

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 20, 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:
Conservation Director Dauber regarding Jacob Wilbourne last day of employment on 11/30/2022 as a seasonal employee.
Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann submitted December reports and approved minutes of November 9, 2022.
Mechanicsville Public Library update.
Clerk of Court Submitted Fees Collected for the month of November 2022.
LT Robert K. Powell Jr. regarding steps to derail pipeline.

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

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments. Kent Stuart invited everyone to the Compensation Board meeting that was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 20, 2022. CPC Director Tischuk gave a Mental Health Governing Board update.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of December 13, 2022.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #191910-192054 for the period ending 12/10/2022 and to be paid on 12/16/2022.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the document for Unclaimed Fee in the amount of \$211.01, submitted by Treasurer Delaney.
Ayes: All

Linda Hansen of Volunteer Services of Cedar County met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review. Hansen distributed and reviewed Volunteer Services approved budget. Discussion was held. Current County funding for Volunteer Services of Cedar County is \$26,500. Volunteer Services is requesting a \$500 increase in funding. No decision was made.

Jerry Johnson, Executive Secretary for the Community Foundation of Cedar County met with the Board to request funding for FY23/24. The Community Foundation of Cedar County works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to establish endowment funds. Discussion was held. Current County funding for The Community Foundation of Cedar County is \$3,000. The Community Foundation of Cedar County is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Stephanie Sagers, Executive Director of the Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation & Development Commission met with the Board for a FY23/24 funding review. Sagers provided a power point document, reviewed the budget request for FY23/24 and updated the Board on current projects, programs and provided services. Discussion was held. Current County funding for Limestone Bluffs R.C. & D. is \$8,000. Limestone Bluffs R.C. & D. is requesting a \$500.00 increase in funding. No decision was made.

The Board recessed for 20 minutes.

Mike Dauber, Medical Examiner Investigator met with the Board for a FY23/24 Medical Examiner budget review. Dauber updated the Board currently they have had 38 deaths this year. Discussion was held. Current County funding for the Medical Examiner is \$46,400. Cedar

County Medical Examiner is requesting a \$15,000 increase in funding. The increase is due to transportation fees, case fees and other expenses increasing in cost. No decision was made.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, convened as a Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in the Bennett Community School District Special Election on December 13, 2022. Auditor Wiese met with the board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Kaufmann, Smith, Bell and Chairperson Agne. Thereupon results from the precinct were opened and examined with the results duly entered in the Official Canvass Book and attested to the Board and the Cedar County Auditor. The Results for Cedar County are as follows:

Bennett Community School District- Director at Large-To Fill A Vacancy

Chad Giebelstein received 79 votes


Teresa Bjurstrom received 42 votes


Sherri Hunt, ECI Director met with the Board to ask the Board to replace Sup. Smith when her term is done December 31, 2022. Sup. Bell explained the Board would make the committee appointments at the January 3, 2023 meeting. Hunt provided an overview of what the Cedar/Jones Early Childhood organization does. Hunt asked the Board for \$3,000 in funding for FY23/24 Cedar/Jones Early Childhood budget. Discussion was held. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on implementing an ordinance regarding the Wulf Carbon Solutions Pipeline. Those in attendance were Mike Bixler, Robert Niermeyer, Jerry Goldsmith, Lisa Dircks, Sheriff Wethington, Jessica & David Wiskus, Wendell Wanek, Doug Schroeder, Attorney Blank, Public Health Director Wagamen and EMA Director Freet. Goldsmith appreciates the Board for the time spent on objections and asked if they would work together with the Citizens of Cedar County to mitigate the danger of a pipeline. Goldsmith reviewed an ordinance from Shelby County and asked the Board to consider implementing a similar ordinance with changes to the setbacks tailored to Cedar County. Sup. Kaufmann said a bill would be filed at the State level. Jessica Wiskus asked the Board to be a part of the solution on land use, setbacks and routing of the pipeline. Dircks provided the Board with a name of an attorney that is helping other counties in implementing an ordinance regarding pipelines. Sup. Kaufmann said a change in the law at the state level needs to be done for a final solution but also need to educate the new Senator and out of county/state property owners. Other topics discussed were hog confinement setbacks, first responders and hazmat. A representative from ADM will be requesting to be on the agenda in January. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., to December 27, 2022.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Steve Agne, Chairperson