

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 14, 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:  
Michael Kempin, Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 11/22/2023.  
Chief Deputy Knoche regarding Reserve Officers rate going to \$20/hour and \$15/hour places into reserve fund.  
Cedar County Clerk for fees collected in October 2023.  
Safety Committee FY22/23 Annual Report and FY23/24 Annual Report.  
Knutson Construction on Elevator upgrade schedule.  
Sheriff Wethington regarding contracted hours for West Branch.  
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted approved November reports and October 18, 2023 minutes.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/10/23 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436971 for \$3,291.14-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. Lonni Koch congratulated the Board on the EMS Service that passed and asked to be a part of the next phase.

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #436800 - #436970 paid on 11/9/2023.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the letter of support for IDALS grant for Durant.  
Ayes: All

Delta Dental rates for 2024 were discussed. The annual trend used is 3.5% although our renewal was 2%. The Delta Dental of Iowa Dental Plan Management Report was reviewed.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the new dental rates with a 2% increase.

Single—\$41.28	Two Person—\$82.14	Family—\$127.78
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Ayes: All

Assessor Dauber met with the board regarding Family Farm applications being allowed and disallowed.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the allowed and disallowed as presented by Assessor Dauber.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Work Request form for Assessor Dauber to remove two walls to make office more customer friendly.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to allow General Assistance Director Tischuk to participate in the food voucher program and the giving tree for 2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Business Associate Agreement for Code Works Software Factory, Inc.

Ayes: All

The Board recessed until 9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, convened as a Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in the City/School Elections of November 7, 2023. Auditor Wiese met with the Board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Bixler, Barnhart, Kaufmann and Chairperson Bell. Thereupon results from several precincts were opened and examined with the results duly entered in the Official Canvass Book and attested to by the Board and the Cedar County Auditor.

Declared duly elected in Cedar County were:

Cedar County

Board of Supervisors At-Large to Fill a Vacancy---Bruce Barnhart  
Public Measure DO passed.

City of Bennett

Joe Sparks----Mayor

Steven Boedeker and John Hulick----Councilpersons At Large

City of Clarence

Larry Havel and David Doscher----Councilpersons At Large

Brent Good---- Councilpersons At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)

City of Lowden

Derrick Lange----Mayor

Cody Poppe, Kim M. Jones and Austin Lange ----Councilpersons At Large

Nicholas Lange----Councilperson At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)

City of Mechanicsville

Brian H. Steele, Randy Brown and Tracy Miller ----Councilpersons At Large

City of Stanwood

Todd A. Sawyer----Mayor

Ryan Deppe and Stephanie Rottman ----Councilpersons At Large

David Siebels---- Councilperson At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)

City of Tipton

Tammi Goerdts----Mayor

George D. Welker----Councilperson-Ward 1

Luke Johnston----Councilperson-Ward 3

Jason Paustian----Councilperson At Large

City of West Branch

Public Measure DP passed.

Tipton School

Heidi Ann Shumaker, Matthew Lafrenz and Kirby J. Bierman----Director At Large

A phone call was placed to Carl Salmons, Attorney.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to go into closed session at 10:32 a.m. for Communication with Attorney 21.5(1)a Attorney client privilege for ongoing litigation 622.10.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Bixler, Kaufmann, Bell

Sup. Bixler left at 11:09 a.m.


Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to return to regular session at 11:21 a.m.

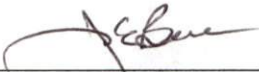
Ayes: Gaul, Kaufmann, Bell, Barnhart

No decisions were made in closed session and the Board will have Kaufmann communicate with ADM and Wolf with the Boards guidance as things progress.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:24 a.m., to November 21, 2023.

Ayes: All

  
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Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson