

CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

02/06/2025

The Cedar County Conference Board met on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Room located in the basement of the Cedar County Courthouse. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Those present were:

Supervisors: Jon Bell, Jeff Kaufmann and Brad Gaul

Mayors: Roger Laughlin (West Branch), Tammi Goerdts (Tipton), Andrew Oberbreckling (Mechanicsville) and Keith Stanley (Wilton)

Board of Education: John Baker (Lisbon) and Jeric Armstrong (North Cedar)

Others: Assessor Dauber and Assistant Assessor Wiese

Chairman Bell asked if there were any public comments. No public response.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Stanley to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024.

Ayes: All

Assessor Dauber requested that Sheila Budelier be reappointed to the Board of Review with the term ending December 31, 2029.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Goerdts to reappoint Sheila Budelier to the Board of Review with the term ending December 31, 2029.

Ayes: All

Assessor Dauber presented the FY25/26 budget to the members. Dauber is requesting a 5% increase in her wages, along with a 4.25% increase for the clerk position. The Assistant Assessor's wages will be 75% of the Assessor's wages. Overall, expenses were decreased due to finishing up with the rural revaluation done by Vanguard Appraisals this current fiscal year. The proposed levy rate is \$.34586, a reduction of \$.13717 from the prior year. Dauber asked the Board to think about having aerials done every two years instead of the typical three-year period. More discussion and decision will be made next year. Dauber is proposing to begin work on a project to improve the plot plan sketches of the ag buildings in CAMA with the help of Beacon. Dauber distributed a handout of what a current sketch and what she is proposing. This would cost an additional \$2,400 annually. Discussion was held.

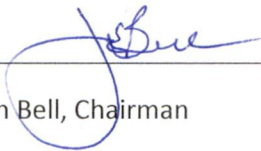
Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to set the public hearing for the proposed budget on February 25, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Assessor's Office.

Ayes: All

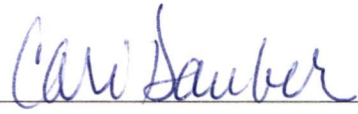
Assessor Dauber provided an update on the office. Stephanie Wiese began working in the office on January 2nd. She has completed and passed the law class and will be signing up for more classes as they become available to be eligible to take the Deputy Assessor test. Assessment notices will be sent out next week for those affected by the Rural Revaluation & Ag Dwellings. Property owners will be able to make appointments to visit with the Vanguard appraisers in March or they can still present their case with the Board of Review in May. Kris Kuehl, Assessor Clerk has been working on scanning property record cards and is 90% completed. Kuehl has completed Pictometry project that compares the current aerial imagery with past aerial imagery to pick up any new dwellings, buildings or other improvements. In completing this project, we added 1.4 million in value. Dauber then provided the increase in value for the Rural Residential and Ag Dwellings in the county as follows: Ag buildings, \$1.9 million; Residential Dwellings on Ag land, \$34 million and Rural Residential, \$84 million.

Motion by Laughlin seconded by Goerdts to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Ayes: All



Jon Bell, Chairman



Cari Dauber, Assessor