

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 19, 2022, with the following members present: Smith, Bell, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. Sup. Gaul 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:
Interim Public Health Director Caes submitted a Notice of New Hire for Crystal Grunder, Home Health Aid starting May 2, 2022, with an hourly rate of \$16.60.
Chief Deputy Koranda submitted a Notice of New Hire for Casey Gephart, Corrections Officer starting May 3, 2022, with an hourly rate of \$19.39.
Director Solid Waste Crock submitted a Notice of New Hire for Jeremy Elifritz, Part Time Operator/Driver starting April 20, 2022, with an hourly rate of \$19.86.
Chief Deputy Knoche provided a letter from the Attorney Disciplinary Board regarding the investigation held on the former County Attorney Renander.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Lance Schiele #66328 for a site at 2092 Delta Ave West Branch.
Salsbery Jeff #62843 for a site at 1334 Old Muscatine Rd Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/15/2022 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #430944 for \$2,328.46-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the Board Minutes of April 12, 2022.
Ayes: All
Recuse: Kaufmann
Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve Claim Disbursements #430753 - #430943 paid on 4/14/2022.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. Lonni Koch and Sandy Heick met with the board to provide an update on the EMS Committee Meetings. Koch informed the board that at their last meeting they heard a presentation that explained the process of implementing a county wide essential service tax in Wright County. Discussion was held. The board was informed that the committee will not have a proposal to them in time to place the question on the ballot in November. Heick informed the board the committee understands they cannot ask for more money than they need and they will need justification of the dollars. Heick further stated the meetings are more productive. Discussion was held regarding the cost of a special election. Auditor Dauber estimated the cost to the county to conduct a special election could be up to \$20,000.

At 9:00 a.m. Chris Riley, ADM and Nick Noppinger, Wolfe Carbon Solutions met with the board regarding a potential CO2 pipeline through the county. Riley informed the board he has met with twenty-five legislators and other elected city officials discussing the pipeline. Tentatively public hearings will be held early mid-summer to develop relationships and receive feedback so no one is surprised, with an estimated start date in mid to late 2025. Noppinger explained the development team in their collective history has never used eminent domain in their career. Sup. Kaufmann questioned whether either company would have any issue with the proposed bill regarding eminent domain. Both representatives agreed they would support the

bill. Riley stated, "Why would ADM want to upset the farmer? ADM has been here 40 years and will be here another 40 years." Noppinger stated we would find a way of compromising and we would find a creative solution, without using eminent domain. He further explained his company has built longhaul pipelines in large distances in tough areas and they have never used eminent domain. Riley explained using eminent domain is costly and lingers on the project, and causes negative impacts in the community. They did not provide a map.

Sup. Smith left the meeting.

HIPAA Compliance Officer Tischuk met with the board to provide an update on the email situation that happened in late 2019. Tischuk was notified by OCR that documentation needs to be provided on what actions have been taken and what we have implemented. Tischuk will work with Auditor Dauber on the security items that she has implemented and will respond by the deadline.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board and presented five rock quotes. Fangmann recommended the board award the bid, in each district, to the lowest bidder.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to award Wendling Quarries districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and to award Weber Stone districts 1, and 3.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul, Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the following resolution:

2022 RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION
OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

To All Property Owners:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa; this 19th day of April, 2022,

That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, 2016, Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Cedar County, shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production.

Group 1, May 20 to June 5, 2022, for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel, Teasel, Wild Sunflower.

Group 2, June 1-15, 2022, for Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn, Wild Mustard, Musk Thistle and Marijuana.

Group 3, July 1-15, 2022, for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot, European Morning Glory, Buckhorn and Multiflora Rose.

Group 4, July 15-30, 2022, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butterprint, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Shattercane and Bull Thistle.

2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cedar County infested with any noxious weeds including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Russian Knapweed, shall adopt a program of weed destruction, described by the Weed Commissioner, which, in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3. That if owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Cedar County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of

said work, including costs of serving notice or other costs, if any, to be assessed against said real estate.

4. That the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the county.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul, Smith

At 10:00 a.m. Phil Rushton, West Branch Roofing met with the Board to discuss the cost of repairing and/or replacing the courthouse roof. Rushton explained the quote was to remove and replace the singly ply membrane and insulation. Sup. Bell questioned the R-value. Rushton stated it is 11.5. Rushton stated it will take less than a week to complete the project and informed the board they will have to have part of the parking lot barricaded off at times during the project. The board thanked Rushton.

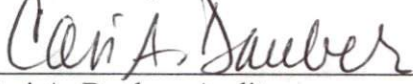
Sheriff Wethington met with the board to discuss and receive clarification regarding hiring employees. Wethington explained on new hires sometimes the start date is before the board can acknowledge the form, Notice of New Hire. Sup. Bell stated he understands, since the board meetings are once a week, there could be an issue on submitting prior to the new employee start date. Auditor Dauber explained it was a miscommunication within the two offices. Sup. Bell suggested critiquing the New Hire form to include language, contingent upon successfully completing all required testing. Wethington also just wanted to reiterate the board approved a resolution several years ago stating how many employees he can have in his office; therefore, this form is only an acknowledgement, and the board has no authority on who they hire. The board agreed.

Auditor Dauber addressed the board and asked for assistance on the Kone Elevator quote she received for replacement on the courthouse elevator. Discussion was held. Sup. Bell will assist Dauber on this project.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 10:40 a.m., to April 26, 2022.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul, Smith


Cari A. Dauber, Auditor


Steve Agne, Chairperson