

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTIETH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (20)
APRIL 30, 2024**

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

Engineer Bret Wilkinson shared information with the Board regarding used **motor graders** that Ziegler has available. There are currently six motor graders available, that Story County traded in, at \$245,600 each, and with trading in five graders, the net purchase would be \$927,100. Wilkinson stated that he has \$195,000 of Capital Loan dollars available for the purchase, and the remaining \$732,100 would be paid out of Secondary Road Fund. Wilkinson recommends going with the offer as presented, but since this was not listed on action items for today, it will be discussed further at next week's meeting when Wilkinson has an actual purchase agreement.

Supervisor Croker asked Engineer Wilkinson for an **update on 70th Ave. and Hwy 7**. Wilkinson stated that IDOT has responded on the intersection, but nothing has come from the CN Railroad on the two crossings of railroad tracks. Wilkinson stated that he has contacted both people from CNRR that the DOT told him to contact, and he has not heard anything. Wilkinson stated that IDOT will not agree to the 4 miles of road until CNRR responds and is onboard.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that he was contacted by Mid-American, owners of the white **wind turbines** on the south part of the county. Mid-American is replacing internal components on six of the towers in BV County. Wilkinson stated that they are not replacing blades. Wilkinson stated that Mid-American will be asking for a road use agreement.

Secondary Road Report: They are shouldering and hauling gravel, working on tile repairs, and installing driveways. Normal work for this time of year.

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

County Attorney Paul Allen informed the Board of a letter that was received from the **U. S. Department of Justice**, informing the county that tax information of the county had been accessed, the same as several other prominent people.

County Attorney Paul Allen and Conservation Director Greg Johnson informed the Board that Johnson had contacted Stille Pierce & Pertzborn Agency on March 27 and ICAP last week regarding **insurance coverage of the Marina**, to see what coverage the county had for the buildings and docks. Johnson stated that he has tried several times to get an answer to the insurance question and was not making any progress. County Attorney Paul Allen checked on the insurance question and was told that the county has liability coverage only, that property is not covered. Allen and Johnson stated that they do not know what the hold up is, but \$3M of coverage is needed on the Marina property and buildings, including

the docks. Allen stated that the State still owns the property, but if a tornado took out the buildings, the county does not have coverage to replace them, and asked what the likelihood would be for the State to replace the buildings. Johnson stated that he is currently working on the bathrooms at the Marina, replacing every component and painting.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 4/23/2024, as presented, and accept the following **reports**: February Board of Health minutes, March Central IA Detention Commission minutes, February VA Commission minutes, March VA Commission minutes, March NW IA YES Center minutes, and Quarterly Recorder's Report of Fees Collected (Jan-Mar). Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #14-42** beaver bounty claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$300, and forward back to Clay County for payment. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Jt. DD #22** beaver bounty claim for Ryan Smith, in the amount of \$150, and forward it on to Palo Alta County for their approval before sending back to Clay County for payment. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. until Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.