a box culvert replacement yesterday, placing pipe and back filling today, hope to have it open tomorrow; M36 closure is a City of Linn Grove project, raising manholes to the surface; there is a one lane closure on West Highway in Alta for a city project; blade guys are busy blading the gravel roads.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** from 2/20/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: January NW IA YES Center minutes, November NWIPDC Transportation Commission minutes, January NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, January NW Regional Transit Authority (RIDES) minutes, FY'23 Audit Report for NW IA YES Center, January Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Public Health Administrator Julie Sather asked the Board to declare their 2016 Chevy Equinox as excess and allowed sealed bids to be taken. Sather stated that the vehicle only has 60,000 miles on it, but the motor went out. Sather asked the Edwards dealership about a trade-in and was told they would allow \$250. Snyder stated that there is a 2004 Impala in the I.T. Department that is not being used and suggested Public Health use that car. Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to declare a **2016 Chevy Equinox**, in the

Public Health Department as excess and allow sealed bids to be taken, and to also transfer the 2004 Impala from the I.T. Department to Public Health. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board that she is working on the Sam.gov renewal for the Board, and asked that the Chair sign a letter stating that Buena Vista County is a county government, located in Storm Lake, IA. Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter to renew Sam.gov. Carried.

EMA Director Aimee Barritt informed the Board of a grant for the county fire departments that she was applying for, which requires matching funds. The funds would be used to purchase three dry hydrants in the south part of the county. The dry hydrants are a non-pressurized system used to pull water out of ponds to fight large fires, without draining a water tower. Barritt stated that currently there are five dry hydrants in the northern part of the county, which were used in fighting the Rembrandt fire. Barritt will apply for a Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,750 and asking the county to match the \$3,750. The total cost of the project is \$7,500, which covers the cost of the installation by Secondary Roads of \$3,000 and the cost of piping and fittings per site for \$4,500. Barritt stated that sight assessments need to be done before the locations are decided upon. Merten asked if water could be pulled out of Storm Lake, and Barritt was not sure, stating that Kirk Reetz has been looking for sites and will have a meeting in March to discuss. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve EMA Director Aimee Barritt to apply for a Community Foundation Grant for three dry hydrants, with \$3,750 coming from the Grant and the remaining \$3,750 coming from Buena Vista County for the match funding. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, March 12 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for March 5)