

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 26, 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:
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved September reports and August 9, 2023 meeting minutes.

City of West Branch, Notice of Consultation and Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed amendment No. 6 to the amended and restated West Branch Urban Renewal Plan.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
LNS Acres LLC-Springdale Site #71362 for a site at 1837 Hayes Avenue, West Branch.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 9/22/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436373 for \$1,325.16-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of September 19, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #194947-195102 for the period ending 9/16/23 and to be paid on 9/22/23.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Conservation Director Dauber provided an update to the Board on a bridge grant. Dauber said he scored a perfect 100 and is currently applicant #4 and they fund 10 applicants. Final decision will be made in October, and he will then report to the Board.

Sherri Hunt, Director Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa met with the Board and provided a handout of FY23 Annual Report. Hunt reviewed the Annual Report and told the Board that the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services are working on an alignment. No decisions were made.

Michael McGrady and Kristy Agosti, MCM Consultants met with the Board to provide an update on the EMS referendum. McGrady discussed upcoming meeting and postcards. McGrady said this is an issue across the County not just in Iowa.

CPC Director Tischuk provided the Board with an Electronic Device Access Log sheet. This sheet will be used for anyone accessing an employee's computer. Work tickets will also be used but still need to get that process formed. Once the work ticket is formed Tischuk will report back to the Board for approval of work ticket and log. Tischuk provided a Region update and said the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services are working on an alignment. Currently the Region has 12-13 Regions and with the alignment they will have 7-9 Regions.

Jessica Wiskus met with the Board to discuss a letter from PHMSA and the CO2 pipeline. Wiskus wrote a letter and provided the Board with the PHMSA letter, and a summary of the community and environmental risks posed by these projects. Doug Schroeder, Jerry Goldsmith,

David Wiskus and Lisa Dircks were in attendance. Wiskus said the PHMSA letter recognizes what local governments can do to keep citizens safe and asked the Board to take leadership on this issue. Barnhart said we can't stop federal subsidies. Dircks voiced concerns about the water usage. Schroeder would like the Board to propose set-back distances. Goldsmith said the sooner the Board sets an Ordinance the better because he feels without an Ordinance Cedar County is vulnerable. General discussion was held and no decisions were made.

Engineer Fangman met with the Board to discuss final voucher for bridge project BROS-SWAP-C016(113)—FE-16.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve final voucher for bridge project BROS-SWAP-C016(113)—FE-16.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Windstream on Yankee Avenue and a \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a).

Ayes: Gaul, Kaufmann, Barnhart, Bell

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go back into regular session.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve unpaid leave until October 18, 2023 for Jim Meyer pursuant to the Cedar County Employee Handbook.

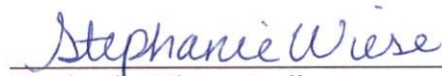
Ayes: All

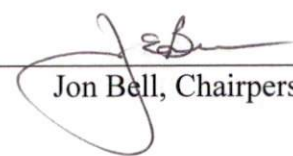
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:28 a.m., to October 3, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson