

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (35)
AUGUST 13, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, Hartman, Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Snyder.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a utility permit for the City of Storm Lake, to install a camera in the county right-of-way on E. Milwaukee, west of Radio Road. Storm Lake Police Chief Chris Cole addressed the Board and informed them that the camera would be installed checking on traffic coming into Storm Lake for a vehicle count. Cole stated that the camera was not for checking speed of vehicles. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for City of Storm Lake, for the installation of a camera in the county road right-of-way at 2153 E. Milwaukee Ave., west of Radio Road. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They are working on the culvert on M31 this week. They are also working on entrances and hauling rock to gravel roads. Engineer Bret Wilkinson had a pre-bid meeting, for the 2.5 miles of paving around Platinum Crush. He is still intending to pave up to the crossing blocks at the railroad tracks. Wilkinson stated that he wants to leave this section of paving in the plan up until the time it is holding up the project. Wilkinson stated that the bid deadline is 3:00 p.m. on August 22, Bid Proposals would be checked and then forwarded on to the DOT for their concurrence. Once the DOT concurs with the bids, then Wilkinson will bring it to the Board to award the bid. Wilkinson showed the Board the latest version of the plans for improvements to the Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. intersection. Wilkinson stated that it is an ongoing set of plans, nothing final yet. Wilkinson stated that the Facility Committee is going to meet after the Board meeting today to discuss the former Alta Shop. Wilkinson stated that everything is out of the former Alta Shop, except for the fuel barrel, which will be moved out soon. Wilkinson stated that the contractor doing slurry work will be here in the next week or so. Merten asked Wilkinson about the 80th Ave. intersection, and whether it was necessary to be paved and have turning lanes. Wilkinson stated that it would all be at the County's expense, as it is not a part of the RISE Grant. Croker stated that she is hearing from people that the road is necessary, and if that is the case, she said she wants turning lanes. Wilkinson stated that he will not know what the traffic pattern will be until the 80th Ave. and 600th St. are paved.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Kevin Jesse asked why the C49 paving project was approved a couple weeks ago, yet Business 71 and N14 have been waiting a long time to be fixed. Engineer Wilkinson stated that there was Regional Funding that he was approved for on the C49 project, and that he had applied for funding on N14 but was denied. Wilkinson stated that **N14 and Business 71** is more complex, and he is working on plans for those two roads. Colleen Miller also commented that N14 is so bumpy, and asked if the process could be expedited. Wilkinson stated that he is working on plans for both Business 71 and N14, so they are next up on the list, and is shooting for next year for construction. Miller commented that there is a bridge on 220th Ave. and 490th St. in Fairfield Township that has a 6-ton limit. She cannot cross the bridge with a tractor and loaded wagons, which she must go out of her way to get around. Mitch Sievers was online, and stated that two years ago, he had stated that M54 was getting ruined due to the poor condition of N14. Jesse

asked whether Conservation was under the Engineer or separate. Merten stated that Conservation is separate, and they have their own Board. Jesse was concerned about the amount of Queen Annes Lace and Canada Thistle that are in the ditches. Merten stated that the Weed Department does the spraying, and they are part of Conservation. Wilkinson stated that his department works with the Conservation Department regarding roadway maintenance.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to approve the minutes from 8/6/2024 as presented, today's claims approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements, and accept the following reports: July Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, July Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings, and June Rolling Hills Region Governance Board minutes. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to acknowledge receipt of and accept the resignation of Pam Jacobson on the Veterans Affairs Commission, thanked her for her service and wished her well. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. until Tuesday, August 20 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.