

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 21, 2023 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler 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:  
Chad Fall, General Manager Clarence Telephone/Cedar Communications and Aaron Horman, General Manager F&B Communications regarding Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Cedar County Solid Waste Director Crock regarding Scott Moffit, Operator moving from part-time to full-time effective 2/13/2023.

Safety Coordinator Boots regarding the fire drill exercise on 2/15/2023.

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted approved February reports and minutes from January 11, 2023.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Hermiston Farms Inc. – Site 2 for a site at 250<sup>th</sup> Street, New Liberty.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/17/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434183 for \$2,732.31-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments: There were none.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of February 14, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Abstain: Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #434003 - #434182 paid on 2/16/2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

EMA Director Freet submitted the Site Acceptance Testing (SAT) Cover Letter for next week's Site Acceptance Testing at RACOM. County Attorney Blank reviewed the letter. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Site Acceptance Testing (SAT) Cover Letter.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

An invoice for \$5,590 submitted by Johnson County Board of Supervisors regarding the USGS Study on Water Withdrawals for the Silurian Aquifer—2020 through 2045 was discussed. It was decided that Auditor Wiese would contact Johnson County to request them to address the Board at a later meeting to explain how Cedar County will benefit from this study.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a renewal for the Cedar County Fair for a 12 month Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Sales.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve New Cigarette Permit for Taste of India, West Liberty.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Custodian Gritton met with the Board to discuss ARPA projects. Custodian Gritton contacted Lynch concerning the overcharging on the invoice by \$608.40 for the water fountains. There was extra labor involved which increased the price, however, Lynch was willing to split the difference.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve ARPA funds for the additional \$304.20 for the water fountains.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Custodian Gritton continued the ARPA project discussion with the proposed meeting room on the second floor. At 8:35 a.m. the Board members, Auditor Wiese and Sue Hall all left the board room to look at the space. Discussion was held.

At 8:45 a.m. the meeting resumed in the board room. ARPA discussion was put on hold until later in the meeting.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Dotson Farm LLC, Debra DeVore, 2116 Ivory Avenue, Atalissa, 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 SW ¼, NE ¼, Section 21, T-79N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.99 acres m/l.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to set public hearing dates for the above petition on March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

John Murphy, CEO Community Action of Eastern Iowa met with the Board to introduce himself. Updated the Board on what services they offer. CPA Director Julie Tischuk was introduced and she expressed concerns about utility services being shutoff in the county. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held on the contract with ISG to provide pipeline inspections services for an Alliant Energy relocation project. Alliant wants the project to start the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. County Attorney Blank was called to review the contract and he found it to be acceptable.

Engineer Fangmann provided an update on the Iowa DOT Highway 30 Project. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the contract with ISG to provide pipeline inspection services to an Alliant Energy relocation project.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Discussion was held on sending letter to RAGBRAI stating our concerns about the poor response to the County's concerns. Sup. Kaufmann will work on a draft and find a contact to send the letter to by next week.

Discussion was held on hiring a Budget Director. Three county employees are currently interested. The Board asked Assistant Assessor Dauber to come down and answer specific questions concerning the budgeting process. Consensus was to have Assistant Assessor Dauber

and Auditor Wiese meet to decide which duties would be the responsibility of the Budget Director and report back to the Board next week. No decisions were made.


Discussion resumed concerning the proposed meeting room on the second floor. Bids, insulating the outside walls, door locks and ADA accessibility were discussed. Joe Rizzo New Age Improvements was called to clear up a few questions the Board had concerning the bid he submitted. Consensus was to provide some new measurements of the space to the bidders so that they are more accurate and comparable. Replacing the elevator was also discussed. Custodian Gritton was advised to compile the bids and present to the Board. No decisions were made.

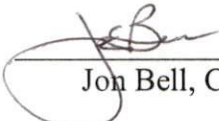
Discussion was held concerning the Eminent Domain Commission members. Consensus was to reach out to a few of the members to see if they are still eligible. This topic will be placed on the agenda if needed to fill vacancies.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., to February 28, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

  
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Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson