

TIPTON, IOWA

February 20, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 20, 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:
Michelle Winekauf, Legal Assistant Notice of Retirement effective 6/30/2024.
The shelves of the Durant Library update.
Clarence Public Library update.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/16/24 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #437912 for \$15,264.28-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. EMA Director Freet informed the Board that MCM Consulting will be meeting with all of Cedar County Ambulances services tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the EMA Building. Public Health Director Wagaman informed the Board that all Department heads had a meeting last week to come up with additional budget cuts but nothing more was found.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of February 13, 2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #437757 - #437911 paid on 2/15/24.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Sheriff Wethington and the Board discussed Law Enforcement 28E Agreements with towns that provide their own police protection. This would be different than the current 28E Agreements in place for mutual aide. Wethington said that more responsibility is coming back on the Sheriff's Department. When police aren't available within the town an estimated hourly rate of \$86.00 would be charged.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to allow Sheriff Wethington to pursue 28E Agreements to charge towns that provide their own police protection.
Ayes: All

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy at Eureka Ave and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Aureon Network at 325th St and waive the \$100 fee.
Ayes: All

The Board discussed FY24/25 budget/funding. General discussion was held on what Department Heads cut from their budget.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Consensus of the Board was to keep all departments budget as submitted except for removing one employee from the Treasurer's Office and the following motions below.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve non-union employees a 1% COLA for FY24/25.


Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart reduce Limestone Bluffs R. C. & D. from \$8,500 to \$8,000 for FY24/25 funding.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. to February 27, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson