

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 7, 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: HIPAA Compliance Officer Tischuk regarding a security threat.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on December 3, 2021, to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429394 for \$5,098.30-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Agne presented Brad Wendel with a twenty-five-year service award.

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 November 30, 2021.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #187840-187987 for the period ending 11/27/21 and to be paid on 12/3/21.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the renewal for TJ Gas & Grub for a Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Attorney Renander met with the Board to provide an update on the Opioid nationwide class lawsuit. Renander informed the Board they are estimating \$160 million for the State of Iowa. The proceeds will be distributed 50% to the State and 50% to the counties. 85% of the proceeds will need to be spent on Opioid abatements.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Subdivision Distributor Settlement Participation Form.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Subdivision Janssen Settlement Participation Form.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution authorizing Cedar County to enter into the Settlement Agreements.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update on their department were CPC Director Tischuk, Recorder Bahnsen, Engineer Fangmann, Attorney Renander, Sheriff Wethington, Assessor Marx, Treasurer Delaney, Public Health Interim Director Caes, EMA Director Freet, and Auditor Dauber. Discussion was held.

Sup. Gaul stated that the Public Health Department is in good hands. The new director will start on January 10, 2022. Sup. Kaufmann asked Caes if any patients or clients had gone without services during the transition from the previous PH director and Dr. Schuett to now. She said that as long as she has been there, she is not aware of anyone that hasn't been served. The Board thanked the Interim Director Caes for all her assistance in guiding the department. Caes will be starting the process of the replacement of the Quality Assurance position.

Karen Lafrenz and Larry Hanon met with the Board for a FY22/23 funding review for the Senior Center. Lafrenz distributed FY21/22 Senior Center budget documents. Lafrenz informed the Board they are having trouble on obtaining certain food supplies and styrofoam containers and the cost of food has increased. She is projecting next year to hold some fund raisers. Hanon stated they rely heavily on the contributions from the Board of Supervisors and other organizations to continue to operate. Lafrenz appreciates the financial support from the County. Currently the County funds the Senior Center at \$19,500. No decisions were made.

Dave Shinker and Kim Siders with the Cedar County Fair Association met with the Board for a FY22/23 funding review. Shinker provided the FY2021 Financial Statement. Shinker informed the Board they had over \$500,000 total cost of replacing the grandstands, concession, and office building and several other projects. Shinker stated they are having more events during the year that attracts people from all over. Shinker appreciates the financial support from the County. Currently the County funds the Cedar County Fair Association at \$41,000 a year. No decisions were made.

Librarians Denise Smith of Tipton, Mindy Williams of Bennett, Nikki Scheel of Clarence, Meredith Dehmer of Mechanicsville, and Nick Shimmin of West Branch attended the Board meeting for the FY22/23 funding review of the County Libraries. Shimmin and Williams provided an update to the Board. Shimmin requested a \$5,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the County Library Association at \$135,500. No decisions were made.

Phil Waniorek, Benefits, Inc. met with the Board to discuss FY22/23 health and dental plan and rates. Waniorek informed the Board, the current trend for health insurance rate increases are 9-10%. Cedar County's Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal decrease is -.87%. Waniorek informed the Board of changes to the Blue Choice Plan: adds a yearly routine vision exam, removal of the common accident deductible was removed, and the pre-certification penalty was removed. Waniorek presented the Board with a 2.5% increase for the Delta Dental renewal effective January 1, 2022. Sup. Bell recommends the health insurance rates stay the same for FY23.

Moved by Sup. Bell Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the Delta Dental renewal.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Agne to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal.
Ayes: All

Jon Lutz, Senior Civil Engineer with Origin Design met with the Board to discuss the temporary easement for PCC Pavement – Grade & Replace IA Hwy 38 Project. Mike Herring and Mike Boyle were in attendance. Lutz informed the Board the DOT is currently upgrading the detour route to accompany the traffic for this project. This is a two-year project and during the summer of 2023 from 3rd Street to 7th Street the main street will be torn up at interval times. Lutz explained the sidewalk in front of the courthouse will be removed and replaced with new due to the ADA requirements. Discussion was held regarding the border around the Freedom rock. Lutz noted there is no change on the county property although he stated the two rows of grey brick will need to be removed for the concrete pour and then placed back. Lutz stated they will not be touching the bricks with names on them. He also suggested a safety fence be placed to segregate the monument and the forms for setting the new sidewalk. Lutz reviewed the temporary easement and other documents that need signed. Sup. Bell requested that Lutz provide written documentation and email it and when we receive it in writing the Board will sign the documents next week. Lutz agreed. Lutz also informed the Board that during this construction there will be weekly meetings with the business owners. Auditor Dauber will place the temporary easement document on the agenda for approval next week.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(j).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to go back into open session.

Ayes: All

The Board noted no decisions were made in the closed session.

Auditor Dauber informed the board she will be emailing a memo to all department heads on budgetary figures for FY22/23 budgets. Dauber asked the board if they wish to increase the mileage. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to keep the mileage reimbursement at .47 cents per mile.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 12:21 p.m., to December 14 , 2021.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson