

TIPTON, IOWA

February 6, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 6, 2024 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:
Albert Brumwell, Correctional Officer Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 2/5/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Pasvogel and Son #63128 for a site at 1813 Rose Avenue, Tipton.
Pasvogel and Sons – 2 #68025 1730 Rose Avenue, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/2/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437755 for \$8,193.43-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. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of January 30, 2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #437648 - 437754 paid on 2/1/24.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to decrease the funding for Veterans Graves by \$1,000, which would set their FY24/25 funding to \$3,600.
Ayes: All

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to leave the funding the same for the Lower Cedar Watershed, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$2,000.
Ayes: All

At 8:45 a.m. Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss final plans for project FM-C016(120)--55-16 and Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement for highway 38 resurfacing project.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize the Board to sign the final plans for project FM-C016(120)--55-16.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement for Highway 38 resurfacing project.
Ayes: Ayes

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were CPC Director Tischuk, Engineer Fangmann, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Assessor Dauber, Public Health Director Wagaman, EMA Director Freet, IT Director Pierce, Treasurer Delaney, Auditor Wiese, Recorder Bahnsen, Conservation Director

Dauber, Sheriff Wethington, Head Custodian Gritton, and Assistant County Attorney Jones. Discussion was held.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to decrease the funding for Home Base Iowa by \$2,500, which would set their FY24/25 funding to \$5,000.

Ayes: All

At 10:00 a.m. EMA Director Freet met with the Board to discuss 911 final acceptance signing. Glen Reynolds, RACOM was present and Jason Roblin, MCM Consulting was present via phone. The contract has been complete although they are still working on a few additions not included in the contract. Both Reynolds and Roblin assured they will continue to work with Cedar County on the additions requested.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the 911 Final Acceptance Contract.

Ayes: All

EMA Director Freet discussed the Homeland Security Grant Program 2024 documents. Safety Coordinator Boots and IT Director Pierce were present. Freet informed the Board that this is a no match grant, and the County will need to pay for the yearly maintenance fee. Pierce has researched many different options for panic buttons. Boots will call a safety meeting to decide what option Cedar County will choose for the grant.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to name EMA Director Jody Freet as designee for the Homeland Security Grant 2024.

Ayes: All

EMA Director Freet informed the Board about the Snowfall Disaster Declaration. The disaster declaration has a 48-hour window from January 8-16, 2024. This will help with any overtime, repairs, materials and hired help during the snowstorm.


Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Snowfall Disaster Declaration.

Ayes: All

Finance Director Dauber meet with the Board and provided handouts she had received from Department Heads with changes including the 80/20 health insurance split reflected. The Board reviewed the updated ending fund balances and discussed different ways of departments making cuts to their budgets. Kaufmann asked Auditor Wiese if she feels comfortable getting the job done without one person. Auditor Wiese said yes. Bell informed Department Heads they need to look at the services provided and trim down where they can. Consensus of the Board was to have handouts showing all employees non-union wages at no increase and at 1% for next week and any other changes can be provided to Dauber. All final decisions must be made by February 20, 2024.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:18 a.m., to February 13, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson