

TIPTON, IOWA

March 22, 2022

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 22, 2022, with the following members present: Smith, Chairperson Pro-Tem Bell, Gaul, and Kaufmann, Chairperson Agne 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:

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann submitted March reports and February 9, 2022, minutes.

Interim Director, Caes on the hiring of Joselyn Snook, Home Health Manager starting March 21, 2022, with a starting wage of 33.30.

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Kendal Kray completing one year of employment effective March 8, 2022, with a rate change from \$20.07 to \$20.57.

Michael Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney Attorneys on a rate increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,300.00 a month beginning July 1, 2022.

Farm Bureau regarding Highway 30 improvements and wanting the state to look at a rural four lane.

Aaron Horman, F&B Communications thanking the board for their funding of broadband services in the county.

Chad Fall, Clarence Telephone Company thanking the board for their funding of broadband services in the county.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/18/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #430642 for \$124.72-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Chairperson Pro-Tem Bell addressed the public for comments: Interim Public Health Director Caes introduced Joselyn Snook to the board. She is the new Home Health Manager. Caes also mentioned that a new director has also been hired to start in May. Gary Crock, Solid Waste Manager gave an update on construction. He met with engineers and contractors last week. Materials and equipment should be delivered this week and they will start moving dirt next week. They will have to move the rural recycling during this time, but rural residents will continue to have service. Gary also notified the board that he is posting for a full-time operator with benefits to take the place of an employee retiring at the end of the year.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of March 15, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #430430 - #430641 paid on 3/17/2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Sup. Agne joined the meeting by phone at 8:50a.m.

At 9:00a.m. Sandy Heick and Lonni Koch, EMS Executive Co-Chairs gave an update to the board on their meetings. Jane Caes, Joselyn Snook, Warren Wethington, Todd Sawyer, and Heather Jones were present. Sandy and Lonni reported that their last meeting was productive. The entire group was invited not just the executive committee. They came up with 3 ideas and everyone is supposed to come to the next meeting with pros and cons on each one. They said that the hardest part is overcoming the negativity in the communities, and they are still aiming to have it on the ballot in November. It is helping as more committee members are educated on the

actual bill and how things work. No community wants to lose their identity with their ambulance services. Sup Bell apologized for any miscommunication between the Board of Supervisors and the EMS board.

Sup. Agne left the meeting at 10:00a.m. and the board took a 5-minute break.

At 10:00a.m. Engineer Fangmann met with the Board and opened the bids for project LFM-202104-7X-16. A representative from Peterson Contractors, Roger Laughlin, Warren Wethington, Jane Caes, and Joseyln Snook were present. Fangmann received a bid of \$514,086.79 from Iowa Bridge and Culvert, L.C. and a bid of \$612,983.36 from Peterson Contractors Inc. Fangmann budgeted \$475,000.00 for the project. Fangmann left to review the required documents and return to the Board room with his recommendation.

Sup. Bell read the Certificate of Appointment from County Attorney Blank appointing Derek Jones to Assistant County Attorney.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the appointment of Derek Jones as the Assistant County Attorney.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve VPN access for TMI.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne

Discussion was held on a timeline for when ARPA broadband funds that were provided to the telephone companies need to be spent. Consensus of the board was that it needs to be completed by the deadline set forth for using the ARPA funds which is December 31, 2026. Sup. Bell said he would have Auditor Dauber follow up with an email letting the recipients know this date and tell them that if there are funds remaining and more funds are requested by the recipients at a later date, they should be prepared to update the board on their use of funds.

Engineer Fangmann returned to the Board room for approval on awarding the contract for Project 202104-7X-16 to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. Discussion was held on the cost and if his budget will be able to absorb the extra cost. Fangmann said he has enough in his budget to cover the difference.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to award contract for Project 202104-7X-16 to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. in the amount of \$514,086.79.

Ayes: All

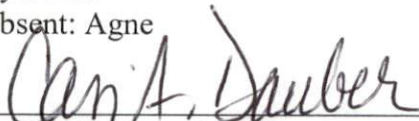
Absent: Agne

Engineer Fangmann also informed the board that he will be posting for seasonal help for mowing this summer.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., to March 29, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Agne


Cari A. Dauber, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson Pro-Tem