

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (13)
MARCH 12, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Vice-Chairperson 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 Croker, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Scott Haldin and Luke Zalaznik, members of the **trap shooting** club, came in to talk with the Board about the shooting area that they have been using for the high school students, as they heard that the area might be closed while crushing is being done. Haldin stated that the Goldsmith Pit crushing project will interfere with their shooting since the rock will be piled in the direction of where they shoot. The DNR does not want them to drop any lead into the Raccoon River, they want them to shoot over the river. There is also a landowner north of the area that does not want any lead on his property. Haldin informed the Board that the season goes to June 3 for the youth shooting trap. Zalaznik stated that he also coaches and works with the BVU trap students, and they also have a fall season. Zalaznik stated that they would like to find a permanent location, so that they could host events. The Board suggested that the Engineer could see if the company could shut down at 5:00 p.m. or even delay the crushing until after the high school season is over June 3. Merten commented that it is important to keep the kids involved, and stated that they could start their practicing today, and Engineer Wilkinson would check with the contractor to see if they could hold off on crushing until June. Haldin commented that for some kids, this is the only sport they do, and they appreciate being able to shoot there at the Goldsmith Pit.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 460th St. between Sections 20 & 29 Barnes Township, from south to north, approximately 30' east of the driveway at 855 460th Street to serve Richard Jennings. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for accommodation of a water pipe boring under 80th Ave., between Sections 19 & 20 Washington Township, from east to west, approximately 94' south of the driveway at 5731 80th Ave., to serve Jacob and Lisa Funk at 5733 80th Ave. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board about purchasing a Townmaster Trailer. Wilkinson stated that it would allow them to haul backhoe and put a large water tank on with the sprayer, to spray and water down the gravel roads. Wilkinson stated that they could also put the tile jetter on the trailer. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the engineer to purchase a **Townmaster T-40T Deck-Over Tilt Tag Trailer**, from Ziegler, Inc., in the amount of \$47,534.16. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They have finished the steel on the Alta building, and now getting the heat and lights ready and building a small bathroom; they are working on a crossroad culvert, and they have 20-30 driveways to do; they have been clearing out the garbage along the creek and roadway (140th Ave.) Kevin Jesse was present for this discussion and informed the Board that this problem needs to be addressed, as someone is throwing trash in the river, which is a hazard.

Treasurer Danelle Haberman requested that the Board allow her to hire a full-time employee for Drivers License, to be trained by Kim Briley prior to her retirement 6/30. Haberman stated that there is 3-4 months of testing with the DOT and stated that Matt is also training to do motorcycle testing. Haberman stated that there are extra funds in the Tax portion of her budget that could be moved to the Drivers License portion, for a total of \$13,270.80 budgeted for the new person. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Treasurer to advertise for a **full-time Drivers License employee**, to be trained before Kim Briley retires. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented a Temporary Management Agreement between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa DNR and Buena Vista County, acting through the Buena Vista County Conservation Board, for the Storm Lake Marina. The agreement is effective on the date it is last signed and continues in force and effect to and including December 31, 2024, or upon completion of the transfer of portions of the included property from the DNR to the County, whichever occurs first. Todd Coffelt, of the DNR, and their attorney were online to answer questions. Coffelt stated that they understand that the county is going to charge rental on dock slips, and that is a permitted use. Johnson stated that priority #1 is having this done for open water season, having the restrooms maintained, trash pickup, and administering the dock slips. Johnson stated that a transfer agreement would take months. This agreement needs to be signed by the Board of Supervisors, not the Conservation Board. County Attorney Paul Allen stated that Iowa Code Chapter 461A allows contracts with DNR and the County Board of Supervisors to sign off on them. Johnson stated that the Conservation Board is meeting today at 1:30 and will agree to the agreement. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **Temporary Management Agreement** between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa DNR and Buena Vista County, acting through the Buena Vista County Conservation Board, for the Storm Lake Marina. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the spray contracts that he had received from the DOT stating that they are the same as last year with a \$22,500 Spring payment and a \$22,500 Fall payment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign the **DOT Spray Contract**. Carried. Kevin Jesse asked about the purple loosestrife, to which Johnson responded to say that he encourages landowners to monitor purple loosestrife and stated that you cannot plant it. Johnson stated that the local level is working to control it.

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

Sheriff Kory Elston and Jail Administrator Alyson Sievers requested that the Board allow them to advertise and hire an additional jailer. Elston stated that one of the current jailers is being activated in April and will be gone for a year, which is a bad time to be short a jailer. Elston informed the Board that the job must remain open for the employee deployed as his job is guaranteed to him when he comes back. Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder to approve the request of Sheriff Kory Elston and Jail Administrator Alyson Sievers to advertise and hire an additional **jailer**. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the Class C **Liquor License**, Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales, for The Little Sioux Golf and Country Club. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve the Class C **Liquor License** and Outdoor Service for LCCC, Inc, DBA Lake Creek Golf. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing for a FY'24 BV County **budget amendment**, for April 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the minutes from 2/27/2024, as presented, today's claims approval list (with the exception of deducting \$28,100 for Rolling Hills stipend reimbursements to Cherokee, Pocahontas, and BV Counties, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: February Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, February Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, January Central IA Detention Commission minutes, and FY'23 Audit Report for Buena Vista County. Carried.

Vice-Chair Merten informed the Board of an employee of Rolling Hills Region that left (from another county) and the remaining four employees would be receiving \$6,000 stipends, since they will be absorbing the work of the person that left.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. until Tuesday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.