

TIPTON, IOWA

May 16, 2023

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 16, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Barnhart was absent at the start of the meeting. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:

Auditor's Office Record Retention Policy.

HIPAA Security Officer Tischuk & Privacy Officer Conrad-Marion regarding automatic logoff/authentication.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Brus Finisher Farm #65203 for a site at 1180 160<sup>th</sup> Street, Stanwood

LuJen Farms Inc. Site 2 #67849 for a site at 1830 Hays Avenue, West Branch.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/12/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #435073 for \$1,736.58-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Sheriff Wethington informed the Board that four new Reserve Officers have been hired Mike Foulks, Tyler Scott, McKenna Benischek and Cole Stinemen. Recorder Bahnsen informed the Board she is releasing a press release regarding a scam individuals are receiving via mail.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #434904 - #435072 paid on 5/11/2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Barnhart

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Community Service Director Tischuk gave the Board an update on the Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Region. The update included financials, Contracts and Programs.

Sup. Barnhart joined the meeting via phone at 9:00 a.m.

The public hearing was opened for a Construction Permit Application filed by JT Center Pork 1++, LLC located in Center Township Section 4 for three new 2,400 head deep pit swine finisher confinement buildings for a new swine confinement facility. Environmental and Zoning Director LaRue, Tom & Joni Dittmer, Ben Dittmer, Jodi Freet, Treasurer Delaney, Recorder Bahnsen, Rob Bohnsack, Mark Latta, Devin Warner, Public Health Director Wagaman, Public Health Manager Foor, Mike Wagner, Gary Friedman, Linda & Randy Weaver and Mallory Weaver were present. LaRue reviewed the Master Matrix passing score of 475 and stated the location of the operation is at 801 Green Road, Tipton. No written response was received. The Weaver's voiced their concern with the smell of the confinement facility located near their business of the Buchanan House Winery. The Winery has been in business since 2009 and host events and weddings. Tom Dittmer addressed the odor and fly concerns, explaining that the polymer used reduces the ammonia and sulfite smells, he has wind studies and site plans done. Sup. Kaufmann stated there is no local control. Weaver's asked if knifing in the manure could be done Monday-Wednesday to keep the smell down during business hours at the Winery

Friday-Sunday. Dittmer's said they will communicate with the Weaver's but couldn't guarantee field work wouldn't be done during Friday-Sunday but are willing to work together.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Construction Permit Application for JT Center Pork 1++, LLC.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bell

The public hearing was opened for Ordinance #65 An Ordinance Adopting an Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (US-SES) on property located in the unincorporated areas of Cedar County, Iowa. Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue stated the changes have been made in section 8.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and adopt Ordinance #65 An Ordinance Adopting an Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (US-SES) on property located in the unincorporated areas of Cedar County, Iowa.

Ayes: All

EMA Director Freet met with the Board to discuss a 28E agreement with Jones County regarding a microwave on a tower on Amber Road.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign 28E agreement with Jones County.

Ayes: All

Freet provided project updates, site visits will happen next week and MCM will be on the agenda next week to discuss next phases for EMS Study. Freet also discussed ARPA funding and said that an \$80,000 EMA Command Center isn't in the scope of work at this time. Freet would like to get a mobile electronic messaging board. She has already received \$5,000 in grant monies and is asking the Board for \$5,000 in ARPA funds. The messaging board will be shared with other departments.

Moved by Sup Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to reduce ARPA money by \$75,000 for a mobile electronic messaging board.

Ayes: All

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to consider a minor subdivision for Laing's First Addition, Wayne E. & Patricia A. Laing, Lot 1 in a portion of the SE ¼, SW ¼ of Sec. 14, T80N, R4W. Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue and Wayne & Patricia Laing were present. No written or verbal objections are on file.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Laing's First Addition—Minor Subdivision.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session under Iowa code 21.5(1)(c).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to return to regular session.

Ayes: All

No decisions were made regarding closed session.

Sup. Barnhart left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to accept two bids for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room remodel, pending if prices can be locked in and start dates.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to adjourn at 10:56 a.m., to May 23, 2023.

Ayes: All

Stephanie Wiese  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson