

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 31, 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:
Christine DeFauw, Correctional Officer Notice of Retirement effective 1/18/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
RAD Farms #66944 for a site at 1835 180th Street, Lowden.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 10/27/23 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436798 for \$3,318.23-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Veterans Service Officer Hamann informed the Board on November 8th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. she will be doing a pork loin give away for Veterans using the Courthouse parking lot.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of October 24, 2023.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #4636670 - #436797 paid on 10/26/2023.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. IT Director Pierce met with the Board to discuss donating routers to Tipton School District. Pierce informed the Board that he has updated all the wireless access points in the Courthouse. Pierce was talking with the Technology Director at the Tipton School District, and he said they could utilize more wireless access points. Bell asked if the wireless access points hold any data. Pierce said they don't but will be wiped of any information stored on them.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to donate the wireless access points to the Tipton School District.
Ayes: All

A liquor license request for Whitetails requesting a new 12-month Class C liquor license effective October 30, 2023, was brought to the Board. Bell asked Sheriff Wethington if his department has had any issues. Wethington said his mud bogs are an issue and he will talk to the owner about that.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Whitetails a new 12-month Class C liquor license effective October 30, 2023.
Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. Chief Security Officer Tischuk asked the Board if Assistant County Attorney Jones could have Virtual private network (VPN) access for when he is away from the office for training, after hours or when the elevator is down.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Assistant County Attorney Jones VPN access.
Ayes: All

Micheal McGrady, MCM Consultants met with the Board for an update on EMS referendum. McGrady updated the Board on meetings held and upcoming meetings.

Head Custodian Gritton was called to the Boardroom to review bids on concrete for the upstairs meeting room. Bids were reviewed. Some bids were missing the vapor barrier and others were missing the epoxy. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and accept W J Leeper Construction LTD bid as presented.
Ayes: All

Jack Wilson, Knutson Construction and Steve Maine, Hawkeye Electric met with the Board to discuss updating the fire panel due to the elevator project. Summit is our current vendor for our fire panel. Discussion was held on different options and add-ons for the elevator. Consensus of the Board was to just do panel for elevator. Wilson informed the Board that they have walked the pit last week and noticed the waterline for the drinking fountain needs to be relocated. The current sump pump is newer and will continue to use that instead of replacing with a new pump.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve base bid of \$24,927.00 for elevator power.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for ITC Midwest on 140th and 150th Street and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All


Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for REC on Adams Ave and 130th Street and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy for underground in Stanwood and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann gave project updates.

Finance Director Dauber was called to the Boardroom to review the ARPA funds. The Board is looking at extra cost for the two projects they are currently working on the elevator project and finishing the upstairs meeting room. Along with wanting to preserve the roof of the barn they toured last week at Rock Creek Timber Wildlife Area. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 10:32 a.m., to November 7, 2023.
Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson