

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 13, 2022 with the following members present: Smith, Bell (via phone), 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:

Chief Deputy Koranda submitted a Notice of New Hire for Elijah Spilman Corrections Officer starting December 26, 2022, with a starting wage of \$20.49 per hour.

Chief Deputy Koranda submitted a Notice of New Hire for Renee Fonteyne Corrections Officer starting January 1, 2023, with a starting wage of \$20.49 per hour.

Chief Deputy Koranda submitted a Notice of New Hire for Dawson Frett Corrections Officer starting December 12, 2022, with a starting wage of \$20.49 per hour.

Assessor Griggs submitted a Notice of a New Hire for Joleen Carpenter temporary part time clerk with a starting wage of \$20.08.

EMA Director Freet regarding Multi-Jurisdiction Plan Annual update on January 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/9/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #433474 for \$8,817.36-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. George (Rowdy) Templer explained that without government funding there will be no pipeline and asked the Board if they were against it. Sup. Kaufmann stated they are against the pipeline. Templer also has a concern on the loose gravel on Highway 38 at the "S" curve north of Tipton. Sup. Smith told him to contact the IA DOT.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of December 6, 2022.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve Claim Disbursements #433358 - #433473 paid on 12/8/2022.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a new Class B Retail Liquor license for TJ's Gas & Grub.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a Work Request submitted by Treasurer's Office to drill a hole in counter to run cords for credit card machines.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the following appointments of Deputies by County Auditor: Jody Lovell-Real Estate Deputy, Megan Hamdorf-Deputy Accounts Payable and Angela Driscoll-Payroll Deputy.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held on the memo to department heads concerning figures to use for preparation of FY23/24 budgets. Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney advised most places follow the IRS rate for mileage, which is currently at 62.5 cents/mile. Galloway said he is seeing the cost of living rate anywhere from 4 to 6 percent. Further discussion was held on gas prices with mileage reimbursement.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set mileage rate for FY23/24 to 55 cents/mile.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to set cost of living rate for FY23/24 to 4% for budgeting purposes for department heads and non-union employees.

Ayes: All

Sup. Kaufmann asked if the letter was sent to the City concerning the ambulance. Deputy Auditor Hamdorf said no letter was sent per Sheriff Wethington's request. Via phone Wethington explained to the Board he decided to hold off on the letter to see what transpires once the article in the paper was released. Since the paper released the article, Wethington said all but one ambulance call has been answered by Tipton.

Assessor Griggs met with the board regarding Family Farm applications being allowed and disallowed.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the allowed and disallowed as presented by Assessor Griggs.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held a public hearing on County Ordinance 64—An ordinance establishing a Pioneer Cemetery commission.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve and adopt County Ordinance 64—An ordinance establishing a Pioneer Cemetery commission.

Ayes: All

Kristine Bullock, Director Workplace Learning Center met with the Board via zoom for FY23/24 funding review. Bullock gave a power point presentation on statistics on Cedar County. Discussion was held. Current County funding for The Workplace Learning Connection is \$1,834.00. The Workplace Learning Connection is requesting funding of \$.10 per capita based off the 2020 census for a total amount of \$1,850.50, therefore not requesting an increase in funding. Bullock appreciates the County's support. No decision was made.

Rod Ness of the Cedar County Economic Development Commission (C.C.E.D.C.O.) met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review. Ness distributed a handout and discussed leveraging assets, FY22/23 opportunities, Home Base Iowa Program, and budget. Current County funding for C.C.E.D.C.O. is \$80,634 and Home Base Iowa funding is \$7,500. Discussion was held. C.C.E.D.C.O. is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Karen Lafrenz and Larry Hanon met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review for the Senior Center. Lafrenz distributed FY22/23 Senior Center budget documents. Hanon stated they rely heavily on the contributions from the Board of Supervisors and other organizations to continue to operate. Lafrenz appreciates the financial support from the County and any increase in funding would help. Discussion was held on the parking lot and the possibility of ARPA money being used. Currently the County funds the Senior Center at \$19,500. No decisions were made.

Kristie Fortmann-Doser, Domestic Violence Intervention Program (D.V.I.P.) met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding request. Fortmann-Doser informed the Board the need within Cedar County has increased by 8.24% from last year. In November, advocates traveled over 800 miles to provide mobile advocacy in Cedar County and have provided \$9,973.74 in direct aid support since July 1, 2022. Current County funding for the D.V.I.P. is \$7,250. Fortmann-Doser is requesting an increase of \$901 in funding. Fortmann-Doser greatly appreciates making Domestic Violence Intervention Program a priority. No decision was made on FY23/24 funding. Discussion was held on ARPA money due to the amount already spent for Cedar County with six months left of current FY22/23.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to provide Domestic Violence Intervention Program (D.V.I.P.) with an additional \$10,000 of ARPA money.

Ayes: All

Randy Zobrist, Director of River Bend Transit met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review. Zobrist distributed River Bend Transit FY22/23 budget request which included a five-year service data of rides and service costs. Zobrist informed the Board on the changes to Cedar County transportation service, explained the new brochure for Cedar County that helps highlight the upcoming changes. Zobrist said they are going to try something new by establishing specific pick-up stops and have changed some days and added a new destination. Current County funding for River Bend Transit is \$16,965.00. River Bend Transit is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Kaufmann left the Boardroom at 10:32 a.m.

Engineer Fangmann met with the board to open bids received for Project LFM-2022—7X-16. Below are the list of contractors and bids:

Iowa Bridge & Culver, L.C.	\$436,293.50
Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc.	\$374,864.20
Taylor Construction, Inc.	\$499,426.15

Engineer Fangmann left the room to review the bids and will return.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Engineer Fangmann reviewed the bids that were presented earlier in the meeting, and they all checked out. Fangmann informed the Board that he has budgeted this project at \$400,000.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve a bridge replacement with a 40' x 30' 6" Single Span CCS Bridge with a 0-Degree Skew and accept the bid from Jim Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$374,864.20.

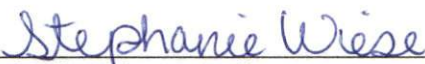
Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 11:21 a.m., to December 20, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Steve Agne, Chairperson