

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2024 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: Chief Bode Koranda regarding Dawson Frett, Correctional Officer one year anniversary wage increase to \$24.20 effective 12/12/2023.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by: Slach Site #4 for a site at 23 326th Street, West Branch.

Sup. Bell turned the meeting over to Auditor Wiese. Auditor Wiese called the meeting to order and asked for a secret ballot for the position of Chairperson. By the results of the balloting, Auditor Wiese determined Sup. Bell is the Chairperson for 2024. Auditor Wiese asked for a secret ballot for the position of Chairperson Pro Tem. By the results of the balloting, Auditor Wiese determined Sup. Kaufmann is the Chairperson Pro Tem for 2024.

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to hold 2024 Board meetings on every Tuesday.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of December 26, 2023.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #196004-196155 for the period ending 12/23/23 and to be paid on 12/29/23.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Board Committee appointments for 2024:

Board of Health	Gaul	Barnhart
Co. Decategorization Policy Board	Gaul	Kaufmann
Community Action of Eastern Iowa	Kaufmann	Bell
County Shop	Bixler	Barnhart
Consortium	Barnhart	Bixler
Courthouse	Bell	Gaul
Crimestoppers	Bell	Barnhart
CCEDCO (2 votes)	Bell	Kaufmann
Drainage District	Kaufmann	Bell
Early Childhood of Iowa - Cedar/Jones	Bixler	Gaul
Emergency Management	Bell	Barnhart
E911 Service Board	Bell	Barnhart
Eastern Iowa Rural Utility Services	Gaul	Kaufmann
ECIA Board	Gaul	Kaufmann
Fair Board	Gaul	Barnhart
Heritage Area Agency on Aging	Barnhart	
Highway 30 Coalition	Bixler	Kaufmann
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool	Barnhart	Kaufmann

ISTEA/ECICOG	Gaul	Bell
Law Enforcement Center	Bixler	Bell
Lower Cedar Watershed	Bell	Barnhart
CEO/Workforce Development	Bell	Bixler
MH Institute Adv.	Kaufmann	Barnhart
MH/DS Regions Governing Board	Barnhart	Bixler
Pioneer Cemetery	Kaufmann	
R.E.A.P. Comm.	Kaufmann	Bixler
R.C. & D.	Bell	Bixler
River Bend Transit	Bixler	Barnhart
Safety	Bixler	Kaufmann
Seventh Judicial	Bixler	Kaufmann
Solid Waste Disposal	Kaufmann	Bell

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Jane Caes and reappoint Dr. Leslie George-Paulsen to the Board of Health for three-year terms.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to appoint Dylan Haub to the Conservation Board for a five-year term.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Barnhart

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to appoint Leslie Timmerman and reappoint Josh Crist and Laurie Brandenburg to the Planning & Zoning Commission for three-year terms.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint Brad Gaul to the Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service Systems for a three-year term.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint Marcia Driscoll, Daisy Wingert and Sherry Hall to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for three-year terms.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held on vacant seats on various Board/Commissions. Board members will try and contact individuals to fulfill the terms.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to name the following as the official designated newspapers for Cedar County for 2024:

1. The Tipton Conservative
2. The Sun News
3. West Branch Times

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the following rate structure for 2024 for Medical Examiner services in Cedar County:

Chief Medical Examiner Services: \$200/case

On scene base fee: \$75.00 per hour (plus mileage per Cedar County allowance.)

Investigative casework (post-scene time): \$40.00/hour

Director duties: \$400.00/month

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adopt and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the following Construction Evaluation Resolution:

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CEDAR COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint the appointees to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (E.C.I.C.O.G).

Transportation Policy Committee (2 years) Rob Fangmann

Transportation Trails Advisory Committee (2 years) Rob Fangmann

Passenger Transportation Advisory Committee (2 years) Julie Tischuk

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (3 years) Steve Nash

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adopt and authorize Chairperson to sign the following Resolution to authorize the County Engineer to close any secondary roads for the purpose of construction or routine maintenance procedures during 2024:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE ANY
SECONDARY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OR ROUTINE
MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES DURING 2024**

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is concerned about tort liability and traffic safety involved during construction and maintenance on the secondary road system, and

WHEREAS, they are further interested in accommodations for the traveling public, adjacent landowners and related users during construction and maintenance operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, meeting in lawful session, on this **2nd** day of **January, 2024**, to temporarily close sections of highways in Cedar County's road system.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adopt and authorize Chairperson to sign the following Resolution Designating Engineer to Execute Certification Specifications in Connection with Farm to Market Construction Projects for 2024:

RESOLUTION 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, that Robert D. Fangmann, the County Engineer of Cedar County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification

of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county. Dated at Cedar County, Iowa, this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the 2024 County Weed Commissioner Certification Form and to appoint Michel Foulks as Cedar County's Weed Commissioner for 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a step wage increase for Jason Schroeder, Engineer Tech I to \$30.35 effective 12/30/2023.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update on their department were Auditor Wiese, CPC Director Tischuk, Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney, Sheriff Wethington, Engineer Fangmann, IT Director Pierce, Attorney Blank, Conservation Director Dauber, EMA Director Freet, Assessor Dauber and Public Health Director Wagaman. Discussion was held.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board to present the FY24/25 Treasurer budget. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

County Attorney Blank with the Board for a FY24/25 budget review. Discussion was held. No other decisions were made.

Recorder Bahnsen met with the Board to present the FY24/25 Recorder budget. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board for a FY24/25 budget review for Case Management, General Assistance, and Mental Health budgets. No decisions were made. Tischuk requested a closed session regarding her employee evaluation.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler pursuant to Code 21.5(1)(i) to go into closed session at 10:43 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Kaufmann, Barnhart, Bell

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to go back into regular session at 10:57 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Engineer Fangmann entered Boardroom and request a closed session regarding his employee evaluation.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart pursuant to Code 21.5(1)(i) to go into closed session at 11:02 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Kaufmann, Barnhart, Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go back into regular session at 11:14 a.m.


Ayes: Kaufmann, Barnhart, Gaul, Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to use the Department head cost of living recommendation set by the Board for the Engineer and Assistant Engineer salary unless requested otherwise.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:26 a.m., to January 9, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson