

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (31)  
JULY 16, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairperson Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Hartman.

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

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to amend **today's agenda**, by adding an action item approving a Jt. DD #22 Lat 406 claim for tile repairs, and approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** The roads are back open from the flood, but they are still picking up debris; the M31 culvert north of C25 has been replaced; Christensen Bros. have started the three bridge abutment repairs. Engineer Wilkinson doesn't know when Dixon Construction will begin the other six abutment repairs; Engineer Wilkinson has had communication with the railroad and IDOT on the road project by Platinum Crush. The railroad is going to send out an estimate on widening. The DOT is still talking about paving. Landowner Kevin Cone stated that more trucks are going west, not east, and says that 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. intersection doesn't need to be done. Cone stated that 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. must be done, it is a priority. Cone stated that if the county doesn't pave 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., then they don't need the intersection improvement. It was suggested to pave the gravel road out of Alta on 590<sup>th</sup> St. east to 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. Engineer Wilkinson stated that it would be a major change and would need to be decided soon. Ringgenberg stated that the four miles were part of the original agreement. Croker stated that she was always advocating for 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., but now after hearing the discussions, she is less interested in paving 600<sup>th</sup> St. and 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. Croker stated that the development agreement could be changed. Engineer Wilkinson stated that he was letting phase 1 and phase 2 together with one contractor. Wilkinson stated that he has already purchased right-of-way, but not for the curve, so pavement would stop at the ½ mile. Wilkinson stated that they need to look back at the development agreement to make sure that nothing has been violated. Cone stated again that he wants 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. done. Wilkinson stated that he wants to tie the two projects together to save on cost, give them a chance to purchase right-of-way, and get the DNR part done. Croker asked Wilkinson if he could recalculate by next week, so that if the DOT agrees, then it would be ready to be let. Wilkinson stated that he would like to go an additional 100' past the exit on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. so they don't block the exit when phase 2 is started.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to set the **Public Hearing** for Master Matrix for Conlin 240<sup>th</sup> LLC in the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 35 Fairfield Township for Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and publish the notice in the official newspapers. Carried.

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

Curt Strouth, President/CEO of the **Iowa Lakes** Corridor, along with Trevor Smith and Joanne Follon, presented information to the Board on SBA funding and FEMA. Strouth stated that Governor Reynolds had been at Sioux Rapids and discussed the short- and long-term housing loans and other disaster relief programs that are available. Strouth stated that the Iowa Lakes Corridor website has information on the various relief programs, and residents can also call the Corridor for information. Strouth informed the Board that SBA will be in Sioux Rapids tomorrow.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the minutes from 7/9/2024 as corrected, today's claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: June BV County Landfill minutes and June Conservation Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the Jt. DD #22 Lat 406 claim of Abel Drainage & Excavating for tile repairs in the amount of \$690.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. until Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.