

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 21, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart (via phone), Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted approved March reports and minutes from February 8, 2023.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/17/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434477 for \$2,084.27-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the agenda with the change of 10:15 a.m. Josh Busard, Director of Planning, Development & Sustainability for Johnson County to present after 9:15 a.m. Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue.

Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. CPC Director Tishcuk updated the Board on the Region and informed them the Region passed the budget of \$17 million. Lisa Dierks asked the Board for an update on proposing a Safety Ordinance for CO2 pipelines. The Board is still working on contacting other Counties. EMA Director Freet told the Board MCM Consulting will meet with them on 4/18/2023 and provide an update on the study done.

Barnhart joined the meeting via phone at 8:43 a.m.

Mary Rump, Transportation Director ECICOG met with the Board. Engineer Fangmann was present. Rump introduced herself and explained that ECICOG was East Central Iowa Council of Governments. ECICOG received two applications for Region 10 Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The applications received were from the City of Clarence and Cedar County Secondary Roads. The Board is to help prioritize the applications received within the County and report back to Rump by April 7, 2023. Bell informed the Board that the City of Clarence turned down working with Cedar County on paving this street in the past. Fangmann explained he applied for regional funds for regional roads going from city to city due to not receiving a property tax fund transfer for roads from cities. Consensus of the Board was to place on the agenda for next week to give members time to review applications.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss filling a mechanic vacancy. Fangmann also discussed rock for gravel roads and rock donation program.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Fangmann to hire for a mechanic vacancy.

Ayes: All

The Board adjourned from regular session to meet as a Canvassing Board to canvass votes cast in the Durant Community School Special Election held on March 7, 2023. Auditor Wiese was in attendance. The results were as follows:

Proposition DN

Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,600,000 to provide funds to renovate, remodel, repair, improve, expand, furnish and equip portions of the existing building, including theater and gymnasium spaces, classrooms, HVAC and electrical systems, and administrative office spaces, including security improvements?

For Proposition DN, there were: Six hundred sixteen (616) votes

Against Proposition DN, there were: Four hundred thirty (430) votes

TOTAL One thousand forty six (1046) votes

We therefore declare Proposition DN to not be adopted.

Proposition DO

Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

For Proposition DO, there were: Six hundred three (603) votes

Against Proposition DO, there were: Four hundred forty two (442) votes

TOTAL One thousand forty five (1045) votes

We therefore declare Proposition DO to not be adopted.

The Board resumed into regular session.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for the following rezoning petitions.

1. **Dustin & Lisa Miller, 1205 State- Cedar Bluff Street, Tipton, Iowa (Owners)** – Requesting a change in zoning from C-1 Local Commercial District to R-2 Urban Residential District for the purpose of replacing the existing single-family dwelling with a new single-family dwelling on property located on Lot 3 and the E ½ of Lots 1 & 2, Block 7 and 8 and 8.25' of Alley S, also described as property located in the SE ¼ SE ¼, Section 28, T-81N, R-4W, in Cass Township. Said petition is to rezone .4 acres m/l.
2. **Dahlberg Family Limited Partnership, 10408 Wenonga Lane, Leawood, Kansas (Owner)** – Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of selling the property as residential to allow construction of a future single-family dwelling on property located in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 29, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township. Said petition is to rezone 3.2 acres m/l.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to set public hearing dates for the above rezoning petitions on 4/4/2023 and 4/11/2023 at 8:40 a.m.

Ayes: All

Josh Busard, Director of Planning, Development & Sustainability for Johnson County met with the Board to discuss USGS Study on Water Withdrawals from the Silurian Aquifer – 2020 through 2045. The Board received a bill from Johnson County in the amount of \$5,589 based on population of Cedar County. The total cost of the study will be \$463,700 with USGS funding \$153,000 over a four year study. The USGS approached Johnson County last fiscal year about doing a follow up study from a study done in 2005 in which Johnson County agreed upon without asking other entities. Kaufmann and Barnhart both feel Cedar County shouldn't be billed due to the way it was delivered and not asking prior to billing. Busard said this is a public study.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to not contribute monies to the USGS Study on Water Withdrawals from the Silurian Aquifer – 2020 through 2045.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of March 14, 2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #434282 - #434476 paid on 3/16/2023.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

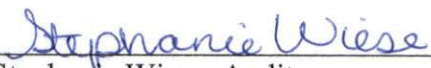
The Board reviewed the links sent to them by Dylan Michels, ECIA regarding the ITQ application process due March 31, 2023. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to forward the link to others to submit letters of support and place on agenda for next week.

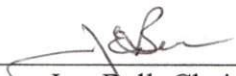
Head Custodian Gritton was called to the Boardroom to discuss keyless entry for doors in the Courtroom. The State is requesting keyless entry for the court reporter and judge's chambers. Gritton said keyless entry locks are \$147 each. This topic will be added to next week's agenda for a decision.

Sup. Bell informed the Board the new generator has been delivered to the vendor and Crist Electrical will be working with the City of Tipton and Gritton for installation.

Sup. Bell read an email to the Board from CPC Director Tischuk regarding fund 10000. This fund was closed on June 30, 2022. After further review, this fund is showing \$447.98 in outstanding warrants. Treasurer Delaney was present and told the Board she has reached out to our Auditing Firm Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C. as well as the Department of Management. Delaney will work with them to resolve this.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:29 a.m., to March 28, 2023.
Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson