

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 5, 2021 with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Gaul, and Chairperson Agne. Sup. Kaufmann was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

Amy Glick, President of the Cedar County Farm Bureau notified the Board of a meeting on Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Hermiston Farms Inc. – Site 2 #67097.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of January 4, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve a work request from Barb Lemburg, Deputy Assessor to remove a monitor arm from wall located in the Assessor's Office and relocate to the wall located at the front counter.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the hiring of Dawson Hamdorf for Maintenance Worker I, effective January 6, 2021, at hourly rate of \$21.42.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Phil and Brenda Peterson met with the Board regarding the Friends of the Animals. Phil provided financials and the FOA board members name and position. Peterson informed the Board that the FOA operates as a 501©3 non-profit organization which is licensed by the Department of Agricultural as an animal shelter and pound. Peterson agrees with the group regarding the past FOA issues and the need for a building. Peterson reviewed the past three years of financials and showed the business has improved in the past couple years due to the change in management. Peterson stated it's the best it's been for the past 20 years. Peterson informed the Board they do not take farrow cats at this time, although in the future would consider if there was a cost shared with the county and cities. Peterson informed the Board that FOA has current agreements with Cedar County, City of Tipton, City of Clarence, City of Stanwood, City of Mechanicsville, City of Durant, City of Bennett and City of Lowden. Peterson's future goals for the FOA are purchasing a new building and obtaining grants. Peterson informed the Board that they are holding a public meeting next Tuesday at the Matthews Building to address face to face concerns instead of using Facebook. Brenda Peterson informed the Board the procedure and process of adopting animals from FOA and the majority of the business is conducted through Facebook. Peterson stated the facility is running correctly and can be more efficiently run without a government entity. Sup. Bell stated he has received no complaints. Sup. Agne commented that hopefully the meeting will be successful so everyone can work together. Peterson noted that FOA will be closed for maintenance from January 6th to January 12th. The Board thanked Phil and Brenda Peterson.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update on their department were Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Recorder Bahnsen, GIS Teut, Treasurer Delaney, Engineer Fangmann, Assessor Marx, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, IT Director Cahoy, County Attorney Renander, Conservation Director Dauber, Public Health Director Walker and Auditor Dauber. Discussion was held.

County Treasurer Delaney met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

County Attorney Renander met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. Legal Assistant Cady was present. Discussion was held. Renander provided a handout of the revenues collected. No decisions were made.

Sup. Bell left the meeting to meet with a contractor regarding the District Courtroom project.

GIS Coordinator Teut met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Sup. Bell returned to the board room. Bell informed the Board that Alicia Gritton and he met with a representative from Active Thermal Concepts to explain the work needed and requested a bid. Auditor Dauber will receive the bid and the work should be completed tomorrow.

County Recorder Bahnsen met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for his annual performance review. Fangmann requested a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 10:42 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to go back into open session at 11:14 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

No decisions were made.

Sup. Smith reported that CPC Tischuk received an email with information regarding the Drug Prescription Plan from Ashley Balius, Linn County Community Outreach and Assistant Director. Balius informed Tischuk that Linn County advertises, provides handouts to various area non-profits that do a lot of direct work with clients. Balius stated the usage of this program has continued to decrease over the last few years, although since it is still utilized, they continue to participate in the program.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 11:30 a.m., to January 12, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson