

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
NINETEENTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (19)  
APRIL 23, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Snyder and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Merten.

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

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from south to north under 560<sup>th</sup> St., between Sections 8 & 17 of Washington Township, for a 2" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from north to south under 650<sup>th</sup> St., from public right-of-way to private property, approximately 45' east of the centerline of 90<sup>th</sup> St., then direction drill from east to west under 90<sup>th</sup> St., from private property to private property, approximately 60' south of the centerline of 650<sup>th</sup> Ave., all in Sections 28,32 & 33 of Hayes Township, for a 3" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for a horizontal directional drill from north to south under 650<sup>th</sup> St., between Sections 29,31 & 32 of Hayes Township, for a 3" water pipe. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Premier Communications, Sioux Center, IA, for construction of fiber optic utilities on County Highway right-of-way, along 510<sup>th</sup> St., between Sections 1 and 2 of Lee Township, from 4213 180<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 1832 510<sup>th</sup> St. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he received two applications for seasonal employees to mow roadside ditches. Wilkinson stated that neither applicant had previously worked for the county, and he would like to hire both applicants. Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **hire** William Steffen and William Henrich as seasonal employees for the Secondary Road Department, beginning May 6, 2024, at \$19/hour. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** The crew has been sheet piling in the washout areas, also hauling gravel, blading, and shouldering with the machine; the motor graders are working on the roads; Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that the legislature moved the SLFBC Committee to IDOT; Wilkinson attended the NACE Conference last week; Wilkinson informed the Board that he is still waiting for approvals from IDOT before the road and intersection project around Platinum Crush can be let.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the **FY'25 Budget Hearing**, with Auditor Susan Lloyd, and Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme, Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson, Assistant Weed Commissioner Brian Jones, Treasurer Danelle Haberman, and Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen present. Auditor Lloyd reviewed the proposed tax levies, and the ending fund balances as a percentage of expenditures. Chairperson Ringgenberg opened it up for questions. There were no questions, and no written comments were received. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes**. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-04-23-A, Adoption of 2024/2025 Budget**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-04-23-A  
ADOPTION OF  
2024-2025 BUDGET & CERTIFICATION OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 23, 2024, for input for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget and County Levies; and

**WHEREAS** Iowa Code Section 331.434 authorizes the Board of each county to adopt their budget and certify property taxes annually prior to April 30;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors hereby approve and adopt the FY'2024-2025 County Budget and Certification of Taxes, which includes the following levies and property tax asking:

**Levies**

4.27184	General Basic Levy
2.45000	General Supplemental Levy
3.48039	Rural Service Levy
0.69312	Debt Service Levy
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10.89535	Total Levies

**Property Tax Levied Dollars**

6,058,075	General Basic
3,474,447	General Supplemental
2,964,214	Rural Service
1,055,195	Debt Service
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13,551,931	Total Property Tax Dollars

**Committed Funds**

\$350,967	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)
\$ 243	Fund 0001 – General Basic Fund (Heritage Tours)
\$117,022	Fund 0011 – Rural Basic Fund (County Trails & Signs)
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\$468,232	Total Committed Funds

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Chairperson Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Treasurer Danelle Haberman introduced Ketnarine “Ket” Bourommavong, her new hire as a Driver’s License Clerk. The Board welcomed Ket.

Deputy Weed Commissioner Brian Jones reviewed the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) Plan for 2024. Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson stated that the IRVM Plan was last updated seven years ago. Johnson stated that the Conservation Commission has approved the plan, and now it was ready for the Board Chair, Engineer, and Conservation Director to sign the Statement of Support for the plan. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair, Engineer, and Conservation Director to sign the BV County **IRVM Statement of Support**. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented the annual noxious weed resolution. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve **Resolution #2024-04-23-B**, Public Notice Destruction of Noxious Weeds & Fines Assessed, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2024-04-23-B**  
**A PUBLIC NOTICE: DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED**

**TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:**

Be it resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, 2024 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1-That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, spray, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, sprayed, or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2024, for Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. July 1, 2024, for Canada Thistle, Teasel and Field Bindweed.

Group 3. August 1, 2024, for Palmer Amaranth, Multiflora Rose, Bull and Plumeless Thistles.

2-That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds listed for eradication or control by the Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department Administrative Rules Chapter 58.4 shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3-That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4-That the County Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5-Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed within the right-of-way adjacent to dwellings or property by Buena Vista County, he or she shall sign an annual agreement by June 1st at the County Conservation Board Office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

6-Buena Vista County primarily uses Milestone and TerraVue herbicide for noxious weed control within the road right-of-way. For individuals who harvest hay from the County's right-of-way consult the Milestone and TerraVue label for possible haying and grazing restrictions. Any additional concerns may be directed to the County Weed Commissioner.

7-The Weed Commissioner, Greg Johnson or Deputy Weed Commissioner, Brian Jones are located at the Buena Vista County Conservation Board office. 377 440<sup>th</sup> Street, Peterson, Iowa 51047. Telephone-712-295-7985.

### **PENALTY**

Be it further Resolved, that upon failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed, or may impose a penalty of \$10.00 per day for each day, up to ten days, that the owner or person in possession or control of the land fails to comply, after which, the weed commissioner, following notice, may enter upon the land without consent and have the weeds destroyed with the costs of such action taxed against the real estate on which the weeds were destroyed.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of April 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chair-BV County Board of Supervisors...Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented a **department update**: the campgrounds were opened last week; Bur Oak Campground will be shut down as they will be working on the shower house and electrical; the bait shop is open; the Conservation Department all attended training last week in Sioux Falls, SD; they are doing maintenance on the parks; they planted 50-100 trees, which came from Soil & Water Conservation; contracts have been sent out to all of the people that rent slips at the Marina; they are trying to get the bathrooms working at the Marina, and the exhaust fans. They plan to paint the bathrooms May 6-11. The staff mowed last week at the Marina, the garbage cans are out, and they can get into the maintenance building.

Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen reviewed the 3-year renewal document for Travelers Insurance, which includes errors and omissions. Ahrendsen asked the Board if they wanted to make any changes to the limits. Supervisor Croker commented that the computer crime coverage should be increased. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the 3-year renewal for **Travelers Insurance**, and to increase the computer crimes to \$500,000. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes from 4/9/2024, as presented, today's **claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports**: March 12 Conservation Board minutes, March 29 Conservation Board minutes, Solid Waste Commission Evaluation of Recycling Operations updated summary, and March County Landfill minutes. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to authorize the Auditor's Office to **void and reissue check** #323652 dated 1/2/2024 to Alpha Wireless Communications, in the amount of \$2,801.50. Carried.

No action was taken today on the **Housing Authority** representative reappointment, as current representative Donnie Skou is planning to resign.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. until Tuesday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.