

TIPTON, IOWA

January 30, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 30, 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:
Joseph Weingart, Dispatcher notice of new hire effective January 22, 2024 with a starting wage of \$22.99 per hour.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/26/24 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437647 for \$6,265.93-self funded medical claims.

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

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to amend the agenda to add Mike Galloway to discuss the FY24/25 budget.

Chairperson Bell presented a 5-year service award to Todd Duckett, Jamie Martin and Perry Pelzer.

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of January 23, 2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #196303-196456 for the period ending 1/20/24 and to be paid on 1/26/24.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:35 a.m., a call was made to Mike Galloway to discuss the FY24/25 budget. The board asked questions concerning reduction of expenses, eliminating unmandated services, reduction of staff and hours, freezing wages, insurance costs and elected officials' salaries. Discussion was held.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue presented to the board an increase in fees for zoning permits and petitions as well as subdivision petitions. The last time fees were increased was in 2004. A Resolution will be prepared for the board to approve said changes to become effective March 1, 2024. Discussion was held.

Sup. Gaul left the boardroom at 9:07 and returned at 9:11.

Auditor Wiese presented a Professional Service Agreement with Beacon to take over the parcel maintenance for the County. This will allow for a more streamlined process to manage the parcels.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Beacon.

Ayes: All

Treasurer Delaney met with the board and provided a Semi-Annual Settlement Report, Treasurer Investment Report and Treasurer's unclaimed fees.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Semi-Annual Settlement Report, Treasurer Investment Report, and cancellation of Treasurer's unclaimed fees.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a step wage increase for Kyle Biddle, Crew Leader to \$29.54 per hour effective 2/14/2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Todd Pruess to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term remainder until December 31, 2024.

Ayes: All

EMA Director Freet met with the board to discuss the Multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan that expires in 2026. She is asking the Board for permission to apply as the authorized representative and sign the Local Match Resolution #20240130 for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Cedar County, Iowa (hereinafter called "the Subrecipient"), County of
(jurisdiction)

Cedar, has made application through the Iowa Department Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding from the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, in the amount of \$41,950 for the total project cost,
and

WHEREAS, the Subrecipient recognizes the fact that this grant is based on a cost share basis with the federal share not exceeding 75%, the state share not exceeding 10%, and the local share being a *minimum* of 15% of the total project cost. The *minimum* 15% local share can be either cash or in-kind match.

and

THEREFORE, the Subrecipient agrees to provide and make available up to \$6292.50
(six thousand two hundred ninety two and 50/100 dollars) of local monies to be used to meet the *minimum* local match requirement for this mitigation grant application.

The resolution was passed and approved this 30th day of January, 2024.

Ayes: All

Assistant Engineer Anderson met with the board to award project BROS-C016(116)—5F-16, bridge replacement on 325th St. in Section 28 of Farmington Township to Jim Schroeder. Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the BROS-C016(116)--5F-16, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Cedar County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Replacement - CCS on F51 (325th St.), over Elkorn Creek (Little), S28 T79 R01 in Farmington Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Cedar County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$588,907.07 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Robert D. Fangmann, the County Engineer for Cedar County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Cedar County, Iowa, this 30th day of January, 2024.

Ayes: All

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

The board resumed to discuss the FY24/25 budget. Those in attendance were Treasurer Delaney, Recorder Bahnsen, Public Health Director Wagaman, Public Health Manager Foor, EMA Director Freet, Auditor Wiese, Chief Deputy Knoche, Veterans Service Officer Hamann and IT Director Pierce. Discussion was held concerning wage increases for elected officials and non-union employees, reducing hours by 2.5 per week per employee, reducing staff and insurance rates. The board asked department heads to calculate the saving the reduction in hours worked would provide with a 1%, 2% and 3% increase in wages. The board also decided to make decisions in regard to groups who requested funding.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to decrease the amount of the health insurance premium paid by the County from 85% to 80% beginning July 1, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve no increase in salaries for all elected officials.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to leave the funding the same for the Senior Center, which would set their FY24/25 at \$22,000.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to leave the funding the same for the Cedar County Fair Association, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$43,000.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to leave the funding the same for the County Libraries, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$145,500.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to leave the funding the same for The Workplace Learning Connection, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$1,850.50.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to reduce funding for C.C.E.D.C.O. by \$5,000, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$75,634.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase funding to Domestic Violence Intervention by \$2,500, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$10,750.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to leave the funding the same for River Bend Transit, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$16,965.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to leave the funding the same for Volunteer Services, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$27,000.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to not fund the Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance for FY24/25.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to leave the funding the same for Limestone Bluffs R.C. & D., which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$8,500.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to leave the funding the same for Cedar/Jones Early Childhood of Iowa, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$1,000.

Ayes: All

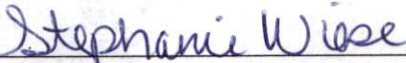
Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to reduce funding to the Cedar County Historical Society by \$1,000, which would set their FY24/25 funding at \$4,000.

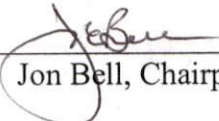
Ayes: Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann

Abstain: Barnhart, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., to February 6, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson