

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING, 2017 SESSION (47)
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session, on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom, with Chairman Huseman presiding, and the following members present: Altena, Arends (by phone), Merten, Ringgenberg and with Deputy Auditor Leigh Madsen 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.

Zach Ruroden, Compensation Board member, presented the recommendation for Elected Officials salary increases. The Comp Board met on December 13, and recommended 3% for all elected officials, an additional \$1,000 for the Board Chair, and an additional \$1,000 for the Auditor, for the additional work as Board Secretary, and continued longevity pay for all elected officials. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Arends, acknowledging the receipt of the **Compensation Board's recommendation**, and stating they will take action on this recommendation at a later date. Carried.

Secondary Road Report: Due to the good weather the crews are still able to blade gravel, trim brush and continue to haul gravel to the stock piles. They are getting the equipment ready for the possible snow on Thursday. Engineer Wilkinson is working on a paving plan for M50. DOT is having a bid letting this morning for C49 for the last 6 miles, east to the Pocahontas County line. Wilkinson stated that there would be a North Raccoon Water Shed meeting in January. Engineer Wilkinson's contract with the County is in effect until June 30. He inquired as to when the Board would like to discuss his contract. The Board stated that they would discuss his contract during his appointment for budget planning.

Engineer Bret Wilkinson presented a Certificate to the board for a signature. The certificate is in recognition for the years of service for Ron White who will be retiring. Merten stated that he hates to lose long term employees. Motion by Merten, second by Ringgenberg to authorize the chair to sign the recognition certificate for Ron White. Carried.

Arends left the meeting.

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Colleen Schwanz and Board President Brian Waldstein, **BV County Soil and Water Conservation District**, discussed the activities of the past year. Waldstein thanked the Board for their past support. It was a successful year. BV County Soil and Water Conservation District continues to provide programs for the elementary classes and the 4-H groups in the County. One of the popular programs is the 6th Grade Environmental Mini-Course. The amount of their request this year is \$4,000 which is a \$500 increase over last year. The Board thanked the BV County Soil and Water Conservation District for the programs that are provided.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Merten, to open the public hearing to rezone Agricultural (A-1) to Industrial (I1) for Nutra Tech LC for part of the NE1/4 Section 20 of Hayes Township. Carried.

Env Health/Zoning Director Kim Johnson reported that at last night's Zoning Board only had one member attend, therefore they were unable to hold their Public Hearing due to lack of quorum. Johnson stated that the required notices were published, and no objections received.

Motion by Altena, second by Merten, to close the Public Hearing. Carried. Action on this public hearing and the first reading to change Ordinance 6.1A-24 will be held at a later date.

Arlin Hinkeldey, **Hanover Historical Society**, presented their funding request for FY'19. Hinkeldey thanked the Board for support over the years. The Hanover Historical Society is helped each spring when the Alta/Aurelia High School has their Community Service Day. Each year about 20 Alta/Aurelia students help paint. This past year the funds were used to help pay for the tent for their festival. This year they once again held a fund raising German Feast in Aurelia. They are requesting \$1,000, the same as the current year.

Gary Lalone, Executive Director, and Ed O'Toole, **Storm Lake United**, reviewed their past highlights and programs, and presented their funding request for FY'19. They thanked the Board for their support in the past. The amount of their request is \$30,000, which is \$10,000 over their approved amount for this current fiscal year.

Kiley Miller, President of the **IA Lakes Corridor**, and Brian Dalziel, Senior Vice President reviewed their budget expenses for the past year. Some of the expenses included Business Recruitment and Retention, Entrepreneurial Support, Workforce and Housing and Community Improvement and Operations an Organizational Development. The amount of their request is \$25,000, which is \$5,000 over their approved amount for this current fiscal year.

Dick Aronson, President of the **Albert City Historical Society** and Char Aronson, thanked the Board for their current allocation of \$1,000. The money is used for upkeep and repairs to their buildings. Due to rising costs, the Albert City Historical Society would like the Board to consider increasing the allocation and presented the FY'19 funding request of \$1,000. The Board thanked him for everything they do.

Hear the Public: Ben Peck, Albert City was present to express his concerns about the condition of the roads in the Albert City area. He feels that the County crews are slow getting to some of the roads. Many people work out of town and the roads are not always clear when they are leaving for work. Merten said that they would talk to the Engineer. Sheriff Kory Elston introduced the **new deputy**, Mike Nibbitt, who started today.

Motion by Merten, second by Altena, to approve the **minutes** of 12/12 and the following **reports**: Accountants Compilation Report for County Solid Waste Commission, December Department Head Minutes, BV Co. Emergency Management December Agenda, BV Co. Emergency Management September Minutes, BV Co. Conservation Board November Minutes

Supervisor Reports: Altena attended the Solid Waste Commission meeting. They are proposing a 3% raise. The per capita rate of \$35 is being lowered \$2 to \$33. They will be looking into Federal Grant dollars to put up a building to house hazardous waste. Merten will be having a meeting with the Rolling Hills Region and legislators. The Board will meet after that meeting. Rolling Hills Region CEO Dawn Mentzer met with the finance director from the Sioux Rivers Region. Merten met with Central Iowa Detention. Ringgenberg had Board of Health meeting. Public Health is updating policies and procedures to remain compliant for Medicare/Medicaid.

Conservation Director Greg Johnson presented the Buena Vista County Conservation Board Annual Report. He reviewed the education programs held by the conservation department. Johnson also updated the Board on the major updates and maintenance done at the major parks. Johnson also presented the 2017 Weed Commissioner's Report. The weed department has received less complaints this year. Merten also commented that he has also received less phone calls. The department did a second application for thistles this fall. Johnson stated that he has not heard the final decision on the spraying contract with the State. Johnson also stated that he will be applying for grants to purchase some new equipment.

There being no further business motion by Merten, second by Altena, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m. until Tuesday, December 26, at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session.