The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 25, 2022 with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Noah Coppess Farm Bureau President inviting the Board to attend their next meeting Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:15p.m.

Leanne Boots, Safety Committee Coordinator submitted Safety Committee minutes from January 2022.

Email from Quad Cities Community Foundation with information on the Tipton Community Enhancement Fund.

Email from David Hintz on the EMS Executive Committee regarding voting.

Interim Public Health Director Jane Caes submitted documentation from Rochelle Carver that she declined the Public Health Director position.

Correspondence from Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Ken Coffey completing his 3 year anniversary on 1/23/22. His hourly rate will change from \$21.53 to \$22.43.

County Attorney Renander submitted his notice of retirement effective March 11, 2022.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Hermiston Farms Inc. Site 2 #67097 for a site located at 2361 250th St New Liberty, IA. LuJen Farms Inc (North Side) for a site located at 756 Garfield Road West Branch, IA.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429962 for \$1,713.81-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the agenda. Ayes: All

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

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of January 18, 2022. Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Claim Disbursements #429824 - #429964 paid on January 20, 2022.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Adam Schweers, President of ICE Technologies presented to the Board a request for \$15,000 in funding for a study on Hwy 30 due to the D.O.T. is planning on a super two highway. The Hwy 30 Coalition is against the super two and want a four-lane highway. Schweers states with the study they can engage the Governor and legislatures to change their mind. Discussion was held regarding a county wide resolution for the four-lane recommendation. The Boards consensus was to email the City Mayors and invite them to attend in person or via phone to discuss the high importance of discussion on this topic as soon as possible. Auditor Dauber will send the email and it will be on the agenda for next Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. The call was concluded.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for approval on payment of a project and right of way purchases.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the final voucher in the amount of \$665,581.79 for the bridge project BROS-SWAP-C016(110)—5E-16. Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann presented two right of way purchases for project LFM-202104—7X-16, east of Dixon Avenue that consists of twin 12x12 box culvert.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve payment in the amount of \$2,568.81 to Mark G & Phyllis D Snyder.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve payment in the amount of \$2,024.27 to Leisure Lea, LLC.

Ayes: All

Jill Cinkovich met with the Board to discuss voting rights on the EMS Committee. Brittany Rogers, Clarence EMS was present. Cinkovich informed the Board she is not part of the Executive Committee; she is on the Advisory Committee. Although David Hintz, Lowden EMS is on the Executive Committee, and he received an email stating due Clarence Ambulance serves Lowden the two agencies would only get one vote. Cinkovich does not agree with this decision and requested Lowden to have a vote on the Executive Committee. Chairperson Agne explained what the Board intentions were. Sup. Smith expressed the importance of working together and to utilize this opportunity to improve EMS services to the citizens of the County in time for this proposition to be placed on the General Election ballot. Sup. Kaufmann relayed he had spoken with Co-Chair Heick and she agrees that Lowden should have a vote on the Executive Committee. Sup Bell informed Cinkovich if the Committee would happen to have a tie they need to bring the proposed plans and budget to the Board for the final decision. The consensus of the Board was to allow Lowden to have a vote on the Executive Committee.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for a change in zoning for construction of a dwelling. LaRue provided a map to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to set public hearing dates on February 8th and 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Ayes: All

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board and requested a closed session to discuss purchasing real estate.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) at 9:42 a.m.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to go into open session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) at 10:13 a.m.

Ayes: All

No decisions were made.

The Board held a discussion regarding the proposed reduction in levy rates for the Rural Services Fund and General Supplemental Fund. The Board requested Auditor Dauber to prepare the FY22/23 budget with the reduction of sixty (60) cents for the Rural Services Fund and a seventeen (17) cents reduction for the General Supplemental Fund. Auditor Dauber will request the Board to set a public hearing date for the FY22/23 Proposed Property Tax Levy at the next board meeting.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to set the levy rate for the Pioneer Cemetery to reflect tax dollars in the amount of \$22,500.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 10:56 a.m., to February 1, 2022.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne Chairnerson