

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 5, 2023 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:  
Treasurer Delaney Notice of New Hire Kayla Edwards, Clerk effective 12/4/2023 with an hourly wage of \$17.05.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/1/23 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437126 for \$4,737.37-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Treasurer Delaney introduced new employee Kayla Edwards, Clerk. Lisa Dircks invited the Board to a meeting they are hosting regarding the pipeline on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:30 in the large meeting room of the Courthouse. Dircks also passed around a letter regarding wind energy. Jerry Goldsmith passed around a dispersion guidance letter from Navigator.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of November 28, 2023.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #195707-195850 and vacation buy back #195851-195854 for the period ending 11/25/23 and to be paid on 12/1/23. This includes a payout for Colleen Boyer-Kauffman.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. the Board held a public hearing for Ordinance #66 - Local Option Sales and Service Tax. Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. Auditor Wiese was present and said no written or verbal objections are on file. Auditor Wiese said she reached out to City of West Branch with no response.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul approved and adopted Ordinance #66—Local Option Sales and Service Tax.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

EMA Director Freet provided the Board with a Professional Service Agreement with MCM for Phase II to review. Discussion was held. Freet believes a clerical error happened and the Professional Service Agreement needs to be returned to MCM. Freet will be added to the agenda for next week.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a new 12-month Class B Alcohol license for GG Brothers Liberty Travel Stop effective 12/1/2023.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve hiring Gary Hadden Jr, MWI with a starting wage of \$25.83/hour effective December 20, 2023 and Brian Wood, MWII with a starting wage of \$26.15/hour effective December 11, 2023.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

At 9:00 a.m. the Board opened sealed bids for the rental of Cedar County Care Facility Farmland. Aaron Moes, Josh Poduska and Logan Howe were present. Chairperson Bell read the legal notice. There were three bids submitted. The bids were opened and read as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid per acre</u>
Logan Howe	\$380.00-letter of credit submitted
Aaron Moes	\$285.00-letter of credit submitted
Josh Poduska	\$326.00-letter of credit submitted

Voice bidding was held, Moes bid \$390.00 with no other bid.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the bid of \$390.00 per acre by Aaron Moes for the rental of Cedar County Care Facility Farmland.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

At 9:15 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Auditor Wiese, Assessor Dauber, Public Health Director Wagaman, EMA Director Freet, Engineer Fangmann, CPC Director Tischuk, IT Director Pierce, Conservation Director Dauber, Attorney Blank, Treasurer Delaney, Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Sheriff Wethington and Recorder Bahnsen. Discussion was held.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

Dave Shinker with the Cedar County Fair Association met with the Board for a FY24/25 funding review. Shinker provided the FY2023 Financial Statement. Shinker updated the Board on completed projects and provided pictures. Shinker requested a \$2,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the Cedar County Fair Association at \$43,000 a year. No decisions were made.

Librarians Nikki Scheel of Clarence, Meredith Dehmer of Mechanicsville, Tricia Kane of Durant, Denise Smith of Tipton and Becky Knoche of West Branch attended the Board meeting for the FY24/25 funding review of the County Libraries. All Librarians provided an update to the Board. Dehmer requested a \$10,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the County Library Association at \$145,500. No decisions were made.

At 10:30 a.m. County Attorney Blank and Clerk of Court McDonough met with the Board to discuss an alternative site for jury duty while the elevator is being updated. Blank said the Tipton Library has offered them the use of there facility for no cost. IT Director Pierce has two hot spots for them to use.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Barnhart to allow jury trials to take place in the Tipton Library during the elevator update.

Ayes: All

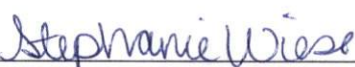
Absent: Bixler

Finance Director Dauber met with the Board for guidance on the memo to department heads for figures to use for FY24/25 budgeting purposes. Discussion was held. Dauber informed the Board she worked with the Department of Management and the State Auditor's Office on how to move forward with paying an EMS Director prior to the EMS levy taking effect. Monies will be used out of the General Fund and paid back once the EMS levy begins receiving money.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:49 a.m., to December 12, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson