

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING, 2017 SESSION (28)
JULY 25, 2017**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., beginning in the Public Meeting Room, with Chairman Huseman presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Arends, Merten, and with Auditor Susan Lloyd as clerk for the meeting. Absent: Ringgenberg.

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

Conservation Director/Weed Commissioner Greg Johnson presented Department updates. Conservation Department: Maintenance is working on information kiosks in the county parks; they picked up the tree shear; they are doing general maintenance, laying out the campground; they may be applying for the ICAP Grant; they are getting quotes for the shower house foundation; they will be hosting a district meeting on August 16 at Gabrielson Park; Johnson presented a copy of the Restoration Plan that was prepared by Dordt College. Weed Department: They are spot spraying purple loosestrife; the spraying crew had covered 1,006 miles in spraying weeds; they had truck issues last week and pump issues; Johnson reported that Williams Organic Farm has complied with their notice; they are waiting to hear back on the grant application for the hydro seeder.

Supervisors Meeting Reports: Altena attended the BV County Solid Waste meeting and the CB Household Hazardous Waste Agency meeting. Arends attended NW IA Planning meeting and the NW IA YES Center meeting.

The Chair opened the **Public Hearing** on the **DD #101 Annexation**, with Engineer Brian Blomme, ISG, Caleb Rasmussen, ISG, Drainage Clerk Kristina Konradi, and four landowners present. No objections have been received. It is proposed that 3,982 acres of farm land be annexed to DD #101. There is additional areas for annexation that include 110.58 acres of right-of-way for county road right-of-way, and .92 acres of drainage district right-of-way. In aggregate, it is proposed that 4,093.28 acres of benefited land and right-of-way in 163 parcels be annexed to DD #101. Blomme opened it up for questions from the landowners and from the Board. There were no questions. Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to close the public hearing. Carried. Motion by Arends, second by Huseman, to accept the necessity of annexation and approve the Engineer's Report on Annexation on DD #101, and place the report in the Drainage District's file. Carried.

Engineer Brian Blomme, ISG, was present to continue the public hearing on the proposed repairs/improvements to **DD #101 MOD**, with Caleb Rasmussen, ISG, Drainage Clerk Kristina Konradi, four landowners, and one media present. Blomme commented that the outlet ditch, the Raccoon River, will not allow you to deepen the ditch, but you can widen it. Now that the annexation has been approved, those landowners have the right of remonstrance. The Board had previously requested Blomme investigate extending the existing Lat 4. The construction cost estimate for improvements to DD #101 MOD is \$173,580.00. This would not leave the tile outlets of the Main Tile or Lat 4 with a free flowing outlet. To improve the existing MOD, and extend the ditch 1,213' to free outlet the Main Tile of DD #101, the construction cost estimate would increase to \$222,460.00. The total estimated project cost of \$490,520 includes engineer costs, right-of-way, and reclassification. The last thing to consider is the 687' extension to the existing Lat 4 Open Ditch to free outlet the tile. The construction cost estimate to improve the existing MOD, extend the MOD, and extend Lat 4 Open Ditch is \$250,829.00. The estimated project cost increases \$28,369.00 to a total of \$518,889.00. Blomme asked the Board to continue this

public hearing, as he is working on other flood reduction elements that also may save landowners some dollars on this project. Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to continue the **DD #101 MOD** public hearing on the proposed repairs/improvements until September 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Carried.

The Board moved back to the Boardroom to continue their meeting.

Hear the Public: Merten received a video from David Gutel, of the flooding on his ground after a rain event on September 17, 2016, in Section 17 of Washington Township, which is in DD #3. Gutel would like a crossing removed. Engineer Brian Blomme, ISG, commented that the Board, as Trustees of DD #3, could request removal of the crossing or request replacement with the correct size.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the **minutes** of 7/11/17, as corrected, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: June Auditor's Compilation Report for BV County Solid Waste Commission, June BV County Solid Waste Commission minutes, June Conservation Board minutes, May Compass Pointe Financials & July Agenda, Quarterly Recorders Report of Fees Collected (April-June), Northland Securities Continuing Disclosure Report for BV County. Carried.

