

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 28, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Conservation Director Dauber regarding hiring Jacob Wilbourne for a nine-month seasonal position with a rate at \$15.00/hour effective 3/6/2023.

Kevin Wells, Mechanic Crew Leader Notice of Retirement effective 2/24/2023.

Denny McCallum, Courtroom Technology Specialist regarding installation of CTI auditor/video/conferencing systems for court users who are hearing-impaired.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Storjohann #68495 for a site at 1621 Vermont Ave., Bennett.

Valley View Farms Inc. #66070 for a site at 642 280th St., West Branch.

Hinkhouse Customs #71416 for a site at 435 300th St., West Branch.

John Sander Taylor Site #61913 for a site at 724 Taylor Ave., Lowden.

John Sander Berry Site #68045 for a site at 761 Union Ave., Lowden.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/24/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434184 for \$2,795.91-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. EMA Director Freet gave an update on Site Acceptance Testing.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of February 21, 2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #192638-192787 for the period ending 2/18/23 and to be paid on 2/24/23.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Chad Fall, Clarence Telephone and Aaron Horman, F&B Communications met with the Board to discuss Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program. Horman gave an overview of the Invitation to Qualify (ITQ), which is an application process that opens March 1, 2023 and closes March 31, 2023. The Board reviewed an Iowa Broadband Map v5. Discussion was held. Horman informed the Board that ECIA is helping Counties and Cities with the application process. A phone call was placed to ECIA and the Board spoke with Dylan Michels. Michels will provide assistance to the County with the application process once he received contact information for all entities involved. Consensus of the Board was to send Michels contact information to get the process started.

The Board reviewed an application for permit to erect display from the Tipton Chamber. Bill Schwitzer was present. Schwitzer updated the Board on the events that will take place on June 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., which will include a vendor area, children's activities, and food trucks. All profits will go to the Hardacre Theatre. The areas requested are North & East parking lots and West & South lawns. All County vehicles will be moved to County Secondary Roads lot. The City of Tipton is responsible for the clearing of the north lot.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Tipton Chamber permit to erect display on June 10, 2023.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the board for the 2023 Maintenance Policy for Application of Dust Control. Fangmann said the policy is the same as last year.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the 2023 Maintenance Policy for Application of Dust Control.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann explained the classification change for Thomas Noel from a Mechanic I to a Mechanic II with a wage change from \$27.22 to \$27.76 effective 2/28/2023.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the classification and rate change for Thomas Noel.

Ayes: All

Chief Deputy Assessor Dauber and Auditor Wiese met with the Board to discuss Finance Director job description and duties. The Board reviewed the job description that was approved by Mike Galloway, HR Attorney. Discussion was held on stipend and staffing of the Auditor's Office. Dauber asked when the Board wanted her to start as the Finance Director. Consensus of the Board was effective immediately and to send an email to Department Heads. The Board also asked Dauber to track her hours for this position.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Finance Director job description, approve Cari Dauber to fill the position effective immediately with a \$10,000 stipend and authorize Auditor Wiese to hire a Clerk.

Ayes: All

General discussion was held on Highway 30. Consensus of the Board was to email City Clerks asking them for an official position of the Council on a Super 2 vs four-lane.

Lisa Dierks met with the Board to ask if they have worked on a Safety Ordinance for the pipeline. The Board discussed the need for an Ordinance. Kaufmann mentioned needing to know what the cost of working with an Attorney would be. Bell mentioned possible proposal with other counties and splitting cost. Doug Schroeder asked about setbacks and soil grading. Consensus of the Board was to email Attorney Tim Whipple for a consultation.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board to discuss OPIOID monies. Tischuk informed the Board a new settlement is ready with more monies. Consensus of the Board was to continue receiving monies as it becomes available.

CPC Director Tischuk gave Region updates. Lori Elam will schedule a time to review the budget to the Board.

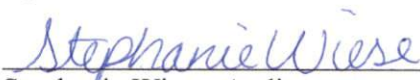
Discussion was held on property concerns and unenforced County Ordinances on 3 properties; 98 Valley Rd., 102 Valley Rd. and 117 Valley Rd. Conservation Director Dauber, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Don and Connie Byrnes and Nevin Tucker were present. A house fire destroyed a home at 117 Valley Rd, which the owners are working on clean up as weather permits and working with LaRue on permits. Byrnes said a new home has been ordered. Tucker passed around photos of junk on the other properties. LaRue said he has been trying to get in contact with the other owners to clean up the properties with no luck. Consensus of the Board was to work with Attorney Blank and send letters to owners.

Discussion was had on Eminent Domain Committee Appointments. Barnhart contacted Emilie Walsh and John Hirshman and they are willing to serve.

Discussion on the ARPA project for the meeting room. Consensus of the Board was to move the storage end to the east and use the door near the Attorneys Office for meeting room access. Sound proofing would be needed for the wall between Attorney Blanks office and the meeting room.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 11:26 a.m., to March 7, 2023.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson