

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (36)
AUGUST 20, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Croker, 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 Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, for the accommodation of an underground primary cable in PVC conduit for the transmission of electricity along 150th Ave. between Sections 8 and 9 Grant Township, from the west right-of-way line to the east right-of-way line under 150th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the IDOT Funding Agreement for **Project #STP-S-CO11(119)--5E-11**, paving 6 miles of C49 east of Hwy 71. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Engineer to purchase a Cimline T1 1,000-gallon **Trailer Mount Tank** with pumping system, from Star Equipment, Ltd., for a total of \$48,400.00. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: They finished the crossroad culverts and are now working on driveways and tile repairs. They have been hauling rock, with some going to the Maple Valley pile. They are preparing the base for the salt shed at Alta. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that the design for Hwy 7 and 70th Ave. is with the DOT, and he is waiting for their feedback. The bid opening for Phase 1 paving project around Platinum Crush will be on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m. Engineer Wilkinson reported the results from the speed trailer parked north of Platinum Crush on 70th Ave. and he stated that over half of the vehicles are under the speed limit. Wilkinson will be at ISAC Wednesday-Friday.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** from 8/13/2024 as presented, and accept the following **reports:** July Conservation Board minutes and July BV County Landfill Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #325430, dated 5/21/2024 to Lisa Bringle for \$320.43, as the check has been lost. Carried.

Supervisor Meeting Reports: Merten stated that there would be a Facilities Committee meeting today, after the supervisor meeting to discuss the former Alta Shop building. Merten commented that a private citizen is interested in the Alta Shop building.

Chairman Ringgenberg asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public**. Beverly McGriff was online; says she lives in Section 13 of Fairfield Township. McGriff stated that on August 16th, letters were received by several residents in the area regarding a September 20th meeting

on Summit Pipeline. McGriff stated that several residents are concerned and want to protect the property rights of those that are not interested in this project. McGriff asked if the county had a survey ordinance, where surveyors would have to register through the county and give bond. McGriff stated that there was going to be a meeting in Marathon tonight, as many residents also have natural gas pipeline going through the same properties that Summit would go through. Merten stated that he would be attending the meeting tonight in Marathon.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointment. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to go into **closed session** (at 9:15 a.m.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to go out of **closed session** at 9:55 a.m. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. until Tuesday, August 27 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.