Motion by Altena, second by Arends, to accept the Assessor's recommendation for allowance of the **2017 Homestead/Military Credit List** and the **2017 Disabled Homestead Credit List**, and the disallowance list of 27 **2017 Homestead Tax Credits**, as per Iowa Code Section 425.3. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Application for Partial Payment #4 for Reutzler Excavating, Inc., when the original paperwork arrives, for **DD #34 Upper MOD**, in the amount of \$40,621.68. Carried

Motion by Arends, second by Huseman, to approve the **Jt. DD #181 Little Cedar** claim to ITS Land Improvement, for mobilization, in the amount of \$250.00. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Arends, to approve the **Jt. DD #181 Little Cedar** claim to Richard Pederson Excavation & Tiling, for tile repair, in the amount of \$755.00. Carried.

Treasurer Sherie Elbert presented the semi-annual report, ending June 30, 2017. Motion by Altena, second by Merten, to approve the **Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report** for June 30, 2017, to authorize the Chair to sign, and to authorize the publication in the newspapers. Carried.

Cara Elbert, NW IA Planning, Hugh Lively and Cindy Voss, RIDES, along with Rita Frahm (on conference call), Ida County Economic Development, discussed a **CDBG Grant** application for transportation of individuals from Storm Lake to VT Industries in Holstein, IA. There is \$150,000 available through IA Economic Development, with a match required from the employer. They would like the County to be the applicant for the CDBG Grant, and the recipient of the funds. The Board was in favor of the project and agreed to be the applicant for the CDBG Grant, providing transportation for VT Industries employees residing in Storm Lake, transporting them to Holstein.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson opened the discussion with the Board, regarding the purchase of a motor grader, asking if they had any questions, as both representatives from John Deere and Caterpillar were here. Arends asked Wilkinson, after reviewing the information furnished by John Deere and Caterpillar, if he still felt that Caterpillar was a better choice over time. Wilkinson stated that he values Caterpillar, and feels that the motor grader is one that Cat excels in over John Deere, even though Deere has made several improvements over the past few years. The John Deere representative stated that his machine has more power and more torque, and their service is here in Iowa. Wilkinson stated that Caterpillar has been good to

work with, and has recently split the cost of a repair, 50/50, for an issue that was out of warranty. The Caterpillar representative stated that in North America, 9 out of 10 motorgraders bought are Caterpillar, for a reason. The net price of the John Deere motorgrader is \$251,000, and the net price of the Caterpillar is \$274,174.00. Motion by Arends, second by Huseman, to purchase the a Caterpillar 12M3, all-wheel drive **motorgrader**, with a price of \$324,174.00 with a trade in of the current machine of \$50,000, for a net cost of \$274,174.00. Ayes: Altena, Arends, Huseman. Nays: Merten. Motion carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, to approve the **utility permit** for Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Storm Lake, IA, to install a 1" plastic service pipe for the transmission of natural gas, under M31, to service 5885 50th Ave., in Section 27 of Nokomis Township. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to authorize the Chair to sign the contracts for the 5 box culverts, **#LFM-C-M50(1)--7X-11**, **#LFM-C-M50(2)--7X-11**, **#LFM-C-M50(3)--7X-11**, **#LFM-C-M50(4)--7X-11**, and **#L-C-1734--73-11**, along with the performance bonds. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the Engineer's **hiring** of Nathan Rubendall, August 7, 2017, as a Mechanic 2, replacing Lynn Dirks who will retire the end of the year, at a wage of \$23.29 per hour, \$2.00 under the Mechanic 2 wage, with .50 per hour increases each 6 months during his probation period. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson brought up the discussion of **White Cap Road**, with one media and Mrs. Snyder present. Wilkinson has gone out to the area, located the pin, and spoke with Wordekempers and Snyders. Mrs. Snyder stated that she doesn't see the need to remove all of the lilac bushes if they are not in the way of the road, as there are other objects, a cement mailbox, right off of the sealcoat road. The Board asked Wilkinson to only remove the bushes that need to be. Wilkinson stated that they will remove as few of the lilac bushes as needed, to put the road in. The Board discussed whether a letter needs to be sent to Mr. Gustafson to remove his cement structure, since it is not supposed to be any stronger than a wooden post.

Arends left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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Secondary Road Report: They have finished edge rutting; they are working on several driveways, still mowing, and blading gravel roads; the tile crew is working on repairs and looking to do some box culvert cleanouts.

There being no further business, motion by Huseman, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. until Tuesday, August 1, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.