

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FORTY-FIRST MEETING, 2017 SESSION (41)  
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, on Tuesday, October 17, 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 Altena, second by Ringgenberg, to amend today's agenda to add an additional action item to amend **Resolution #2017-10-03-B**, the road vacation in Sulphur Springs. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **"AMENDED" Resolution #2017-10-03-B**, to clarify how the vacated alleys would be distributed back to the adjacent landowners. Carried.

**"AMENDED" RESOLUTION #2017-10-03-B  
RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD  
Buena Vista  
County**

**WHEREAS**, A public hearing was conducted on 10/3/2017 following publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Buena Vista County Secondary Road, described as follows:

The following descriptions, all in the original plat for the Town of Sulphur Springs in T90N R36W Section 9 of Providence Township in Buena Vista County:  
the entire platted alley in block 3, north of Lake Street &  
the entire platted alley in block 6, between Lake Street and Mount Street &  
the remainder of the platted alley in block 7, south of Lake Street &  
the remainder of the platted alley in block 11, south of Mount Street  
& the entire platted alley in block 5, west of 1st Street &  
the entire platted 2nd Street in block 5, north of Mount Street &  
the portion of 1st Street, between blocks 3 & 4, north of Lake Street & south of the railroad tracks  
As shown in Exhibit A

**WHEREAS**, No objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed.

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and that upon vacation, the streets and alleys shall be divided on the centerline of each right  
of way, and the property shall pass to the abutting property owners.

/s/ Thomas M. Huseman, Chair, Board of Supervisors.....Attest: Susan K. Lloyd, County Auditor

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Denny Gerke, Newell, IA, to bore from right-of-way to right-of-way along M54, between Sections 8 and 9, Newell Township, from 6170 M54 to 6171 M54, for a private water line. Carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **utility permit** for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC, Little Rock, AR, to replace 2,700' of copper phone cable on 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. along 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Section 33 of Barnes Township, to service 4753 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson informed the Board that he has two good candidates for the Equipment Operator I position, and since there are several other employees that are eligible to retire at any time, he would recommend hiring both candidates, to be able to train both and have them ready when the next employee retires. Merten commented that he doesn't like to have extra staff before they are needed, but will go with the majority. Huseman, Ringgenberg, and Altena stated they were in favor of hiring both employees at this time. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Altena, to approve the Engineer offering **Equipment Operator I** positions to his top two applicants. Carried.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson reviewed the Seatbelt Restraint Policy that is being discussed today. He agrees with what the insurance company recommends and encourages all of his employees to wear their seatbelts. The policy being considered requires all employees to wear seatbelts, including all passengers in the vehicle. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to adopt the **Seatbelt/Restraint Policy** recommended by IMWCA. Carried.

**Secondary Road Report:** The crew is working on driveways, tile repairs, ditch cleaning, and removing beaver dams; they are working on the stockpiles; the shop guys are going through the trucks, getting them ready for winter; the asphalt has been placed on the box culvert on M50, and a thin layer was placed on the box culvert a mile south of M50; the painters should be coming in this week.

Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg, to approve the **minutes** of 10/10, as printed, today's **claims approval list**, and the following **reports**: Compass Pointe Financial Summary for August, September Compass Pointe minutes, September Solid Waste Commission minutes & October agenda, September Solid Waste Commission Accountant's Compilation Report, September BV County Conservation Board Minutes, August NW Iowa Planning & Development Commission minutes & October Agenda. Carried.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Reutzel Excavating, Inc. Contractor's Pay Request #6a in the amount of \$40,675.28 for, **DD #34 Upper MOD**. Carried.

**Hear the Public:** Tim Humes approached the Board, regarding the removal of trees on the Brecher Farm, and is asking the Board to take action to intervene on the State level to keep the trees. Merten commented that it is beyond the Board's control on programs that expire, and the rules state that you have to tear it up and start over. Mrs. Brecher could leave it as is, but they wouldn't get paid for the

program anymore. Merten mentioned that he would mention this to Supervisor Arends, as he is on the North Raccoon River Watershed to see if they could help.

**Hear the Public:** Payroll Deputy Leigh Madsen presented a letter received from Wellmark regarding the return of the annual health insurer fee, beginning in 2018, which will mean a 3.4 percent increase in premiums. This will be added to the Board's agenda for 10/31.

I.T. Director Tyler Van Houten informed the Board that changes need to be made to the **HIPAA Policies**, after he received response from County Attorney Dave Patton. The HIPAA policies will be placed on the Board's agenda for 10/31.

There being no further business, motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. until Tuesday, October 31, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. (no meeting is planned for October 24)