

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 1, 2022, 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:
Representative Kaufmann provided an update on the 2022 legislative session.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Del DeWulf-Site 2 #64273 for a site located at 1540 Washington Ave, Bennett.
Tim Kahl #62880 for a site located at 2109 Hoover Highway, Lowden.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #429966 for \$4,509.10-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of January 25, 2022.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Payroll Disbursements #188439-188590 for the period ending 1/22/22 and to be paid on 1/28/22 This includes a payout for Angela Knox.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. as the public hearing date for the FY22/23 Proposed Property Tax Levy.
Ayes: All

The Board met with the following City Mayors to discuss the Hwy 30 project. Those in attendance were Steve Bixler-City of Clarence, Jill Cinkovich-City of Lowden, Dusty McAtee-City of Stanwood, and Mechanicsville City Clerk Linda Coppess. Chairperson Agne asked the city representatives their thoughts on the Hwy 30 project if they support a four lane vs. Super 2. Bixler explained he is not in favor of the Super 2 due to the public safety issue and would support a four-lane highway. Coppess informed the Board their concerns are due to the proximity of US 30 to the railroad is the predominant issue, with trains causing backups on US 30 quite frequently. Eastbound traffic turning left tends to be the biggest issue. At X-40, eastbound left-turning traffic will queue in the eastbound right turn-lane, and then cross two lanes to make a left turn after the train has passed. At Cherry St., eastbound traffic will pull into the carwash and flip around so that a through movement can be made once the train has cleared. Westbound traffic does not cause as severe of issues, but right-turning traffic is still forced to backup on the right shoulder and would benefit from longer turn-lanes. Cinkovich stated their community has not discussed this topic, but personally she agrees with the four-lane due to the ease in community and a possibility of gaining residents. McAtee was not in favor of a four-lane due to the land usage. Discussion and explanation of a rural four-lane vs. standard four-lane was held. McAtee stated due to the minimize land use with a rural four lane he would be willing to join forces with the other communities. Sup. Bell informed the representatives that the Hwy 30 Coalition is planning on doing a study to justify the change from the proposed Super 2 to a rural four-lane. Sup. Smith stated the D.O.T. has plans in place and they are proceeding forward. Sup. Kaufmann suggested at the next D.O.T. Commission meeting the board members, and representatives from each community need to be present and have a resolution signed from all entities requesting to halt the proposed Super 2 and consider a rural four-lane highway. Discussion was held regarding a resolution and when each community has their next council

meeting. Sup. Kaufmann suggested a possibility of having Representative Kaufmann and Senator Wahls to send a letter to the D.O.T. Commission supporting the rural four-lane highway.

Sup. Smith stated she will contact Adam Schweers and ask him to draft a resolution so each community can present it to their council persons and discuss. The board thanked all the representatives for attending the meeting.

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

Karen James with Lexipol met with the Board, via zoom, and provided a demonstration on the policy management and online training module they provide to Law Enforcement Departments. Those in attendance were Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche, and Chief Deputy Koranda. James explained this is a comprehensive policy and training developed and supported by public sector attorneys and subject matter experts. It provides continuously updated, legally vetted policies, daily policy-related training, and policy implementation assistance in one integrated web-based system. The presentation concluded and the board had no questions for James. General discussion was held on the implementation of the training module. Chief Deputy Knoche informed the Board he has contacted Mike Galloway and Judy Funk regarding this product. Galloway was familiar with the software as other clients use it. Sup. Bell mentioned the possibility of Heartland offering this product to all the counties in the pool.

The Board requested EMA Director Freet to meet with them to discuss the quotes she provided on the command center. Public Health Interim Director Caes was present. Freet stated she understands the “sticker shock” although JHB Group builds to public safety standards and specializes in building command centers. Freet stated some items in the quote can be removed, for a cost savings of \$42,000 for a revised estimate of \$135,055.37. Freet has contacted Wright Way Trailers to request amenities (handwashing station, generator, ac unit) to be added to the original quote of \$61,105. Sup. Bell asked if either company has the option of a gooseneck trailer. Freet stated JHB does not offer a gooseneck option and Wright Way Trailers do offer a gooseneck option, which Freet requested a quote from Wright Way Trailers. Caes mentioned that during the pandemic this would have been a huge asset. Sup. Smith asked if sharing with neighboring counties would be an option. Freet has not contacted other counties due to the logistics and possibility of an emergency affecting surrounding counties. The consensus of the board was for Freet to continue to provide cuts in the quotes and revisit with the board.

Adam Kofoed, West Branch Administrator met with the Board to provide an update on the residential and commercial developments happening in West Branch. Kofoed estimates the population growth in the next five to ten years to increase by 500. Other topics discussed was lack of volunteers, fringe agreements and TIF. The Board thanked Kofoed on the information and meeting with them.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for approval on awarding project FM-C016(112)—55-16; this project is for resurfacing of Y14 from Hwy 130 north to Hwy 30. The bids received are as follows:

Manatt’s Inc.	\$2,834,522.09
Inroads, LLC	\$3,214,694.20
Langman Construction, Inc	\$3,853,900.29

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to approve and accept the bid from Manatt’s Inc. in the amount of \$2,834,522.09.


Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann provided a maintenance map of 2021 jobs completed across the county. Fangmann is proud of the department and wants recognition to his staff.

The board held a discussion on the ARPA funds. Sup. Kaufmann will contact a representative for the telephone companies and request an update on broadband. The consensus of the Board was to have Auditor Dauber email Volunteer Services, Domestic Violence, Senior Center, County Libraries, and Cedar/Jones Early Childhood and ask them if they received additional funding

(ARPA) up to \$10,000, what they would use these funds for and request this information by the next board meeting.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 11:48 a.m., to February 8, 2022.
Ayes: All



Cari A. Dauber, Auditor



Steve Agne, Chairperson