

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 16, 2021 with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Sherri Hunt, Director of Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa regarding proposal of providing Fiscal Agent services.
Cedar County Clerk of Court submitted Fees Collected for the month of January 2021.
Safety Committee Minutes on January 28, 2021.
Legislative update from Representative Bobby Kaufmann.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Tim Kahl – Site 1 for a site at 2109 Hoover Hwy, Lowden.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on February 12, 2021 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #426255 for \$13,618.19-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to amend and approve the agenda with additions of 28E Drug Task Force Agreement and Kent Rosenberg with Gallagher Insurance will be calling in at 8:45 a.m.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the Board Minutes of February 9, 2021.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #184545-184694 for the period ending 2/6/21 and to be paid on 2/12/21.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Quarterly Investment Report ending 12/31/2020.
Ayes: All

At 8:45 a.m., a discussion was held with Kent Rosenberg, HIPAA Security Officer Tischuk, Public Health Director Walker and the Board regarding Acuity software agreement. Rosenberg informed the Board he has reviewed the agreement and it does not include a dec page that shows Cedar County as an additional insured. Rosenberg stated it seems as though the vendor is confused with our request; therefore, he would be happy to be part of the conversation. Walker will provide the contact name and email for Rosenberg to email his request. The call concluded.

HIPAA Compliance Officer Tischuk met with the Board to discuss the Sanction Policy. Tischuk explained the current policy is detailed, although she recommends another version that breaks down the sanctions by a matrix. Sup. Bell mentioned this policy needs to be placed in the employee handbook. Sup. Agne requested copies of the current policy and the proposed policy to review. Further discussion was held. Tischuk will contact Mike Galloway to discuss placing this policy in the employee handbook and how this would affect the unions. Tischuk did state this policy would be placed in the HIPAA manual. Tischuk will report back to the Board with the findings after her discussion with Galloway. The revised policy will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board to provide an update on the Mental Health Region budget. Tischuk informed the Board at a budgeting meeting it was discussed to have three counties lower the levy. Tischuk explained the complex situation based on state mandates and

providing services without running out of money. She will be attending two additional meetings with the region to finalize the budget and will return with an update.

EMA Director Freet and Sheriff Wethington met with the Board to update them on the 911 radio network project. Freet and Wethington stated the 911 Service Board hired MCM Consultants to review the two budgetary proposals received by Raycom and Motorola for joining the SARA and ISICS systems. MCM Consultants provided a letter to the Board that stated the cost to not exceed of \$7,406,510 that can be used for budgeting for a bond for capital costs from the lowest qualified vendor. This capital outlay of funds will provide tower sites that when properly maintained will last fifty years, radio infrastructure designed to last at least twenty years, subscriber units for all public safety agencies, project management, training and a five percent contingency. MCM also recommends exploring a prepayment of maintenance funds as additional discounts are possible and could be more advantageous considering the interest rate of a bond. If financially beneficial, an additional amount not to exceed \$1,223,218 would provide maintenance of all system components through the year 2029. Sup. Kaufmann stated, "There is no competition, both companies are gouging the county in the interest of public safety". Wethington explained currently antennas are located on the water towers in the cities. Due to the terrain of the land in the county, the radio reception is not adequate, and the current system is 25-30 years old and is not working for everyone's needs. This system is not the most expensive or the cheapest but it's the best option for the taxpayers and it needs to be done right. Wethington explained the 911 Service Board would have control over all the programming and support. Discussion was held regarding agreements with entities and set contribution rates for the radio's and dispatching. Wethington understands the substantial amount of the project, although this is a huge public safety concern for our citizens and first responders. Sup. Gaul left the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Freet informed the Board that the 911 Service Board will be meeting on Thursday night to discuss and award the project to the vendor. Freet asked the Board to consider the recommendation from MCM Consultants and approve the not to exceed amount. At that time, Freet can instruct MCM Consultants to proceed with further negotiations with the vendor. No action was taken.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the 28E Drug Task Force Agreement as restated and amended.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Handwritten Warrants #426256-426259 in the amount of \$488.17 to VISA to avoid late fees and finance charges.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 10:57 a.m., to February 23, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson