

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 4, 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 acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Conservation Director Dauber hiring a seasonal employee Mark Roberts with an hourly wage of \$15.00/hour effective 4/10/2023.

Auditor Wiese Notice of New Hire Teresa King, Clerk with an hourly rate of \$17.74/hour effective 4/3/2023.

Landon Cleary, ISG Inc. weekly update on Alliant West Branch Relocation.

Auditor Wiese submitted the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending 3/31/2023.

Recorder Bahnsen submitted County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for 1/01/2023 through 3/31/2023.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/31/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434590 for \$2,884.72-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. Auditor Wiese asked the Board if Benefits, Inc. needs to be mandatory. Consensus of the Board was to make it non-mandatory as no changes have been made to benefits. Larry Hodgden informed the Board to work with Steve Nash and Tipton Greenhouse on planting trees if approved. Lisa Dierks passed around a handout showing Linn County filed a petition to intervene regarding pipelines.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of March 28, 2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #434479 - #434589 paid on 3/30/2023.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The trees in the courthouse square were discussed. We have two trees in the front entrance and one is dead. Consensus was to remove both and start over.

Moved by Sup. Gaul Seconded by Sup. Bixler to remove both trees at main entrance and have Custodian Gritton work with Steve Nash and Tipton Greenhouse to get new ones planted.

Ayes: All

At 8:40 a.m. a public hearing was held for 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 1/2 of Lots 1 & 2, Block 7 and 8 and 8.25' of Alley S, also described as property located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 28, T-81N, R-4W, in Cass Township. Said petition is to rezone .4 acres m/l. Those present were E & Z Director LaRue and Dustin & Lisa Miller. Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. LaRue stated there are no written or verbal comments on file.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the 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 and waive the 2nd hearing.

Ayes: All

At 8:45 a.m. a public hearing was held for 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 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 29, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township. Said petition is to rezone 3.2 acres m/l. Those present were E & Z Director LaRue, Engineer Fangmann and Bob Dahlberg (via phone). Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. LaRue stated there are no written or verbal comments on file.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the 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 and waive the 2nd hearing. Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney, Engineer Fangmann, Public Health Manager Foor, Public Health Director Wagaman, Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Assessor Griggs, Auditor Wiese, IT Director Pierce, E & Z Director LaRue, EMA Director Freet, Head Custodian Gritton, Conservation Director Dauber, Sheriff Wethington and Chief Deputy Knoche. Discussion was held.

At 9:00 a.m. the public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy was held. Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. There were no verbal or written comments. Finance Director Dauber was in attendance.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the following resolution.

Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution
Approval of FY2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY2024 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on April 4, 2023,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY2024 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services- \$6,817,710
Rural County Services- \$2,551,997

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in General County Services for FY2024 does not represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2024. The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in Rural County Services for FY2024 does represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2024. Roll Call Vote: Bixler, Gaul, Bell, Kaufmann, Barnhart

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to set the public hearing for FY23/24 County Budget on April 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All

EMA Director Freet met with the Board for a disaster declaration. Freet provided path maps of tornados that went through the County. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the following disaster declaration resolution.

CEDAR COUNTY

WHEREAS; Cedar County, Iowa has suffered severe damage caused by severe weather and a tornado on the 31st day of March, 2023; and,

WHEREAS; extensive damage was caused to public property, streets, and city facilities; and to private businesses, homes, land, property and other facilities; and,

WHEREAS; the damage has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of citizens and economic function of Cedar County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS; all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs, and meet restoration requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE; I, by virtue of the authority provided by the Office of the Chair of the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, and by the Iowa Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11) do hereby declare Cedar County, Iowa to be a disaster area for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs, and funds available from the State of Iowa.

Signed, this 4th day of April 2023.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Rock Resurfacing Program; he also provided a map. Fangmann informed the Board they will be purchasing 100,000 ton of rock with each district getting 10,000 ton. The quotes will be due on April 12th at noon.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the 2023 Rock Resurfacing Program as presented.

Ayes: All

The Board recessed until 10:15 a.m.

A phone call was placed to Carl Salmons, Attorney Macro & Kozlowski, L.L.P. Salmons requested a closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1).

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1).

Ayes: All

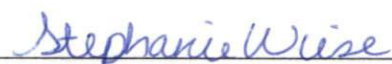
Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go back into regular session.

Ayes: All

No decisions were made following closed session.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 11:18 a.m., to April 11, 2023.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson