

TIPTON, IOWA

August 30, 2022

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 30, 2022, with the following members present: Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Sup. Smith 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:

Brenda Johnson on the hiring of Jill Sneddon-Urmie, dispatcher effective August 28, 2022, with a starting wage of \$20.49 per hour.

Heather Jones emailed stating she is resigning from all county appointments.

Gail Fleming submitted correspondence regarding the dispute between Mike Wallace and John Sweeney.

Evan Del Val, ISG Inc. provided a draft ordinance amendment to address Hazardous Liquid Pipelines.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 8/26/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #432309 for \$2,815.42-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. Doug Schroeder attended the pipeline meeting last night and asked for clarification on eminent domain and if there is a certain amount of percentage for this to go into effect. Sup. Kaufmann stated there is no set percentage and the bottom line is the legislature needs to impose a flat percentage. Schroeder stated that concerned citizens need to voice their opinion by submitting a letter opposing and why. Schroeder states he wants to stand up for the generations to come. Schroeder thanked the board for submitting an objection to the Iowa Utility Board.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of August 23, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Payroll Disbursements #190717-190870 for the period ending 8/20/22 and to be paid on 8/26/22.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the FY21/22 Urban Renewal Report.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Discussion was held regarding the MCM proposal for the EMS Services Study. Sheriff Wethington and EMA Director Freet were present. Attorney Blank has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns. Blank researched the public bidding/quoting requirements, and this is not needed due to this is not a public improvement. Sup. Bell asked EMA Director Freet if she is confident in the proposal. Freet stated she is 90%; the 10% is the unknown. Sheriff Wethington has complete faith with MCM Consulting Group.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the proposal submitted by MCM Consulting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 and to be paid by ARPA funds.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss the 28E Cooperative County Agreement and Resolution of Support for the Bridge Investment Program Grant Project. Fangmann explained an entity has to be named as the lead and Washington County has agreed. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the 28E Cooperative County Agreement and Resolution of Support for the Bridge Investment Program Grant Project.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Auditor Dauber informed the board that she held voting equipment presentations to her staff and precinct election officials from two vendors. Dauber has reviewed proposals from election companies on new voting equipment. Dauber recommends purchasing the election equipment from ES&S and the company is located in Omaha, Nebraska. Discussion was held. Auditor Dauber stated the board allocated \$200,000 for this purchase with ARPA funds and she can utilize her election budget for the shortfall.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Auditor Dauber to purchase ES&S voting equipment in the amount of \$210,020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The board discussed the satellite voting stations being located at the high school and concerns with security. Sheriff Wethington will contact Randy Shumaker regarding the security matter.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., to September 6, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith



Cari A. Dauber, Auditor



Steve Agne, Chairperson