

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THIRTEENTH MEETING, 2017 SESSION (13)
MARCH 14, 2017**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Huseman presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Merten, Ringgenberg, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Arends.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Altena, Huseman, Merten, and Ringgenberg. Nays: none. Abstentions: none

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to continue allowing Luke Johnson to bale the **Angier Pit** grass, for weed control, contingent on liability insurance coverage. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: The crew has been busy moving snow; last week they were moving gravel; the two bridge contracts on M50 are continuing; the bids for the box culvert, by Walmart, are due in to the Auditor's Office March 29, and the Board will award the bid on April 4; the FAST Act applications were sent in for funding, but there are more requests than there is money available.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 3/7, as corrected, and the following **reports:** March Safety Meeting Minutes, February BV Solid Waste Commission, March Agenda for BV Solid Waste Commission, February BV County Solid Waste Commission Compilation report, December Third Judicial District minutes, Third Judicial District income statements, Third Judicial District March agenda, YES Center balance sheet as of 1-31-17, YES Center January Board Minutes, YES Center February Agenda, February Sheriff's report, March Insurance Committee Minutes, and March NWIPD Agenda. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **Jt. DD #181** invoice, payable to J.W. Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,630.30, for open ditch repairs in Section 16 of Williams Township, Calhoun County. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the **Jt. DD #181** invoice, payable to J.W. Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,500.00, for open ditch repairs in Section 9 of Williams Township, Calhoun County. Carried.

No action was taken on appointing members to the **Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission**, it will be on next week's agenda.

Supervisor meeting reports: Altena attended the Solid Waste Commission meeting; Huseman attended the Courthouse Security meeting.

Captain Marty DeMuth, I. T. Director Tyler Van Houten, GIS Coordinator Eric Chase, and Bldg/Grounds Supt. Joe Keller, Courthouse Security Committee, discussed their proposal to change the key system for one door, with an access controller. The employees would be issued an access card, which can be programmed to work on one door, for now, and it can be set for the times that employees will be able to come in to the building. They received two quotes: Pro Elect and Scott Technology. Pro Elect came in with the lower quote of \$3,600. This would be paid for out of the Courthouse Security Fund. Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve going

forward with the quote from Pro Elect for purchasing the key system controller for the east door of the Courthouse. Carried.

The time arrived for the discussion of the Rock Valley Healthy for Life Wellness Program, with Wellness members Kim Johnson, Tyler Van Houten, and Kathy Croker present. The Wellness Committee recommends that the Board discontinue the Rock Valley Healthy for Life program, and have the Board allocate a budget appropriate enough to get some new and exciting programs/challenges to increase the employee's participation. Nobody on the Committee thought that Rock Valley did a bad job, it just didn't work for Buena Vista County employees. The Board took the information under advisement, and will make their decision at a later date on whether to continue with Rock Valley Health.

Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to approve Resolution #2017-03-14-A, Public Notice Destruction of Noxious Weeds & Fines Assessed, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017-03-14-A
A PUBLIC NOTICE DESTRUCTION OF
NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED**

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Be it resolved, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14 2011 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1-That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2017, for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass; Sour Dock; Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel, Tall Thistle and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. June 20, 2017, for Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard.

Group 3. July 1, 2017, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Marijuana (Hemp), Sunflowers, Wild Carrot and Buckhorn Plantain.

2-That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Buena Vista County infested with any noxious weeds including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Poison Hemlock, shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3-That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Buena Vista County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

4-That the County Weed Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause notice of making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication each of the Official Newspapers of the County.

5-Anyone wishing not to have noxious weeds sprayed in any given area, he or she shall sign an agreement at the County Conservation Office and receive official signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, all season.

PENALTY

Be it further Resolved, that failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order, pursuant to Chapter 317, for destruction of weeds, the weed commission may have the weeds destroyed with the costs assessed back to the owner, or may impose a penalty of \$10.00 per day for each day the owner of the land fails to comply.

Passed and approved this 14th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Tom Huseman, Chair-BV County Board of Supervisors...Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **2017 County Weed Commissioner Certification Form** stating that Greg Johnson is BV County's Weed Commissioner. Carried.

Conservation Director & Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a **Weed Department update**. Johnson has put together a job description for an IRVM vegetation specialist. He would like to advertise the position, and have someone hired, to begin in May.

Conservation Director & Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson gave a **Conservation Department update**, and updated the Board on the Linn Grove campground project. Johnson presented a map illustrating their proposed idea, which includes, RV sites, tent sites, bathhouse, waste station, trash enclosure, and fish cleaning station. The seasonal job is open for the bait shop, which probably won't be open until mid-April. Conservation Board had a goal planning session, and they are working on a new strategic plan to be presented to the Board. They have ordered 250 trees to be placed around the BV County Park area. The Naturalist has been very busy with programs. The maintenance guys have been busy. Johnson has been busy working on some grant applications. BV County Park was chosen by Dordt College, for a restoration project.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the renewal of the **dredge insurance**, including **terrorism** coverage for an additional cost of \$1,700, for a total of \$36,183.25, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Carried.

Drainage Attorney Gary Armstrong cancelled his appointment for today.

There being no further business, motion by Merten, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. until Tuesday, March 21, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.