

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 14, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart and Kaufmann. 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:
Bruce Barnhart resigning from the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective 1/31/2023 due to being appointed as a Board of Supervisor.
Clerk of Court Submitted Fees Collected for the month of January 2023.
EMA Director Freet RAGBRAI responses from Cedar County Emergency Response Agencies.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/10/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #434002 for \$688.42-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Chairperson Pro-Tem Kaufmann addressed the public for comments. There was none.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of February 7, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #192494 – #192637 for the period ending 2/4/2023 and to be paid on 2/10/2023. This includes a payout for Dave Himes.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light & Power on Stonemill Rd and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Mechanicsville Telephone for fiber expansion on multiple roads and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Investment Report ending 2/9/2023 submitted by Treasurer Delaney.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board to discuss Cyber Security. Currently the County is using FireEye, which is being phased out. The State of Iowa will be switching to CrowdStrike, which is what Solutions is recommending we switch to also. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to check on pricing and return to the Board.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board regarding the suspension of property taxes for James D. Logsden and Sherry L. Logsden. Documentation from the Department of Human Services stating that James D. Logsden and Sherry L. Logsden is eligible for the suspension was reviewed. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the request for suspension of taxes and adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023 documentation was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors from Sherry & James Logsden showing proof that they are receiving medical assistance as defined in Section 249A and pursuant to Section 427.9 of the Code of Iowa is deemed unable to contribute to the public revenue and that the taxes on the following described property owned by James D. Logsden & Sherry L. Logsden should be suspended pursuant to Section 427.9.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO Section 427.9 of the Iowa Code, the County Treasurer is ordered to suspend the collection of all the taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs assessed against the following property, to-wit: Commencing at a point 87 ½ feet West of the Northeast corner of Outlot 15, Fred Hecht's Addition to the Town of Clarence, Cedar County, Iowa, thence southerly 120 feet, thence westerly 87 ½ feet, thence northerly 120 feet, thence easterly 87 ½ feet to the point of beginning. To include the second installment for 2021 assessment taxes payable in FY 2022-2023, owned by James D. Logsden and Sherry L. Logsden and remaining unpaid for such time as said person, James D. Logsden and Sherry L. Logsden remains the owner of the property and receives medical assistance as defined in Section 249A.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Randy Pedersen to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Discussion was held on Eminent Domain Commission members. Consensus of the Board was to get phone numbers for each member and reach out to them. This topic will be placed on agenda if needed to fill vacancies.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to discuss Cedar County Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (US-SES) Ordinance. Topics discussed were Flood Plain and Decommissioning along with general discussion. The County Attorney and Zoning Board still need to review before setting public hearing dates.

Auditor Wiese met with the Board to discuss the salary and job description for a Head Custodian. The pay band and job description was reviewed by Mike Galloway, HR Attorney. The pay band would go from pay band 10 to pay band 11 with the change effective July 1, 2023.

Moved by Sup. Gaul and seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Head Custodian position effective July 1, 2023 with a wage of \$19.88/hour.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell

Discussion was held on a wage for the Budget Director position for current County employees. Consensus was to start at what is currently being paid as a stipend of \$10,000/year. Any County employee interested will need to get approval from current department head to take on these extra job duties. Other topics discussed were sharing the position with another County or making a new position within the Auditor's Office. Further discussion will be held next week as the deadline for interested current employees is February 20, 2023.

Custodian Gritton met with the Board to discuss ARPA monies. Gritton received a quote for two touchless drinking fountains for \$4,620.00. The drinking fountains have been installed and we

received a bill for \$5,228.40, which is \$608.40 over what was approved. Consensus of the Board was to reach out to Lynch and ask why the invoice was over the quoted price and report back to the Board.

Custodian Gritton also met with the Board to discuss updating the door locks inside the Courthouse. All main office doors will be replaced with an ALX53 handle set and closet doors will be replaced with ALX80 handle sets each being quoted at \$230/unit. The Board approved ARPA funds for \$8,000 but was quoted \$9,600.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve \$1,600 additional ARPA funds for door locks. Upon further discussion, Gritton said the County Attorney's Office would like keyless entry locks on the office door and north stairwell.

Ayes: None
Nays: All
Absent: Bell

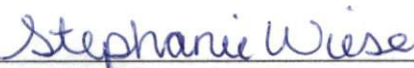
Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve \$1,600 additional ARPA funds for door locks and two keyless entry locks for County Attorney's Office and north stairwell door.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bell

Discussion was held on RAGBRAI. Deputy Auditor Hamdorf reached out to RAGBRAI and was told they would not be entering Cedar County. Since they were not entering Cedar County they didn't feel a discussion was needed with the Board of Supervisors. Consensus of the Board was to write a letter to the Des Moines register with our concerns of RAGBRAI.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:27 a.m., to February 21, 2023.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bell


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jeff Kaufmann, Chairperson Pro-Tem