

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SECOND MEETING, 2024 SESSION (42)
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 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 Merten, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Regional Water, Spencer, IA, adding to the permit previously approved, for two additional road crossings, along 90th Ave. and 650th Street, in Sections 28, 29, and 32 of Hayes Township, for the transmission of water near 6466 90th Ave. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the plans and bid documents for **Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11**, for three bridge abutment repairs: between Sections 18/19 in Grant Township ½ mile east of Hwy 71, between Sections 9/10 in Fairfield Township northwest of Albert city, and between Sections 31/32 of Fairfield Township southwest of Albert City and south of Hwy 3. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented information to the Board with his request to purchase five new pickup trucks for the Secondary Road Department (2-1-ton pickups for fleet, 2-3/4-ton pickups with crew cabs for the Maintenance Supt. And Shop Foreman, and 1-1/2-ton pickup), disposing of three existing pickups. Wilkinson would also like to keep the pickup that was damaged in an accident and fix it up rather than having insurance totaling it. Wilkinson stated that the insurance check would be \$6,000 less if the county kept the pickup and fixed it. Merten stated that he did not want to decide today on the damaged vehicle, so Wilkinson will add it to a future agenda. Motion by Croker, second by Snyder, to approve the County Engineer to purchase five **new pickups** from Edwards of Storm Lake, (2-1-ton pickups for fleet, 2-3/4-ton pickups with crew cabs for the Maintenance Supt. And Shop Foreman, and 1-1/2-ton pickup). Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew is working on driveways and tile repairs; the dust control is helping at Albert City and by Platinum Crush; the contractor is moving in now on 70th Ave. and will be pushing topsoil back later this week and reshaping the banks, hauling rock, and then moving topsoil back.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg requested that the Board set a new date and time for the public hearing on the proposed Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance #6.9 as the notice failed to run in one of the official newspapers. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to set a public hearing on the proposed Buena Vista County Wind Energy Conversion System **Ordinance #6.9** for Tuesday, October 22, at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to appoint Lee Dutfield as the County's representative on the **Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board**, replacing Donnie Skou, with a term expiring 12/31/2028. 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.

Sheriff Kory Elston presented a new 5-year law enforcement contract for the City of Alta. Elston stated that he met with the Alta City Council last night, and they approved the contract. Elston stated that the City of Sioux Rapids is also asking him for a law enforcement contract. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to renew and extend the current **Law Enforcement 28E Agreement** with the City of Alta from the current expiration date of October 16, 2024, until October 16, 2029, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme presented a work order for DD #151 for a tile investigation by video, in Sections 1 & 2 of Scott Township and Section 36 of Barnes Township. Blomme stated that Rembrandt Mayor had contacted him about getting something done. Blomme stated that an improvement was brought to landowners within the last 5 years, and it was determined that a remonstrance would come, so the improvement discussion was stopped. Blomme stated that this work order is for a video, to be done by a video inspector from ISG, of 1,100' of the county tile, with a cost estimate of \$3,200. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-05-2024 for a tile investigation by video of **DD #151** in Sections 1 and 2 of Scott Township and Section 36 of Barnes Township, with a cost estimate of \$3,200. Carried.

Drainage Engineer Brian Blomme informed the Board that NRCS had reached out to him regarding a dam structure in BV County, under **PL #534 Public Program**. Blomme stated that this program started in 1944 and was active through the 50's placing dams on watersheds that go through small rivers in northwest Iowa with Federal dollars. Blomme stated that Buena Vista County has one structure, under this program, and it is the Garton Watershed, which is on the north line of Section 28 of Brooke Township. The Garton Watershed outlets to the Little Sioux River. NRCS wants to make sure that it is in good shape and inspected. Blomme stated that the Board of Supervisors are listed on the paperwork to be the sponsors on this project. Blomme will be attending a training in Le Mars on Thursday, as to what needs to be done, and will come back to update the Board at a future meeting.

Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to approve the **minutes** of 10/01/24 as presented, today's **claim approval list, Auxiant claims list** and accept the following **reports**: September Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected and September Sheriff's Report of Federal Inmate Billings. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to appoint Corey Diischer to the **Veterans Affairs Commission**, replacing Pam Jacobson, with his term expiring 6/30/2025. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. until Tuesday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a special session.