

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 23, 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:

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District submitted the FY2020/2021 Fiscal Report.

Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted November reports and minutes of October 20, 2021.

Notice of Transfer from Records Office to the Public Health Office was submitted by Jennifer Latimer effective 12/6/2021.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on November 19, 2021, to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429272 for \$2,161.50-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of November 16, 2021.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bell

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #187678-187834 for the period ending 11/13/21 and to be paid on 11/19/21, this includes payouts for Jamie Walker and Hannah Hodges and includes Vacation Buy Back for three Secondary Roads employees #187835-187839.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Assessor Marx met with the board regarding Family Farm applications being allowed and disallowed. Marx explained the rules to be eligible for Family Farm credit.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the allowed and disallowed as presented by Assessor Marx.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Kaufmann, Gaul

Discussion was held regarding the excessive number of individuals visiting the County Farm Home facility due to social media posts. The consensus of the Board was to add this topic to the agenda next week and invite E&Z Director LaRue and Assistant County Attorney for further discussion.

At 9:00 a.m. the third public hearing was held on EMS Essential Service. Those in attendance was Sheriff Wethington, EMA Director Freet, Sandy Heick, Brad Ratcliff, Brenda Johnson, Public Health Interim Director Caes, Dennis D. Frisch and Cynthia Marx. Chairperson Agne read the resolution. Sheriff Wethington fully supports the resolution.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the resolution as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (“EMS”) AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN AND FOR CEDAR COUNTY, IOWA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect

and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and **WHEREAS**, Cedar County seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Cedar County recognizes there is a need to ensure and advance the level of care, capability, and coverage of EMS in Cedar County; and

**WHEREAS**, on June, 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by the Governor, giving Iowa counties the capability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, that: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Cedar County, Iowa, and the Cedar County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Cedar County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Cedar County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Cedar County.

Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Cedar County emergency medical services advisory council and the proposition of either a local option income surtax or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS to be voted upon by Cedar County voters.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

Passed and adopted on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021.

Ayes: All

Further discussion was held on individuals to appoint to the committee. The board requested the list of potential committee members emailed to them by this Friday, so they had time to review before the next board meeting.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve donating the Law Library bookshelves to the Cedar County Historical Society.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Kaufmann, Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve Chairperson Agne to sign the ISG Letter of Intent for county representation services for the Heartland Greenway System Project.

Ayes: All

Leanne Boots, Safety Coordinator and Alicia Gritton met with the board to discuss training for county employees. Boots has “Stop the Bleed” kits, provided by EMA Director Freet, to distribute to county offices although training needs to be provided before the distribution. Boots is requesting Nathan Berry, Gallagher Insurance to provide the training to county employees.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to ask for volunteers from each office (this training is separate from the CPR/First Aid training) to attend the training that will be provided by Nathan Berry, Galloway Insurance.

Ayes: All

Alicia Gritton presented the board with a door sleeve and explained the operation to them. Gritton requested authorization to purchase one additional sleeve for the large meeting room located in the basement.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded Sup. Agne to approve the purchase of a door sleeve.

Ayes: All

Gritton also noted that she will have both meeting doors locked when not in use, for security reasons.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board to discuss the trespassing issue at the County Farm. LaRue will obtain permission to enter the private property and will report back to the board next Tuesday.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 9:57 a.m., to November 30, 2021.  
Ayes: All

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Steve Agne, Chairperson