

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 6, 2022 with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul and Kaufmann. Chairperson Agne 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 regarding position change for Angela Driscoll from 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy to Payroll Deputy effective 11/29/2022.

Solid Waste Director Crock regarding Race Hall successfully completing his 6-month orientation period.

Assessor Griggs hiring Cari Dauber, Assistant Assessor effective 11/28/2022 at a rate of \$40.38 per hour.

Community Action of Eastern Iowa regarding hiring John Murphy as Chief Executive Officer effective 1/3/2023.

Community Foundation of Cedar County looking for new Board members from Bennett, Clarence, Lowden, Stanwood, Tipton and West Branch.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/2/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #433357 for \$1,172.70-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Pro-Tem Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Sheriff Wethington reported he went to the Wolf Carbon Solutions meeting yesterday. Wethington told the Board after a 10-day notice to the property owner according to state law surveyors are allowed on the property. Consensus of the Board was to have Wethington work with Attorney Blank on this topic. Wethington also informed the Board that when Tipton Ambulance is dispatched all Ambulances in Cedar County are dispatched. This is due to the Tipton Ambulance Director not responding when they don't have a crew. All other Ambulance crews communicate when they don't have a crew to respond. Consensus of the Board was to send a letter on their behalf to the Tipton Mayor, City Administrator and Ambulance Director regarding the issue.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of November 29, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #191769-191909 for the period ending 11/26/2022 and to be paid on 12/2/2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. Larry Martens and Larry Hanon with the Tipton Senior Center met with the Board to request ARPA money for the west parking lot. Hanon presented pictures and explained the parking lot has many cracks and is breaking apart which is a hazard for elderly people and people using walkers and canes. Hanon received an estimate of \$20,000 for entire parking lot. Sup. Gaul asked if they will overlay with asphalt. Hanon said no they are going to tear out and redo the lot. Consensus of the Board was to make a decision during the budgeting process.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held a public hearing on County Ordinance 64—An ordinance establishing a Pioneer Cemetery commission. Sup. Kaufmann explained to the board that there was an oversight in 2014 when the commission was established. Instead of a vote, it should have been an ordinance. The Board will hold the second public hearing next week.



Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to close the public hearing until December 13, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve VPN access for Stephanie Wiese, Auditor.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Discussion was held on the memo to department heads concerning figures to use for preparation of FY23/24 budgets. Deputy Auditor Hamdorf said Phil Waniorek, Benefits, Inc. is still waiting on Health rates and our current mileage is \$.47 per mile. Consensus of the Board was to ask Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney for direction on cost of living and mileage reimbursement and to place on agenda next week.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

At 9:10 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney, Engineer Fangmann, Public Health Director Wagaman, Attorney Blank, EMA Director Freet, Sheriff Wethington, Conservation Director Dauber and Auditor Wiese.

Pro-Tem Chairperson Bell read the Federal Funds (LATCF) memo. Auditor Wiese was present. Wiese explained that Cedar County is eligible for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), which can be used for the following: replace lost public sector revenue, respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Cedar County is eligible for \$50,000 this FY and \$50,000 next FY. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to have Auditor Wiese proceed with the application for funding.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Dave Shinker and Dean Doerscher with the Cedar County Fair Association met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review. Shinker provided the FY2022 Financial Statement. Shinker updated the Board on new board members, projects and events. Shinker stated they are having more events during the year that attracts people from all over. Shinker appreciates the financial support from the County. Shinker requested a \$4,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the Cedar County Fair Association at \$41,000 a year. No decisions were made.

Librarians Megan Mallie of Stanwood, Tricia Kane of Durant, Nikki Scheel of Clarence, Meredith Dehmer of Mechanicsville, and Nick Shimmin of West Branch attended the Board meeting for the FY23/24 funding review of the County Libraries. All Librarians provided an update to the Board. Shimmin requested a \$10,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the County Library Association at \$140,500. No decisions were made.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, ECIWDB met with the Board via Zoom. Rodriguez thanked the Board for signing the Shared Liability Agreement. Rodriguez gave an update on state reporting changes, sub recipient for title one funds and designating a county as a fiscal agent. No decisions were made.

At 11:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for Betty Lett, 1025 230th St., Tipton, IA (owner)- Requesting a change in zoning from C-2 Highway Commercial to A-1 Agricultural District for the purpose of eliminating an unused zoning district on property located in the SE 1/4, SW1/4, Section 2, T-80N, R-3W, in Center West Township, consisting of 1.06 acres total. Those present was E&Z Administrative Assistant Axline and Betty Lett. Pro-Tem Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. Axline stated there are no written or verbal comments on file.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the change in zoning from C-2 Highway Commercial to A-1 Agricultural District for the purpose of eliminating an unused zoning district on the property and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for County Highway Bridge Program project BROS-C016(116)—5F-16. The bridge is located on 325<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for County Highway Bridge Program project BROS-C016(116)—5F-16.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for a classification and wage change for Todd Duckett. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve classification change to Maintenance Worker II and wage increase to \$27.42 for Todd Duckett.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

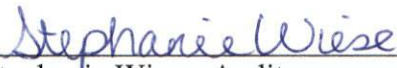
Sup. Smith left Boardroom at 11:14 a.m.


Engineer Fangmann gave project update.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:19 a.m., to December 13, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne, Smith

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

 PRO-TEM  
Jon Bell, Pro-Tem Chairperson