

TIPTON, IOWA

February 8, 2022

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 8, 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:

Treasurer Delaney submitted a Notice of Voluntary Resignation for Joyce Busher, effective February 11, 2022.

Conservation Director Dauber submitted correspondence for Andy Petersen, Park Ranger has successfully completed his 6-month orientation period effective February 2, 2022.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Rose Avenue Pork #62879 for a site at 711 Rose Ave Clarence.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/4/22 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #430116 for \$2,065.14-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to amend the agenda and add discussion with telephone company representatives at 9:30 a.m. and approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. Andy Willey introduced himself that he represents Night Owl Wireless, LLC and would like to be considered for funding options with broadband. Sup. Kaufmann asked if he has received state grants. Willey stated he received NOFA funding #3 for Scott and Muscatine County but did not receive NOFA funding #4. Kaufmann asked Willey if he is requesting funding from Scott and Muscatine. Willey stated he has not had any discussions yet. Bell asked if the fiber build out for rural, is that home to home? Willey replied yes. Sup. Smith inquired to other board members if Willey should stay for the 9:30 a.m. discussion. Sup. Kaufmann informed Willey that representatives from the telephone companies will be discussing broadband at 9:30. Willey stated he will stay for the discussion.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of February 1, 2022.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #429967 - #430115 paid on 2/3/22.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a five-day Class C liquor license for the Cedar County Fair, effective 3/16/2022.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Sup. Kaufmann informed the board members the \$4,600 funding for grave maintenance will probably be needed for another three to four years to have every veteran stone foundation repaired and located.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the \$4,600 funding for the Cedar County Veterans Graves Grant.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bell informed the Board members that a township has a new agreement with an ambulance service that they did not have prior. Bell stated that several programming changes need to be made to reflect this addition and it is more work than a person would think. The township will receive an estimated cost to implement the change.

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for Jesse Shield, 1922 170th Street, West Liberty, Iowa (Buyer) and James D. and Donna R. Stagg, 1638 100th Street, West Liberty, Iowa (Owner) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of allowing construction a single-family dwelling on property located in the SE ¼, SW ¼, Section 31, T-79N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.12 acres m/l of a proposed lot consisting of 3.37 acres m/l. Administrative Assistant Axline, Engineer Fangmann, Sheriff Wethington, and Jesse & Jenna Shields. Axline informed the Board they received a letter from the fire department and an entrance permit is on file. Axline further explained that this 1.12 acre has a CSR of 95 so moderate finding was to retain as agricultural, although this is added to the existing grassy area. Sup. Bell stated he was present at this zoning meeting and asked that Shields inform the board what he stated in the zoning meeting. Shields explained this was his Great Grandpa's farm and he is going to preserve the barn and buildings on this site. Sup. Bell explained the zoning board had difficulty in the decision due to the LESA score however they felt because they were squaring off the existing set of buildings and family that it was enough reasoning.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the rezoning and waive the second hearing.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for approval on the final plan for the LFM-202104-7X-16 project. Fangmann informed the board this is a twin 12'x12' box culvert.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the final plans.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann informed the board that the start date for this project is August 1st with completion in fifty working days with a budgeted amount of \$475,000. Fangmann requested the board set the letting date for February 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set the letting date on February 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann informed the board the maintenance policy for the Application of Dust Control is the same as last year. If the weather cooperates in the Spring, the application dates would be May 7th and June 11th.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the 2022 Maintenance Policy for Application of Dust Control.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) at 9:15 a.m.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to return to open session at 9:22 a.m.

Ayes: All

At 9:30 the board met with Justin Stinson & Marcus Behnken – Liberty Communications, Chad Fall – Cedar Communications, Aaron Horman – F&B Communications and Andy Willey-Night Owl. General discussion was held on funding from other sources, one-time funding from Cedar County, tentatively start dates, and availability of materials. The board requested each representative provide a map that defines the area they would utilize the funding, total miles and how many houses it would affect by February 22, 2022. The board requested Auditor Dauber to send an email to Mechanicsville Telephone Company and Wilton Telephone Company to inform them of the request. The other representatives said they would let them know too.

Auditor Dauber met with the board and presented the items included on the budget amendment.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to set the public hearing date for February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Ayes: All


Treasurer Delaney met with the board to request approval to hire a full-time employee due a resignation. Delaney explained with the ability of the contiguous counties to title in Cedar County and a possible retirement in the Spring of 2023 she can justify this request. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to allow the Treasurer to hire a full-time employee.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:42 a.m., to February 15, 2022.

Ayes: All


Cari A. Dauber, Auditor


Steve Agne, Chairperson