

TIPTON, IOWA

February 15, 2022

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 15, 2022, with the following members present: Smith, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Sup. Bell was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted February reports and minutes of January 12, 2022.

EMA Director Freet provided an update regarding the COVID-19 website will disabled effective April 16, 2022.

City of West Branch submitted an Amendment #4 to West Branch Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan.

Clerk of Court submitted Fees Collected for the month of January 2022.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/11/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #430117 for \$1,680.80-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. Jessica Wiskus thanked the Board for filing an objection towards the Navigator Pipeline. Wiskus would appreciate the Board register for supporting SF2160 and HF2320 which enables private companies to use eminent domain. Dave Wiskus stated this is an opportunity for the county to stand up and support the SF2160 and HF2320 since there is a possibility of ADM to dig a trench through the county as he is against any type of eminent domain except for roads. Wiskus also wondered if the county could put money in a pot to administer dust control within the county and if there would be a cost savings if the county only utilized one dust control company for the entire county. No decision was made.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of February 8, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #188591-188738 for the period ending 2/5/2022 and to be paid on 2/11/2022. This includes Solid Waste Comp payout.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a 12-month renewal for a Class C Liquor License with outdoor and Sunday sales for Wahkonsa Country Club.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve a utility permit for REC to provide new service at 2132 Atalissa Road and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Discussion was held on the resolution for supporting the completion of the Four-Lane U.S. Hwy 30. Stanwood Councilperson Jones informed the Board that they had this discussion at their city council meeting, and they amended the resolution to be specific to the City of Stanwood not as a county. Sup. Kaufmann stated if we do not have a united front within the county regarding this project for the Iowa Department of Transportation, he believes it will not be looked at seriously.

Sup. Smith stated that all the resolutions can be emailed to Adam Schweers and he will submit them to the Governor, IDOT, and legislators.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Semi-Annual Settlement Report of the Board of Supervisors submitted by Treasurer Delaney.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the cancellation of eight (8) unclaimed fees in the amount of \$86.25 as submitted by Treasurer Delaney.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Investment Report ending 12/31/2021.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Auditor Dauber presented a revised policy regarding the depreciation of capital assets that includes intangibles. Dauber stated this policy will coincide with the county audit.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the revised Cedar County Policy regarding Financial Reporting.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Chairperson Agne asked Auditor Dauber to update the board on the electrical issues that occurred at the courthouse on Friday. Dauber explained that early Friday morning Custodian Gritton entered the building and realized the generator and selected lighting was not operating. Gritton then contacted T.M.I. After troubleshooting it seemed as though the courthouse was only operating on two of the three electrical phases. Gritton then contacted the City of Tipton as they confirmed all three phases are entering the courthouse. Crist Electric was then called, and he was able to diagnose the initial problem existed with the generator. Crist and the City of Tipton returned at 4:30 p.m. and shut down all the power and repaired the issue. Dauber stated Crist offered some yearly maintenance suggestions and she has communicated this information to Gritton.

Public Health Interim Director Caes updated the board that the department is moving into recovery mode regarding COVID-19. Caes informed the board that her department employees, per CMS requirements, are mandated to have the vaccine. The department has met with requirement either by the employee receiving the vaccine or providing a waiver.

Auditor Dauber informed the board that she had a general conversation with Mike Galloway. Galloway stated the actions the board took regarding salaries, elected and departmental employees and accepted the compensation board recommendation will be more attractive for recruiting. Galloway stated the wages are all over the board across the state and Cedar County implemented the increases and still lowered two county levies.

Sup. Kaufmann informed the board that he had received a call from Sandy Heick, Co-chair of the EMS Committee stating she a great deal of hope to get things done so this proposition can be voted on by the public although there are problems with giving and taking with the committee. Kaufmann reiterated all the members need to work together. Sheriff Wethington, Councilperson Jones and Public Health Interim Director Caes informed the board on recent meetings they have attended and issues within the committee. The topics that were discussed but not limited to were personalities, excessive data presented by one individual committee member, and territorialism. Sheriff Wethington will be providing a service call map that will detail the origin of the call and what service agency responded. Wethington wants what is best for Cedar County. Caes stated the goal is to improve EMS in the county and educate the public. Jones stated the committee members that have the personality conflicts need to set aside their differences and do what is best. Sup. Kaufmann stated that the board was initially warned situations like this could happen. The board reiterated the committee needs to work out their differences swiftly.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 10:00 a.m., to February 22, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Cari A. Dauber
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Steve Agne, Chairperson