

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING, 2024 SESSION (44)  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 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, Snyder, and. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve **today's agenda**. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he had received eight bids for Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11, for three abutment repairs. Bids were received from Dixon Construction Co. (\$193,160.00), Christensen Bros. Inc. (\$202,160.00), Cunningham-Reis, LLC (\$260,300.00), Peterson Contractors, Inc. (\$276,217.00), Graves Construction Co., Inc. (\$282,160.00), Merryman Bridge Construction Co. (\$307,616.00), Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc. (\$350,000.00), and Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. & Subsid. (\$360,470.00). Wilkinson recommended that the Board award the bid to Dixon Construction Co., which was the low bidder and 83.98% of the engineer's estimate. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to accept and award the contract to the low bidder, Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville, IA, in the amount of \$193,160.00, for **Project L-BNT2023-4--73-11**, for three abutment repairs. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** They have been brush cutting and cleaning ditches; they are working on mounting the snow equipment, preparing for winter; Dixon Construction is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> bridge abutment; Contractors by Platinum Crush is moving dirt and placing large stone down on 600<sup>th</sup> St.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson suggested amending the **Platinum Crush TIF** to include more work on roads that are being utilized, or Phase 2 of the current project or the railroad crossings. Wilkinson stated that the TIF would have to be amended before the project would be let.

Executive Director Julie Edwards, **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.**, gave an update on their last fiscal year. During FY'24, they served 6,362 individuals in 2,178 households in Buena Vista County, for a total cost of services of \$685,474.90, or \$107.75/individual. Edwards stated that they are requesting continued partnership and financial support in the amount of \$19,000 for FY'26.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve the **minutes** of 10/22/24 as presented, today's **claim approval list, stamped warrant register, and Auxiant disbursements**, and accept the following **reports:** None. Carried.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 6.1A-29 requesting a change in the Zoning District Map in Section 15 Washington Township from A-1 to R-1, with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg present, along with Storm Lake Radio, Jessica Wilkening, Mergent, John Huff, MidAmerican Energy, and four unidentified callers online. Merten commented that the ten lots are already platted, and agreed that they are taking prime farm ground, but stated that they can do it anyway. Croker commented that the area has already been platted and stated that the area needs to be zoned R-1, keeping it residential. Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Snyder, second by Croker, to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of **ORDINANCE 6.1A-29 Amendment to Zoning District**

**Maps** in Section 15 of Washington Township, waiving the physical reading of the document. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance 6.1A-29  
BUENA VISTA COUNTY ORDINANCE

**Title:** AMENDMENT TO ZONING DISTRICTS MAP

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Districts Map with respect to the real estate described in Section 2 below in accordance with Section 10.104 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 2. Change to Zoning Districts Map.** The official Zoning Districts Map, referred to in Section 1.105 of Ordinance 6.1 of the Buena Vista County 2003 Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:

**Description Buffalo Ridge Estates**

**A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (N ½ NE ¼) OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 37 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

Beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 15; Thence South 00° 14' 31" West, along the East line of said Northeast Quarter (NE ¼), 594.00 feet; Thence North 89° 07' 10" West, 2364.94 feet to the East line of the West two hundred eighty-five feet (W. 285.00') of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼); Thence North 00° 09' 00" East, along said North line, 2365.89 feet to the Point of Beginning.

is changed from "A-1" Agricultural to "R-1" Residential District

**SECTION 3. When Effective.** This ordinance amending the Zoning Districts Map shall be in effect after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

/s/ Rhonda Ringgenberg, Board of Supervisors Chairperson.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

First reading 10/01/2024, Second reading 10/22/2024, Third reading 11/04/2024

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System with Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg present, along with Storm Lake Radio, Jessica Wilkening, Mergent, John Huff, MidAmerican Energy, and four unidentified callers online. Mueggenberg stated that he made all the changes that were requested by MidAmerican. Motion by Merten, second by Snyder, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Merten, second by Hartman, to approve the **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #6.9 Wind Energy Conversion System**, waiving the physical reading of the document, and to set the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Tuesday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Ben Mueggenberg presented a quote from Edwards, Storm Lake, for a 2024 GMC Sierra 1500, including a trade of a 2021 Jeep Cherokee of \$20,000, for a net cost of \$31,505. Mueggenberg stated that Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller was interested in his 2014 Ford F150 for his department and has offered \$8,500 to transfer the truck to Bldg/Grounds, which would then be applied to the purchase of the 2024 GMC Sierra 1500. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Croker, to accept the bid, as is, from Edwards, Storm Lake, for the purchase of a **2024 GMC Sierra 1500** for the Env Health/Zoning Department, trading in a 2021 Jeep Cherokee for \$20,000, for a net cost of \$31,505. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Merten, to authorize the transfer of the Env Health/Zoning **2014 Ford F150** to the Bldg/Grounds Department for a total of \$8,500. Carried.

Motion by Croker, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Auxiant** renewal document. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue check** #327072 issued 9/13/24 to Verizon for \$25.00. Carried.

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

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize all members to sign their respective **Public Official Bond Renewal**. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-06-2024 for side slope instability repairs in **DD #34 Lat 2**, in Section 3 of Fairfield Township, owned by Kellie Smith, with a cost estimate of \$3,500.00. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Work Order #BV-07-2024 for surface drain installation in **DD #34 Lat 2**, in Section 3 of Fairfield Township, owned by Dan Ehlers, with a cost estimate of \$2,500.00. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Croker, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. until Wednesday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. for a special session and to canvass the General Election.