

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

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from: Home Health Division Manager Knox submitted a notice of hiring Bryanna Simmermaker, Homemaker position starting on 3/25/2021 at \$14.38 hour.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
JF Pork LLC-4Gates #65887, 342 320th Street, West Branch
Rose Avenue Pork #62879, 711 Rose Avenue, Clarence

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on March 26, 2021 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #426742 for \$2,694.57-self funded medical claims.

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

Pro-Tem Chairman Bell addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the Board Minutes of March 23, 2021.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements # 185000-185160 for the period ending March 20, 2021 and to be paid on March 26, 2021.
Ayes: All

CPC Director Tischuk, Deputy Assessor Lemburg, and E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board, as requested to discuss the reserved parking places. Sheriff Wethington, EMA Director Freet, Deputy Kime, and Alicia Gritton was present. Pro-Tem Chairman Bell addressed the following department heads stating the court system is requesting two additional spaces for parking. LaRue informed the board he only needs one parking space due to only having one county vehicle. Chief Deputy Assessor Lemburg stated she is requesting to retain the two parking spaces although does not care where they are in the parking lot. Sup. Kaufmann asked Pro-Tem Chairman Bell the history of the allocated parking spaces. Bell informed the board in the past; parking spaces were allocated for the county vehicles. Discussion continued. The consensus of the board was to reduce one parking space from the Public Health Department.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the court system to have four designated parking spaces and allow Deputy Kime to determine the placement of the court's designated spaces and move other departments accordingly.
Ayes: All

Pro-Tem Chairman Bell asked Home Health Manager Knox if she had a COVID update. Knox informed the board she deals with the Home Health Division not the Public Health Department. Discussion was held and various questions were asked, and Knox answered all of them. General discussion was held on the relocation of the COVID vaccine clinics from the courthouse to the Heartland Complex Building. I.T. Director Cahoy stated he has had conversation with Murray Mente and tested the internet access on site. Cahoy has given the okay and will have safeguards in place. Pro-Tem Chairman Bell discussed the request to have the courthouse maintenance staff to clean the facility after each clinic. Bell stated his thoughts were that the tasks could be completed by on site staff or by utilizing grants. The other board members agreed.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 9:00 a.m. Mike McGrady with MCM Consulting Group met with the Board, via telephone, to discuss the RACOM contract and recommend the Board to accept the contract. Sheriff

Wethington, EMA Director Freet, Kevin Rasdon and Chad Giebelstein were present. McGrady summarized how the project was started to the current status. Sheriff Wethington informed the Board the 911 Service Board created a sub committee to work on this project. The sub-committee recommended the 911 Service Board to hire MCM Consulting Group to review and negotiate the two contracts. Wethington stated MCM Consulting Group has the best interest of Cedar County and he fully supports the recommendation. Sup. Bell stated in the process of reviewing the contract the changes that were made were in favor of Cedar County. Kevin Rasdon, Bennett Fire & Ambulance stated the vendor is the better choice and MCM Consulting Group has saved money on comparing both contracts and on the negotiations. Assistant County Attorney Blank joined the meeting as requested by Pro-Tem Chairman Bell. Blank stated in his review of the contract there are two aspects: performance and technology. The performance legalities are good, and he personally had never seen some items successfully negotiated, which MCM Consulting Group has done. On the technology he does not have an opinion. McGrady stated he appreciated Blank's effort. Wethington realizes this is a huge expenditure and that is why MCM Consulting Group was hired to bring information to the community and Board of Supervisors. He further stated MCM Consulting Group has done a fantastic job and he is looking forward to working with them. Sup. Smith questioned who is responsible for the cost of change orders. McGrady stated change orders will be at no cost or if the change order will benefit the county; this is in the agreement. Sup. Kaufmann expressed that it is obvious we could not have done with without MCM Consulting Group and supports the contract. Sup. Agne stated this needs to be done; it is the right thing to do for the county and he appreciates the extra work from the 911 Service Board.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve and authorize (temporary) Pro-Tem Chairman Bell to sign the RACOM contract.

Ayes: All

HIPAA Compliance Officer Tischuk met with the board to discuss two requests for VPN Access from Bonnie Butler and Jamie Walker, Public Health Department. I.T. Director Cahoy has reviewed and approves the requests due to the COVID vaccine clinics. Sup. Bell verified this is temporary and specifically for the clinics.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the two VPN Access requests for the vaccine clinics.

Ayes: All

CPC Director Tischuk provided a Region update regarding SF 587. Tischuk explained this bill would phase out the mental health property tax levy and replace it with state funding. All the monies would be pooled together at the State level and they would distribute to the counties. Sup. Kaufmann stated this is not a priority, this is one idea from one committee and reminds everyone that 95% of the bills presented are not passed. Sup. Bell stated this bill would hurt the counties that have watched out for the taxpayer's money and were efficient with dollars where the larger counties that have not would be rewarded. Tischuk just wanted the board members to be aware of this bill. Sup. Kaufmann reported to the board that he just discussed this bill with the House Ways and Means Chair and he said that he has "grave concerns" with the Senate file.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss and provided a map of the 2021 Rock Resurfacing Program. Fangmann informed the Board they will be purchasing 120,000 ton of rock; estimated cost \$1.5 million. This is the same as last year. Fangmann stated the quotes will be due on April 9th.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the 2021 Rock Resurfacing Program as presented.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the step wage increase for Mitchell Chapman, MWII from \$21.71 to \$22.91 per hour effective on April 12, 2021.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the utility permit for Liberty Communications for work near 2389 Franklin Avenue to bore fiber 140' at the right of way. The \$100.00 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Sup. Kaufmann left the meeting. Discussion on a resolution designating Non-Public Areas in the courthouse was discussed. Assistant Attorney Blank, Engineer Fangmann, Recorder Bahnsen, Chief Deputy Assessor Lemburg, and Treasurer Delaney was present. Assistant County Attorney Blank stated this is due to the First Amendment Auditors that enters public offices videotaping conversations with employees. Blank's concern is the potential of confidential information that could be on office desks, if or when this happens. Blank provided the board a sample resolution from another county and informed the Board that Clinton and Muscatine Counties have passed a similar resolution. Blank has reviewed the resolution from Judge Werling and informed the Board the court system can present a supervisory order instead of the Board approving the resolution. General discussion was held regarding the county offices. The consensus of the Board that the Judicial Branch provide an official order that lists the Designated Non-Public Areas regarding the 2nd floor court area. Sup. Bell requested this topic be placed on the agenda for next Tuesday to discuss with department heads. Blank stated a resolution can be crafted to make certain areas accessible to the public and the non-public areas will be addressed, and signage will be placed on the doors to reflect the changes. Sup. Bell thanked and appreciated Blank for his efforts.

Discussion was held regarding installing a door in the hallway on 2nd floor, per Judge Werling request. Alicia Gritton, Courthouse Maintenance provided the board with two estimates. Deputy Kime was in attendance. The estimates were as follows:

M&T Drywall & Construction	\$1,577.77
BCC Bryan's Construction Company	\$3,350.00

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to accept the bid from M&T Drywall & Construction in the amount of \$1,577.77.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Pro-Tem Chairman Bell read the notice of Ordinance No. 62.

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Gaul to adopt Ordinance No. 62, an ordinance readopting the existing County Code, and upon publication the same shall be in effect.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Auditor Dauber informed the Board that they will need to meet virtually or by phone in the afternoon on April 6th to approve the bond sale.

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Bell to meet at 1:45 p.m. on April 6, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 10:06 a.m., to April 6, 2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson