

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2024 SESSION (41)
OCTOBER 1, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, October 1, 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.

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

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, for the accommodation of 1.5" PVC pipe along 90th Ave. from east to west, between Sections 20 & 21 Hayes Township, for the transmission of water to 6309 90th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric, Estherville, IA, to bore under 440th St., between Sections 10 & 15, Lee Township, from the existing line on the north side of 440th St. approximately 2,600' east of 160th Ave. to approximately 2,300' east of that point to 1668 440th St., making sure the road gets back to the original condition adding rock to be determined by the County Engineer. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-10-01-A**, for the installation of stop signs on 60th Ave., both northbound and southbound, at the intersection with 590th Street. Carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 60TH
AVENUE AND 590TH STREET.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10-01-A

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 321.255 and 321.236 (1C)(6) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer are empowered to designate the location and erection of stop signs.

AND WHEREAS, the County Board and County Engineer may designate certain roads as through roads with the erection of stop signs at specified locations furnishing access thereto or designation of any intersection and erect like signs at one or more locations of access to such intersections.

AND WHEREAS, traffic through the intersection has changed due to the opening of the Platinum Crush Soybean facility as trucks and farm implements bring soybeans to the facility,

AND WHEREAS, truck traffic on 590th Street has greatly increased,

AND WHEREAS, the intersection of 590th Street and 60th Avenue is currently an uncontrolled intersection,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County on this 1st day of October, 2024, approves the installation of stop signs on 60th Avenue, both northbound and southbound, at the intersection with 590th Street:

1. Located in the SW corner of Section 25, T91N, R38W, designated as the intersection of 60th Avenue and 590th Street, install stop signs for the northbound and southbound traffic on 60th Avenue, causing this traffic to come to a complete stop before proceeding into the intersection.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Member, /s/ Paul Merten, Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Member, /s/ Kathy Croker, Member. Recommended: /s/ Bret Wilkinson, Buena Vista County Engineer. Attest: /s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2024-10-01-B**, for the installation of stop signs on 620th Street, both eastbound and westbound, at the intersection with 70th Ave. Carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 70TH AVENUE AND 620TH STREET.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10-01-B

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 321.255 and 321.236 (1C)(6) of the 2024 Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors and County Engineer are empowered to designate the location and erection of stop signs.

AND WHEREAS, the County Board and County Engineer may designate certain roads as through roads with the erection of stop signs at specified locations furnishing access thereto or designation of any intersection and erect like signs at one or more locations of access to such intersections.

AND WHEREAS, traffic through the intersection has changed due to the opening of the Platinum Crush Soybean facility as trucks and farm implements bring soybeans to the facility,

AND WHEREAS, truck traffic on 70th Avenue has greatly increased,

AND WHEREAS, the intersection of 620th Street and 70th Avenue is currently an uncontrolled intersection,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County on this 1st day of October, 2024, approves the installation of stop signs on 620th Street, both eastbound and westbound, at the intersection with 70th Avenue:

1. Located in the SW corner of Section 7, T90N, R37W, designated as the intersection of 70th Avenue and 620th Street, install stop signs for the eastbound and westbound traffic on 620th Street, causing this traffic to come to a complete stop before proceeding into the intersection.

Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Chairperson, /s/ Kelly Snyder, Member, /s/ Paul Merten, Member, /s/ Dan Hartman, Member, /s/ Kathy Croker, Member. Recommended: /s/ Bret Wilkinson, Buena Vista County Engineer. Attest: /s/ Susan K. Lloyd, Buena Vista County Auditor

Secondary Road Report: The crew is finishing up the shouldering, working on driveways, and blading. They will be working on getting the snow equipment on during October; they are sitting okay with the salt and sand piles; Dixon Construction started on the first of the six bridge abutments last week; the contractor hasn't moved in yet on 70th Ave., Engineer Wilkinson will contact them today to see when they are planning on starting.

The time arrived for the continuation of the Public Hearing for the 1st Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning Districts Map, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg, Engineer Bret

Wilkinson, County Attorney Paul Allen, Sheriff Kory Elston, EMA Director Aimee Barritt, and Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller present, and ten unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg stated that has talked with Bauer and was told that he was leaving it up to the Board of Supervisors to decide whether to approve this ordinance or not. Mueggenberg recommends approving the Ordinance 6.1A-29, amending the Zoning Districts Map, changing the classification for Buffalo Ridge Plat to residential, as it is the most restrictive. Hartman asked Mueggenberg, if the property was classified residential, could it still be farmed, to which Mueggenberg stated yes, it could still be farmed. Croker asked Mueggenberg to add the zoning layer to the Beacon website. Mueggenberg has talked with the Assessor about adding the zoning layer, and was told that if this amendment was approved, he would add the zoning layer on to the Beacom site. Merten commented that currently a house can be built without rezoning, and there are less restrictions. Croker stated that since the Board approved the Buffalo Ridge Plat, then they should also approve rezoning and not encourage non-conforming lots. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman to approve the 1st Reading of **Ordinance 6.1A-29** Amendment to Zoning Districts Map. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Snyder. Nays: Merten, Ringgenberg. Motion carried. Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to set the **2nd Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29** Amendment to Zoning Districts Map for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room. Carried.

Sheriff Kory Elston and EMA Director Aimee Barritt were present for the discussion on the former Alta Secondary Road Shop building. Elston stated that they are short on storage space at the LEC Maintenance Building, and they would like to have the Alta Shop Building to store some large items, including the emergency response trailer, in a secure building. Barritt stated that the emergency response trailer is currently stored in Plymouth County, as it needs to be stored inside. Barritt stated that no remodeling is needed, except for adding internet and cameras. Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller stated that his budget would increase \$5,000-\$6,000 to cover updating the lighting, adding cameras, and paying utilities. Merten commented that he has had a couple private citizens tell him that they were interested in purchasing the former Alta Secondary Road Shop. Barritt stated that the Alta Fire Department is willing to work with the county and help if needed. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to retain the **former Secondary Road Shop Building in Alta** for county purposes. Carried.

Chairman Ringgenberg rejoined the group and asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

The Board discussed whether to reinstate the Compensation Board. With the passage of SF 2442, all county compensation boards were dissolved as of July 1, 2024. There is no obligation to establish a compensation board in the first year, so a board of supervisors could take on the responsibilities this year and decide to establish a compensation board in the future. Croker and Hartman stated that they would like to re-establish the compensation board. Merten stated that since the final decision is up to the board of supervisors, he doesn't see the need to re-establish the compensation board. Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to reinstate the **compensation board**. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the **2024 Confidential Military List, 2024 Confidential Disabled Military List, 2024 Homestead Credit List, 2024 Homestead 65+ list, and the Disallowance List of ten 2024 Homestead Tax Credits** as per Iowa Code Section 425.7, and the **Disallowance List of one 2024 Military Credit**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve the **minutes** of 9/24/24 as corrected, and accept the following **reports**: July Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center minutes, June NWIPDC Policy Council minutes, August RIDES Board of Directors Meeting minutes, and June E911 Service Board minutes. Carried.

Hartman left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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 Croker, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a **Proclamation Recognizing Manufacturing Month**. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. until Tuesday, October 8 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.