

TIPTON, IOWA

March 28, 2023

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 28, 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.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Cedar Hill Farm #67291 for a site at 298 190th Street, Lisbon.
JF Pork LLC – 4 Gates #65887 for a site at 342 320th Street, West Branch.
Lance Schiele #66328 for a site at 2092 Delta Avenue, West Branch.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/24/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434478 for \$5,410.19-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Recorder Bahnsen informed the board that receiving your passport has increased for date of application. Bahnsen also said she will have a decrease in copy fees due to online records research.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of March 21, 2023.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #192932-193084 for the period ending 3/18/23 and to be paid on 3/24/23.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Larry Hodgden met with the Board to discuss trees in the courthouse square. Hodgden informed the Board the City of Tipton will be planting trees on Earth Day and have offered to plant a tree in the courthouse square if the Board approves. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann was called to the Boardroom to discuss the Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) Region 10 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application. Fangmann recommends the Secondary Roads project due to regional roads going from city to city.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to use Engineer Fangmann's recommendation of the Secondary Roads project.
Ayes: All

Head Custodian Gritton was called to the Boardroom to discuss keypads for doors in the courtroom area. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize keypads for doors in the courtroom area purchased by the State.
Ayes: All

Discussion was held on the ITQ Application. Bell read an email from Aaron Horman, F & B Communications explaining that if the County would waive utility permit fees for Broadband installation that it would help our application. Horman also mentioned if we had any additional funds to match if awarded to local providers that would also help our application. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to waive the permit fee for utility permits associated with the installation of broadband.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to offer a \$5,000 match for the six local companies that serve Cedar County if awarded from the Broadband Grant Program.

Ayes: All

A phone call was placed to Dylan Michels, ECIA to discuss the motions made by the Board. Discussion was held. Michels will be working on the application to submit on behalf of Cedar County by the deadline of March 31, 2023.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board to discuss hiring a replacement for a retiree in her office. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to allow Treasurer Delaney to hire.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to convene as the Stanwood Drainage District Board.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to return to regular session.

Ayes: All

Jennifer Walker, Matt Specht and Kelly Hutton-Deutmeter with East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) met with the Board to review the different programs they are currently working on within Cedar County. Specht also reviewed the Brownfield Memorandum of Agreement and a Resolution.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Resolution to Approve the Reorganization of Coalition Members for the ECIA Brownsfields Coalition Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program.

Ayes: All

RESOLUTION: TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATION OF COALITION MEMBERS FOR THE ECIA BROWNFIELDS COALITION REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the East Central Intergovernmental Association has been awarded a U.S. EPA Brownfields Coalition Revolving Loan Fund Grant and the county of Cedar is a member of said Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the ECIA Brownfields Coalition RLF initially was established with 38 coalition members including cities and counties. Each coalition member must sign off an acknowledgement for any potential Brownfield site that may utilize the program; and

WHEREAS, to streamline and improve the efficiency of the site eligibility process ECIA would like to reduce the number of coalition members from the 38-coalition member to as few as 2 coalition members. Further EPA has changed program requirements limiting coalitions to no more than four coalition members. Therefore, the ECIA Coalition has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Coalition to reduce the Coalition size to four members and all other Coalition members have submitted letters to ECIA to withdraw from the Coalition. The remaining Coalition members will be ECIA as lead Coalition Member and the counties of Cedar, Clinton, and Jackson; and

WHEREAS, if each existing coalition member agrees to the new organization a new Memorandum of Agreement will be executed by the remaining coalition members; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CEDAR COUNTY, IA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS agrees to the reorganization of the ECIA Brownfields Coalition RLF grant and subsequently authorizes the Board of Supervisor Chairperson to sign a new Brownfield Coalition Memorandum of Agreement regarding the reorganization of the Brownfields Coalition.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2023 by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors.

Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. met with the Board for discussion on Tentative Agreements.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to return to regular session.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Tentative Agreement between Cedar County, Iowa and UE Local 893.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Tentative Agreement between Cedar County, Iowa and CWA (Dispatchers and Jailers).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Tentative Agreement between Cedar County, Iowa and IBEW (Sheriff Deputies).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a Liquor License for Cedar River Campground for a new 8 month Class C Retail Alcohol License with outdoor service and living quarters.


Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., to April 4, 2023.

Ayes: All



Stephanie Wiese, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson