

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (38)  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Ringgenberg presiding, and the following other members present: Hartman, Merten, Snyder, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Croker.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: 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 Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to bore under C43 (550<sup>th</sup> St.) between Section 1 and Section 12 of Nokomis Township, for the accommodation of one underground primary cable, to upgrade the existing facilities. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Merten, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for **RC-CO11(118)-9A-11**, the Phase 1 grading and paving of 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and part of 600<sup>th</sup> St. by Platinum Crush, with Cedar Valley Corp, LLC. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** The crew will be working on shouldering the next couple weeks and maybe working on some driveways; last Tuesday was the kickoff meeting with FEMA for the May and June flood events. Engineer Bret Wilkinson stated that this kickoff meeting starts the clock of having 60 days to get the projects put together with the paperwork; the Federal Highway Authority was in the county checking bridge inspections that have been done. Wilkinson stated that the Federal Highway Authority does an inspection and then sees if it matches the County Engineer's records. Wilkinson stated that the Highway Authority will allow them to be off one number, but not two numbers; Wilkinson showed the Board a large map of the Hwy 7 and 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. intersection layered over the aerial map.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** from 8/27/2024 as corrected, and accept the following **reports:** June Veterans Affairs commission minutes, July Veterans Affairs Commission minutes, August Safety Committee minutes, and July Central IA Detention Commission minutes. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to set a public hearing for a FY'25 BV County **budget amendment**, for September 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to authorize the Chair to sign the **IMWCA** vote for up to three members to the IMWCA Board of Directors, with their vote for Eric Van Lanker. Carried.

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave the Board his **department update**. Weed Department: They are currently sitting at 1,408 miles of the approximately 2,000 miles of county-maintained ROW for 70% completion as of August 30. The remaining miles will take about 15 spray days to complete, which they anticipate being finished the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. They hope to complete the Fall DOT contract by October 15, which would leave about 12 spray days available to complete in that

timeframe. Natural Resource Manager Brian Jones will be attending the Annual Roadside Conference October 4-6. Conservation Department: They are still in arbitration with FEMA on the Linn Grove Dam; working on paperwork for the May and June flood events, submitted for \$8,000 in damages; the electric should be coming into Bur Oak this week; they have repaired some docks at the Marina, and it has been very busy out there. Merten commented that he had been out to the Marina twice of the Labor Day weekend, and people were complimentary of the way the Marina looks; the Timber Ridge Campground has been busy, and there were six campers at Linn Grove.

There being no further business, motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. until Tuesday, September 10 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.