

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 12, 2021 with the following members present: Smith, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Sup Bell was attending a meeting with the Courthouse Maintenance Gritton. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:  
Recorder Bahnsen submitted Report of Fees Collected from 10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020.  
Sheriff Wethington submitted Charles Carlson completed his second year as of 12/14/2020 and hourly rate changed from \$19.22 to \$20.15.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Del DeWulf #64273, 1540 Washington Ave., Bennett  
PJ Farms Inc., Site 2 #69272, 1982 250<sup>th</sup> St., Bennett

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/8/2021 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #425958 for \$6,385.88-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All  
Absent: Bell

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

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of January 5, 2021.

Ayes: All  
Absent: Bell  
Abstain: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve Claim Disbursements #425846 - #425957 paid on January 7, 2021.

Ayes: All  
Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve a work request order for Tricia Wirth, Assessor's Office to install wire shelves on wall.

Ayes: All  
Absent: Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Sup. Bell joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

John Losh, Associate Membership Director, Mark Ritacco, Director Government Affairs and Barry Anderson, Clay County Supervisor met with the Board via conference call to discuss NACo. Losh informed the Board that citizens will not lose insurance benefits if they utilize the prescription program through Live Healthy Program and access has been allowed to Public Health Director Walker. The Live Healthy Program provides telemedicine service 24/7 and has saved 40% to the citizens. Ritacco discussed the CARES Act and the efforts NACo did for small and large counties. Sup. Agne asked how many counties in the State of Iowa belong to NACo. Ritacco replied 77. Sup. Kaufmann inquired about counties being fiscally responsibly. Ritacco stated that would be up to the counties. Kaufmann inquired the salaries of the leadership. Ritacco stated it is a Federal regulation to file Form 990 and to publish the top leadership. Kaufmann explained that he has asked several times for this information from ISAC. Kaufmann receive a partial listing although it did not include all the salaries, as he originally requested. Clay County Sup. Anderson appreciated the discussion, questions and the due diligence of the supervisors. Anderson informed Kaufmann he will ask ISAC for that information. Kaufmann stated he asked Bill Petersen and was denied. Anderson will call Kaufmann later this week.

County Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche and Chief Deputy Koranda met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. No decisions were made.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board for a FY21/22 budget review. No decisions were made.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

EMA Director Freet and Sheriff Wethington met with the Board to report budgetary estimates for the upgrade in the 911 system. There are several differences between the two companies. Sheriff Wethington and Freet will propose to hire MCM Consulting as an agent to the 911 Service Board at their meeting this week.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board for her annual performance review. Tischuk requested a closed session pursuant to Code of Iowa section 21.5(1)(i).

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 11:41 a.m.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to go back into open session at 12:00 p.m.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to renew the 2021 NACo membership with the understanding there is a push to promote the drug card and other benefits.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to appoint Wayne Frauenholtz to the Eminent Domain Committee.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to review Right-of-Way Contracts for Project BROS-SWAP-CO16(110)—4-80-2 in Center Township.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve and authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the contract between Cedar County and Robert A. Shumaker for permanent (.02) easement in the amount of \$527.92.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the contract between Cedar County and Donald C. Lamp for permanent (.69) and temporary (.14) easement in the amount of \$6,328.18.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve and authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the contract between Cedar County and Jeffery & Ruth Ann Salsbery for permanent (.64) and temporary (.07) easement in the amount of \$5,448.45.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to present a utility permit for Eastern Iowa REC for work performed on 330<sup>th</sup> and west of X64 for county construction.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the utility permit for Eastern Iowa REC and waive the \$100.00 fee.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann requested clarification on wages regarding the Assistant Engineer and Road Maintenance Superintendent. Fangmann assumed the board approved his recommendation of the wages based on the pay scale, although that is not the case. Fangmann explained since the Board approved the hourly wages but not placing these positions on the wage scale that would be a difference of \$1.10 and \$1.69 starting in July. Discussion was held. Auditor Dauber explained she will be working with Mike Galloway to discuss the county pay scale and propose a hybrid

model to the Board this Spring. The consensus of the Board was to leave the dollars as approved until they find out differently.

I.T. Director Cahoy met with the Board and requested a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.7(50) regarding I.T. security.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 22.7(50) at 12:34 p.m.

Ayes: All

Sup. Kaufmann left the meeting to attend another meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back into open session at 2:04 p.m.

I.T. Director Cahoy will pursue resolving multiple security issues.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 2:07 p.m., to January 19, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Steve Agne, Chairperson