

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 14, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart (via phone), 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:  
Margaret and James Clark regarding cease and desist email on pipelines.  
Delbert Longley, Chief Jail Inspector State of Iowa regarding Cedar County Jail Inspection on March 6, 2023.  
Cedar County Clerk of Court for fees collected for February 2023.  
Old Cedar County Jail meeting minutes from February 2023.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Tim Kahl Site 2 #69334 for a site at 1949 167<sup>th</sup> St., Lowden.  
Cousins East Finisher Farm #65191 for a site on Green Rd., Olin.  
Fletcher Farm #65560 for a site at 852 Green Rd., Tipton.  
Michael Lilienthal Farm #59739 for a site at 2323 290<sup>th</sup> St., New Liberty.  
JT Farmington Pork LLC #68979 for a site at 1830 290<sup>th</sup> St., Tipton.  
JT Center Pork 3 #68977 for a site at 1614 260<sup>th</sup> St., Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/10/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434281 for \$4,440.22-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Lisa Dierks gave the Board a handout on Counties that have proposed a Safety Ordinance for CO2 pipelines.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of March 7, 2023.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #192788-192931 for the period ending 3/4/23 and to be paid on 3/10/23.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a 12 month Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Sales for Wahkonsa County Club.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a new 8 month Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Sales and Living Quarters for Barn at Bunker Hill effective 4/1/2023.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve classification change for Thomas Noel from a Mechanic II to Mechanic Crew Leader with a wage change from \$27.76 to \$28.22 effective 3/14/2023.  
Ayes: All

Head Custodian Gritton met with the Board to discuss projects. The second floor meeting room changes to move to east side and sound proof Attorney Blank's office is still waiting for quotes but will be added to the agenda next week. The elevator modernization was discussed. Consensus of the Board was to have Schumacher and Knutson come and present to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Gritton to complete the project in the men's restroom second floor bathroom urinal and fix Assessor's Office south wall that has moisture damage.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve ARPA funds to Summit Fire for 48 smokes and 1 horn/strobe light in the amount of \$6,100.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. the Board adjourned from regular session to meet as a Canvassing Board to canvass votes cast in Cedar County for the Durant Community School Special Election held on March 7, 2023. Auditor Wiese was in attendance. The results were as follows:

Proposition DN

Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,600,000 to provide funds to renovate, remodel, repair, improve, expand, furnish and equip portions of the existing building, including theater and gymnasium spaces, classrooms, HVAC and electrical systems, and administrative office spaces, including security improvements?

For Proposition DN, there were: Four hundred forty-four (444) votes

Against Proposition DN, there were: Two hundred sixty-two (262) votes

TOTAL Seven hundred six (706) votes

Proposition DO

Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

For Proposition DO, there were: Four hundred thirty-six (436) votes

Against Proposition DO, there were: Two hundred seventy (270) votes

TOTAL Seven hundred six (706) votes

The Board resumed into regular session.

At 9:30 a.m., a phone call was placed to Attorney Timothy Whipple. Attorney Whipple is working with a number of counties on Ordinances dealing with Summit and Navigator Pipeline. Whipple said Cedar County would be his first County working with Wolf Pipeline. Currently there are three federal lawsuits with Counties that have adopted Ordinances. Whipple isn't able to do Ordinances with eminent domain but recommends an Ordinance with strong setbacks. Bixler asked if Cedar, Scott and Linn Counties could all work together to form an Ordinance. Whipple said that would be a good idea. His hourly rate is \$350/hour and his assistant is \$220/hour. Bell asked about a timeframe. Whipple said there is plenty of time to adopt an Ordinance. Other topics discussed were safety standards, sighting/routing, cross roads/right-of-ways and other County Ordinances already adopted. Bell thanked Whipple for his time and the consensus of the Board will be to reach out to Linn and Scott Counties and continue to work towards adopting an Ordinance.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Finance Director Dauber met with the Board to discuss levy rates for General Basic, General Sup., Rural Services and Pioneer Cemetery. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to pay \$407,905 from ARPA funds for the completion of the Solid Waste building and EMA towers project.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase the General Sup. Fund levy by seven cents from 1.27 to 1.34 for FY23/24.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to increase Rural Services Fund by twenty cents from 2.5 to 2.7 for FY23/24. This increase is due to the request from citizens to react to the pipeline and adopt an Ordinance.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to set the levy rate for the Pioneer Cemetery to reflect tax dollars in the amount of \$20,000.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to reduce the recommendation by 50% for the Board of Supervisors for a 4% increase.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to accept Compensation Boards recommendation per the Iowa Code for all Elected Officials; Attorney 8%, Auditor 7%, Recorder 8%, Sheriff 8.5% and Treasurer 8.7%.


Ayes: All

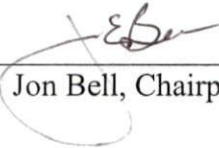
Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set April 4, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as the public hearing date for the FY23/24 Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 12:12 p.m., to March 21, 2023.

Ayes: All

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson