The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 9, 2024 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul and Pro-Tem Kaufmann. Chairperson Bell 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:

Auditor Wiese submitted County Auditor's report of fees collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

Recorder Bahnsen submitted County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for 10/1/2023 through 12/31/23.

Linda Beck, Tipton Development Director regarding 2024 Hwy 38 project – Cedar Stret downtown district meeting.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by: PJ Farms Inc. Site 2 #69272 at 1982 250th Street, Bennett. Samuelson & Son #59702 at 1693 270th Street, Tipton. South Cedar Pork LLC #58025 at 1751 Rose Avenue, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/5/24 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437511 for \$1,134.27-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All Absent: Bell

Pro-Tem Kaufmann addressed the public for comments. Public Health Director Wagaman notified the board that the Regional Re-organization for Health and Human Services report was sent out on Friday, January 5th at 5:00 P.M. The State has indicated three options are available but has made no decisions. EMA Director Freet reported the Lowden First Responders have offered to sell to Cedar County their response vehicle but upon further inspection, it is too old to purchase.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of January 2, 2024. Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #437417 - #437510 paid on 1/4/2024.

Ayes: All Absent: Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Pro-Tem Kaufmann to sign the FY2023 Cost Allocation Plan.

Ayes: All Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a Handwritten Disbursement #437512 from Conservation Director Dauber to Sinclair Tractor in the amount of \$60,941 for a John Deere 5075M utility tractor.

Ayes: All Absent: Bell

The Board recessed for 15 minutes.

Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche and Chief Deputy Koranda met with the Board for a FY 24/25 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Public Health Director Wagaman met with the Board for a FY 24/25 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Sup. Bixler left the board room at 9:34 a.m. and returned at 9:36 a.m.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board via phone for a FY 24/25 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann met with the Board for a FY 24/25 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board via phone for his annual performance review with the Board. LaRue did not request a closed session.

IT Director Pierce met with the Board for his annual performance review. Pierce requested a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 10:51 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to go back into open session at 11:15 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 11:18 a.m., to January 16, 2024.

Ayes: All Absent: Bell

Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

Jeff Kaufmann, Pro-Tem