

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 27, 2022 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.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/23/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #433617 for \$1,043.50-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. There was none.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of December 20, 2022.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #433475 - #433616 paid on 12/22/2022.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a Work Request submitted by Patty Hamann, Veterans Affairs Office to hang a picture on the wall.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set public hearing dates for January 17th and 24th at 8:45 a.m. for the following petition: Gloria A. Hunt, 509 Kaitlyn Ave., Anamosa, IA (owner), Requests to vacate a Plat of Survey for the purpose of providing a correct legal description of unsold property located on Amended Parcel "G" dated October 5, 2016 and recorded in Book J at Page 217, described as part of the NE ¼ SW ¼, Section 18, T-79, R-2W.

Ayes: All

The Board recessed until 9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m. Mike Boyle and Daisy Wingert representing the Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board for FY23/24 funding review. Wingert and Boyle reported on the Cemetery improvements for 2022 and reviewed the Pioneer Cemetery Commission FY23/24 budget and a listing of Cedar County Cemetery categories. Wingert provided pictures of cleanup in several cemeteries. Current County funding for the Pioneer Cemetery Commission is \$22,500. The Pioneer Cemetery Commission is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

At 9:30 a.m. Mike Bixler and Mike Boyle, representing the Historical Society met with the Board to present the FY23/24 budget. Bixler gave project updates. Current County funding for the Historical Society is \$5,000. The Historical Society is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, convened as a 2nd Tier Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in the Bennett Community School District Special Election on December 13, 2022. Auditor Wiese met with the Board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Kaufmann, Smith, Bell and Chairperson Agne. Thereupon results from the precinct were opened and examined with the results duly entered in the Official Canvass Book and attested to the Board and the Cedar County Auditor. Declared duly elected in Cedar County was:

Bennett Community School District- Director at Large-To Fill A Vacancy

Chad Giebelstein

Sup. Smith left the Boardroom. Board recessed until 11:00 a.m.

Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. met with the Board for Collective Bargaining Strategy Session.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) at 10:31 a.m.

Ayes All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to return to regular session at 11:13 a.m.

Ayes: All


Absent: Smith


Representative Bobby Kaufmann met with the Board and Senator Kerry Gruenhagen to provide a legislative update. Sheriff Wethington, EMA Director Freet, Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney, Veterans Service Officer Hamann, Public Health Director Wagaman, Public Health Manager Foor, Elizabeth Ledvina, Michael Mortensen, Assessor Griggs and Mike Bixler were in attendance. Representative Kaufmann and Senator Gruenhagen discussed the following topics: property taxes, education, ESG score, budget and pipeline. Department heads brought concerns up to the legislators for discussion and the Board of Supervisors brought up concerns.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 11:41 a.m., to January 3, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Steve Agne, Chairperson