

TIPTON, IOWA

January 11, 2022

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 11, 2022, with the following members present: Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Smith 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:

Noah Coppess, Farm Bureau President regarding summary of January meeting.

Durant Library update.

Auditor Dauber submitted a new hire letter for Linda Griggs, Temporary Assessor Support effective 1/6/22 at \$37.46 per hour.

Recorder Bahnsen submitted Quarterly Report of Fees Collected ending 12/31/21.

Clerk of Court submitted Fees Collected Report for the month of December 2021.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Samuelson and Sons for a site in Center Township. SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 25 80N 2W

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on January 7, 2022, to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429821 for \$11,850.01-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of January 4, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a 5-day liquor license for the Cedar County Fair, pending dram approval, effective 2/2/2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Handwritten Warrant #429822 payable to Visa in the amount of \$1,146.02.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Discussion was held regarding a COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing and Face Covering Policy.

Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney P.C. Attorney provided a client update to the board. No action was taken on a new COVID-19 policy as Iowa OSHA announced they will not uphold the federal law if it passes the Supreme Court.

Discussion was held on the Navigator CO2 Pipeline Project Resolution. Sup. Bell encouraged other board members to submit their own letter to the Iowa Utilities Board.

Moved by Sup. Bell and seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the Resolution Letter to the Iowa Utilities Board.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board recessed for 15 minutes.

Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche and Chief Deputy Koranda met with the Board for a FY 22/23 budget review. Discussion was held. Sup. Bell suggested the Sheriff discuss with

Auditor Dauber on the expenses they have incurred due to COVID for reimbursement from the ARPA funds. Sheriff Wethington and Chief Deputy Knoche explained the need to the Board to budget and hire an outside firm to implement policy changes because of new laws for law enforcement. The board requested a presentation from the company. No decisions were made.

Interim Public Health Director Caes and Fiscal Manager Hansen met with the Board for a FY 22/23 budget review. Caes stated the expenditure increase in the overall budget is due to salaries, on-call visits, medications, and fuel and overall revenues increased due to state grants. Sup. Bell mentioned the budget that was presented includes all the management positions, and he is concerned with the department being top heavy. Caes understands although there is a division between home health and public health and if possible, duties could be combined. Sup. Gaul wondered with the new director if they could assume more duties. Discussion was held regarding compensation for on-call time. Caes informed the Board she has contacted Mike Galloway for guidance. No decisions were made. The Board thanked Caes and reiterated every month the department is growing stronger due to a change in management.

Sup. Bell left the board room at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 10:13 a.m.

Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann met with the Board for a FY 22/23 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board for a FY 22/23 budget review. Discussion was held. LaRue proposed the Board increase the cost of permits to \$200.00 for sewer and well and increase building permits from \$100 to \$200, accessories from \$50 to \$100 and additions from \$75 to \$100. LaRue stated the last increase was in 2004 for building permits and 2018 for sewer and wells. The boards consensus was to implement the increases in different fiscal years to minimize the impact to the landowners. No decisions were made.

Chairperson Agne and the other board members held E&Z Director LaRue annual performance review. LaRue did not request a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) to go into closed session at 10:58 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go back into open session at 11:11 a.m.

Ayes: All


Absent: Smith

Chairman Agne stated no decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 11:11 a.m., to January 18, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

  
Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

  
Steve Agne, Chairperson