

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 23, 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: Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted approved May reports and minutes from April 18, 2023. Chief Deputy Knoche that Michel Foulks, McKenna Benischek, Tyler Scott and Cole Stineman were appointed to the Cedar County Reserves on 2/1/2023.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
FOHNE INC #58172 for a site at 878 160th Street, Mechanicsville.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/19/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #435075 for \$1,284.40-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Linda Beck, Hardacre Theater asked the Board when a decision will be made if they will be receiving more ARPA funds. Bell explained that many requests have come in and they can get on the agenda if they need an answer. Denise Kleppe invited the Board to PHSMA Carbon Pipeline Safety Meeting in Des Moines May 31 – June 1, 2023. Jerry Goldsmith provided the Board with handouts, thanked the Board for the work that they have done and asked them to look into setting an ordinance for pipelines.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of May 16, 2023.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #193535-193688 for the period ending 5/13/23 and to be paid on 5/19/23.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to renew a 12 month Class E Retail License for Kum & Go.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Larry Hanon, Cedar County Senior Center met with the Board to request an additional \$5,225 in ARPA funds. The bid for the parking lot exceeded the \$20,000 they received. Steve Agne mentioned Heritage Area Agency on Aging might have funds available. No decisions were made.

At 9:00 Jeffery Steiert, Michael McGrady, Kristy Agosti and Micheal Rearick all phoned into the meeting to discuss the MCM proposal for Emergency Medical Services planning and implementation. The proposal is broken down into three phases; 1. Planning through ballot approval, 2. Organize and implement EMS system and 3. Go live and evaluation. Discussion was held. No decision was made. Consensus was to add to agenda next week for decision.

EMA Director Freet met with the Board to discuss a 28E agreement with Dubuque County.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign 28E agreement with Dubuque County.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to hire Joel Rouse effective June 1, 2023, with a starting wage of \$24.50/hour.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Wilton Telephone and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Public Health Director Wagaman met with the Board to discuss the need for a PRN Aide. With respite needs increasing extra help is needed due to current office staff helping Aides. Wagaman said that the position is budgeted. Wagaman also informed the Board that the Public Health Office will be purchasing up to 5 t-shirts, 1 sweatshirt and 1 jacket per employee with memorial fund money. Apparel along with a name badge will help clients know the Public Health Aides/Nurses are employed by Cedar County Public Health.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve hiring a PRN Aide.
Ayes: All

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Head Custodian Gritton met with the Board to review the bids for the 2nd floor meeting room. Sugar Creek Builders has a start date of January although they can't lock in the price of materials but will stay within 2% of the cost provided in quote. Consensus of the Board is to stay local within Cedar County.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to award Sugar Creek Builders bid for the 2nd floor meeting room.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Resolution proclaiming Cedar County's support for private landowners and Iowa Counties engaged in litigation with Carbon Capture Pipeline companies.

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors respects and values Cedar County Citizens' personal safety and rights to the quiet enjoyment of their property, "Freedom and property rights are inseparable, you cannot have one without the other." – George Washington, and

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is vehemently opposed to the use of eminent domain for purposes of constructing carbon capture pipelines, and

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is aware of currently pending litigation between private landowners and Iowa counties against pipeline companies, and


WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is aware that the legality of state laws exempting pipeline surveyors from trespass liability and county ordinances and zoning regulations regulating pipeline construction are currently very much in question, and


WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors believes it is not in Cedar County's best interests to enact an ordinance that may result in cost-prohibitive litigation until legal questions surrounding such ordinances have been answered upon resolution of some of the pending litigation from other counties, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors publicly proclaims its support of the private landowners fighting to enforce their property rights as well as the other Iowa counties that have enacted ordinances and zoning restrictions in an effort to protect their citizens from private pipeline companies.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:08 a.m., to May 30, 2023.
Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson