

TIPTON, IOWA

January 24, 2023

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 24, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Cedar County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting minutes.

Stanwood Public Library letter to the Board thanking them for their support.

Iowa Department of Health and Human Services inviting the Board to attend a Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting January 25, 2023

Safety Coordinator Boots submitted Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2023 and a safety action plan review record for 2022.

Ronda Gottschalk submitted her Notice of Retirement effective April 17, 2023 being her last working day.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/20/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #433889 for \$2,285.88-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the amended agenda.

Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments:

CPC Director Tischuk gave an update on the Regional Mental Health Governing Board meeting held Monday, January 23, 2023. She thanked Chairperson Bell and Sup. Barnhart for attending. The State wants to take over local control of the regions, they want to restructure the Governing Board to include only one Board of Supervisor for all of the counties, and they want to possibly implement a program where criminals who are not able to stand trial will have time to rehabilitate out in the public until they are able to go to court. Chairperson Bell requested CPC Director Tischuk to get information about the talking points of concern to our legislatures as soon as possible so that they get accurate information. Discussion was held.

Chairperson Bell skipped down to the discussion/decision on hiring a budget director. They attempted to get HR attorney Mike Galloway on the phone to answer questions but he was unavailable. It was decided to move forward with other business until Galloway returned the call.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul. to approve the Board Minutes of January 17, 2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #433729 - #433888 paid on 1/19/2023.

Ayes: All

At 8:45 a.m. E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board to consider a Minor Subdivision for Hunts Campground First Addition Petitioned by Gloria A. Hunt located in the NE1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 18, T79N, R2W of the 5th P.M., Cedar County, Iowa. No objections are on file.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Chairman Bell to sign the Resolution Approving Minor Plat.

Ayes: All

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board to consider a Minor Subdivision Mesnard Farm First Addition Petitioned by Duane & Barbara Mesnard located in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 12, T82N, R4W of the 5th P.M., Cedar County, Iowa. No objections are on file. A representative was present from Hertz Farm Management to explain that they wanted to keep the house and buildings separate from the farm ground.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup Bixler to approve Chairman Bell to sign the Resolution Approving Minor Plat.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. Jennifer Fencle, Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Board gave an overview of the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Plan. Emery Davis, Conservation Agronomist, Heartland Co-op, stated that he works with private landowners on using saturated buffers to monitor nitrate management practices within tile-drained watersheds and planting cover crops through the cost-share program. He would appreciate anyone who is interested be directed to him so he can work with them. Discussion was held.

At 9:10 a.m. Sup. Kaufmann left the boardroom and returned at 9:26 a.m.

It was noted by the Board to move the discussion/action of the termination of the County Farm Lease to August as it was too late to do anything at this time. Bids will be sent out in late November.

Dawn Smith, Director of Community Economic Development asked the Board to submit a letter of support on behalf of the City of Durant to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship asking for grant funding for the improvement of Mud Creek. Chairperson Bell read the letter to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Bixler Seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the letter of support.

Ayes: All

At 9:30 a.m. Rachael Anderson, District Representative for Miller-Meeks introduced herself to the Board as a new representative for Cedar County as of December. If the County needs any assistance don't hesitate to call her. Discussion was held.

At 9:45 a.m. Sup. Barnhart left the meeting and returned at 9:49 a.m.

Discussion was held concerning hiring a budget director without Galloway. Sup. Barnhart questioned the code section of the auditor duties based on research he has done. Kent Stuart was present to answer any questions on how the compensation board meeting was conducted concerning the stipend for the Auditor. Auditor Wiese was directed to send the job duties that are not required by code to Galloway and have him verify the code is correct and have further discussion at next week's board meeting. No decisions were made.

At 10:00 a.m. Engineer Fangmann met with the board to discuss the following resolution. Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Moved by Gaul and seconded by Bixler that the following policy be established for purchase of right-of-way easements for 2023.

1. Bare land purchased at 8.5 times the assessed value.
2. Cedar County to replace existing fence.
3. Damages and other items to be considered on an individual basis.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2023.

AGRICULTURAL SALES
January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2022

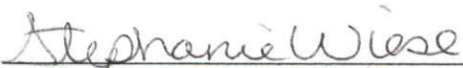
Page No.	Total Assessed Value	Total Sales	Total CSR Value	Total Acreage sold	Sales	Sale/Assessed
1	\$155,900.00	\$1,097,000.00	7903.55	124.68	4	7.04
2	\$188,250.00	\$976,971.00	9230.38	121.55	3	5.19
3	\$489,860.00	\$4,185,379.00	23791.69	288.86	4	8.54
4	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
5	\$758,720.00	\$5,811,491.00	36984.15	420.03	4	7.66
6	\$2,809,330.00	\$24,358,347.00	126777.94	1496.20	8	8.67
7	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Totals	\$4,402,060.00	\$36,429,188.00	204687.71	2451.32	23	37.10

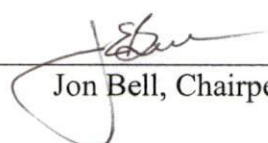
Total\$/Total Asses	<u>8.28</u>
Avg. CSR	83.50
Avg. Price/acre	14861.05
Avg. Price/Point	177.97

Sup. Kaufmann left the boardroom at 10:14 a.m. and returned on 10:17 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Bixler Seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for a new service on Atalissa Road and the \$100 fee applies.
 Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:26 a.m., to January 31, 2023.
 Ayes: All


 Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


 Jon Bell, Chairperson