

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
THIRTIETH MEETING, 2017 SESSION (30)  
AUGUST 8, 2017**

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

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

Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to **amend today's agenda**, to set a public hearing for a Master Matrix and add an additional utility permit for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Arends, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the IDOT Funding Agreement for **STP-S-CO11(85)—5E-11**, for the resurfacing of the east six miles of C49. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Altena, to approve the **Utility Permit** for Qwest Communications DBA as Century Link QC, Storm Lake, IA, to place a fiber optic cable along M36/590<sup>th</sup> Street, from 1015 590<sup>th</sup> St. to the intersection of M36 and Hwy 7, for the accommodation of 111 Sale Barn Road. Carried.

Motion by Arends, and second by Merten, to approve the **utility permit** for Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to install a single phase overhead and underground facilities, running along 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. from the existing enclosure in the NW corner of Section 24 of Hayes Township, to approximately 640' south of 6446 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** IDOT has requested use of two county roads, C13 and M44, for a detour route when they work on Hwy 71, starting south of Sioux Rapids; the crew is working on the railroad crossing by Albert City; Blacktop Services has chewed up the roads south and west of the lake, and will be working on a stretch of C65 and C49; the crew is shaping up White Cap Road.

Sue Thayer, BV County Chair of Iowa's 99 County Bible Reading Program, presented their application. A proclamation that was signed by Governor Reynolds, encourages all Iowa counties to make a plan to read the Bible aloud at each county courthouse. The plan for BV County is to hold the event on Friday, August 11, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. They will be outside, near the lobby area. Thayer also asked that the Board waive the \$200 application fee. Motion by Altena, second by Merten, to approve the request of Sue Thayer, to allow the **99 County Bible Reading Program** to be held on the Courthouse grounds and to waive the \$200 fee. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson informed the Board that she received a Master Matrix for Wagner Finisher Farm (Grey Owl Farms V, LLC), in the NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 6, Lincoln Township, for two buildings with manure pit storage, of 5,000 head, wean to finish hogs. Motion by Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to set a public hearing for the **Master Matrix** of Wagner Finisher Farm (Grey Owl Farms V, LLC) for September 5, at 9:00 a.m. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 8/1/17, as printed, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: July Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected, July BV County Conservation Board Minutes, ISG Private Crossing of DD # 3 Report, and August Department Head Minutes. Carried.

Engineer Brian Blomme, ISG, reported back to the Board regarding the DVD they received from David Gutel, of a rain event from September 15, 2016, which affected DD #3. Gutel is an owner of land upstream, of a private crossing, and is concerned about the capacity of DD #3. An old wood bridge was replaced in approximately 2010, and there was no sizing done on the culvert, and it wasn't approved for the installation by either ISG or the County Engineer. There would have been a recommendation that the culvert be replaced at one size larger than what was placed. The facility was designed for a 3.4" rainfall over a 48 hour event. Blomme checked what the rain event was for an address close to the private crossing, and found that 5.6" of rain fell over the 48 hour period from 9/15/16 through 9/16/16. The excess runoff is a direct result of the large rain event that occurred during that 48 hour period. Merten would like to have Blomme take a look at the area if we ever get a 3" rain event. Blomme states that he doesn't have any reason to authorize that the private crossing be removed, that would be up to the Board or the Drainage Attorney to pursue if they so choose. Motion by Merten second by Arends, to authorize the Auditor's Office to mail a copy of Engineer Brian Blomme's letter on **DD #3** and rainfall history, to the landowner of the private crossing, David Gutel, and to Drainage Attorney Gary Armstrong. Carried.

Motion by Arends, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **Law Enforcement Agreement** for the City of Truesdale, for FY'18 and FY'19. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Huseman, to approve the **Jt. DD #181** invoice to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads, for tile repairs in the amount of \$894.07. Carried.

Motion by Altena, second by Arends, to authorize the Auditor to **void and reissue** check #262409 issued to Htoo Ray Wah, in the amount of \$60, as it was lost in the mail. Carried.

**Supervisors Meeting Reports:** Merten attended the Rolling Hills Region meeting last week;

Motion by Arends, second by Merten, authorizing the Chair to electronically sign the **Wellmark Consultant Fee Collection Agreement**, effective 8/1/17. Carried.

10:15 a.m.--The time having arrived for the teleconference call with Pocahontas County, regarding a completion hearing for **Jt. DD #18-42 Open Ditch**. All members of both Boards were present for the teleconference along with both County Auditors. Motion by Ives, second by Stauter, to nominate Merten as Chair, and Auditor Lloyd as Secretary. Ayes all. Motion carried. The purpose of the teleconference is to set a completion hearing on the tile improvement project performed by Rognes Bros. Excavating. Motion by Stauter, second by Arends, to set a Completion Hearing for September 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Fonda City Hall. Ayes all. Motion carried. Motion by Arends, second by Ives, to adjourn the teleconference at 10:25 a.m. Ayes all. Motion carried. (The complete minutes of the Jt. DD #18-42 Open Ditch teleconference is recorded in the appropriate drainage records.)

Tom Schuetz, Group Services, presented the **claims trend review** for 2013-2017 (2 quarters) to the Board. The total dollars paid by the plan has gone down, inpatient paid claims has gone down, outpatient paid claims have gone down, office visit paid claims have gone down, and pharmacy paid claims have gone up. Part of the pharmacy cost increase is due to the increased cost of specialty drugs. Schuetz mentioned to the Board that as they start planning for the next renewal, they may want to consider telehealth, and self-funding. Schuetz will prepare a comparison of what we are currently doing now with self-funding.

There being no further business, motion by Arends, second by Huseman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. until Tuesday, August 15, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session. Carried.