

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 16, 2021, with the following members present: Smith, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Sup. Bell was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Lance Schiele #59812 located at 2301 Delta Ave., West Branch.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on November 12, 2021, to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429271 for \$3,602.53-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of November 9, 2021.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Agne to approve Claim Disbursements #429054 - #429270 paid on November 10, 2021.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Discussion was held regarding donating the bookshelves located in the Law Library to the Historical Society. Sup. Kaufmann informed the board the bookshelves will be moved to the new building within the next two years. Sup. Kaufmann recommended this action be taken next week due to two board members will not vote on this request. This item will be voted on next week.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the 2022 Administration Services Proposal submitted by Benefits, Inc. for providing administration for the Flex Benefit Plan, annual amount of \$2,381, for county employees.
Ayes: All
Absent: Bell

EMA Director Freet proposed the following resolution to the Board for approval. Chairman Agne read the following resolution.

Resolution

Whereas Cedar County Ordinance #30, "An ordinance regulating the placement of telecommunications towers and antennas on property located in the unincorporated areas of Cedar County Iowa," requires that the applicant for a Special Exemption for construction of a telecommunications tower obtain written authorization from the owner of a site owner when applying for said special permit; and,

Whereas the Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board is applying for a Special Exemption for the construction of four (4) 911 - radio communications towers in unincorporated areas of Cedar County on behalf of the property owner, Cedar County, Iowa; and,

Whereas the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Cedar County, Iowa; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors:

Do hereby grant written permission to the Cedar County Joint 911 Service Board, Warren Wethington, Chair, to complete an application for a Special Exemption for the purposes of the construction of four (4) 911 - radio communications towers in the unincorporated areas in Cedar County, Iowa.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the resolution for a Special Exemption Permit for the construction of the telecommunication towers.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Public Health Interim Director Caes met with the Board to inform them of a replacement for Dr. Schuett. Caes would like to acknowledge Dr. Schuett for his years of service on the Board of Health. Caes stated he was excellent to work with and appreciates his support and knowledge. Caes informed the board that Leslie George-Paulsen DO, MPH, MHA has agreed to accept the physician position on the Board of Health. Sup. Kaufmann affirmed with Caes that the two positions, Director and physician has been filled. Caes replied yes, although she is temporary until the Board of Health hires a permanent Director. Caes informed the board she has received two qualified applicants for the Director position and has scheduled interviews. Chairperson Agne asked Caes how often the Board of Health meets. Caes replied every two months although she does not believe that is enough at this time due to the State is integrating DHS and Public Health together there are a lot of concerns. Sup. Kaufmann asked if Caes was feeling good with filling the vacancy on the Board of Health. Caes replied yes although she anticipates more resignations coming within the department. Caes will be working on the replacement for the Home Health Division Manager. The board appreciates Caes and what she has accomplished and would appreciate her to continue employment as a new director is hired for training purposes.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Dr. Lindsey Paulson to the Board of Health.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

At 9:00 a.m., the board held the 2nd public hearing on the EMS Essential Services for Cedar County. Those in attendance were Sandy Heick, Lonni Koch, Sheriff Wethington, Public Health Director Caes, EMA Director Freet, and Brad Ratcliff. Chairperson Agne read the resolution. Sup. Kaufmann asked the EMS representatives in two sentences why should we pass this resolution. Heick replied to guarantee ambulance response; Caes replied to the quality of care being delivered; Ratcliff stated saving lives. Sup. Kaufmann stated we have great volunteers but there are not enough, and lives are in danger. Heick agreed and stated with the funding it will allow an ambulance to respond. Discussion was held on response time for services. Sup. Kaufmann stated on behalf of the board we want to look at citizens and tell them they will receive quality care and quick response. Koch agreed. All in attendance understands the public will have to be educated. The board thanked all the volunteers. The public hearing concluded at 9:49 a.m.

At 9:50 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, convened as a Canvass Board 2nd Tier to canvass votes cast in the City/School Elections of November 2, 2021. Election Deputy Wiese met with the Board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Kaufmann, Smith and Chairperson Agne. Thereupon results from the several precincts were opened and examined with the results duly entered in the Official Canvass Book and attested to by the Board and the Cedar County Auditor. Declared duly elected in Cedar County were:

Bennett Community School District

Denise McGhee, Gregory Reynolds and Spencer L. Hicks----Director At Large

City of Durant

Scott Spengler----Mayor

Diane Quiram, Daniel Sterner, and Tom Daufeldt----Councilperson At Large

Durant Community School District

Katy Oberlander and Julie Rivera----Director At Large

Public Measure DM passed.

North Cedar Community School District

Aaron Horman --- Director at Large
Keith Lehrman----Director District 2
Kristopher Koth----Director District 4

City of West Branch

Roger Laughlin --- Mayor
Jodee Stoolman, and Nicholas Goodweiler----Councilperson At Large
Public Measure D passed.

West Branch Community School District

Gregory Hetrick, and Amanda Whaley---Director At Large

Evan Del Val, ISG met with the board via teleconference to discuss pipeline inspection services. Engineer Fangmann was present. Del Val explained the process of the installation and ISG will provide two experienced pipeline environmental inspectors on site. Del Val explained the pipeline will pay for all inspection fees. ISG does not have any affiliation with the pipeline company. Del Val anticipates the project to start in 2023 with completion in 2024. Del Val stated if the county hires him for this project prior to the December 7th meeting with landowners they will attend the meeting. The board thanked him and the phone call was concluded with no decision made.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 10:38 a.m., to November 23, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson