

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 10, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Gaul, and Chairperson Bell. Kaufmann 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:
Auditor Wiese submitted the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 30, 2022.
Recorder Bahnsen submitted County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for 10/1/22 through 12/31/22.
Keith Whitlatch inviting the Board to annual meeting for the Old Cedar County Jail/Museum on January 12, 2023.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
LuJen Farms Inc #62699 for a site at 7556 Garfield Rd, West Branch.
Keppy #60460 for a site at 21641 - 1st Ave, Durant.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/6/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #433727 for \$10,292.30-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of January 3, 2023.
Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann

Claim Disbursements #433619 - #433726 paid on 01/05/2023 were discussed. Sup. Bell brought attention to the Board that Dawn Smith submitted mileage for a Conference Board meeting that should have been paid by the Assessor's budget not the Board's Budget. Consensus of the Board was to call Smith and ask her to return the check or reimburse the \$20.68 to Cedar County.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Auditor Wiese met with the Board to review extra duties being performed that are not mandated by Iowa Code for the County Auditor. Discussion was had. Wiese proposed to the Board that they hire a Financial Advisor to handle all budgeting/finance and Board of Supervisors assistant. Wiese feels this would provide efficiency in both her office and with the Board. Sup. Gaul asked how many other counties have a Financial Advisor. Sup. Bell explained to the Board that the Auditor was receiving a \$10,000 stipend for the extra duties, which was taken away by the Compensation Board for next FY and now pushed off on the Board of Supervisors. Consensus of the Board was to research surrounding Counties our size and report back to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve a utility permit for REC at 911 tower on Indian Ave for new service and waive the \$100 fee.
Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for REC at 1484 Echo Ave and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for REC at 1881 Yankee Ave and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann

Sheriff Wethington, Chief Deputy Knoche and Chief Deputy Koranda met with the Board for a FY 23/24 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Public Health Fiscal Manager Hansen met with the Board for a FY 23/24 budget review. Discussion was held. Board appreciates the entire staff of Public Health working together and increasing number of clients within the County. No decisions were made.

E&Z Director LaRue met with the Board for a FY 23/24 budget review. Discussion was held. LaRue asked about implementing fees for Flood Plain Development Permits. Consensus of the Board was to check with other Counties. No decisions were made.

Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann met with the Board for a FY 23/24 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #433619 - #433726 paid on 01/05/2023 to include that Dawn Smith will mail a check to Cedar County in the amount of \$20.68 and asked that her mileage be submitted to the Assessor's Office for the Conference Board meeting she attended.

Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann

Chairperson Bell and the other board members held E&Z Director LaRue annual performance review. LaRue did not request a closed session.


LaRue gave project and staff updates.

Discussion was held on the Boards and Commission vacancies on the Board of Review and Planning & Zoning Commission. No decisions were made.

A phone call was placed to Sup. Kaufmann to discuss allowing public comments/questions during next week's pipeline meeting with Chris Riley, ADM. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to allow Mr. Riley twenty minutes for a presentation, twenty minutes of question/answers by the Board and twenty minutes question/answers by the members of public.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 11:36 a.m., to January 17, 2023.

Ayes: All
Absent: Kaufmann


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson