

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 15, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, 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:
Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Tyler Scott, Correctional Officer eligible for 1 year pay change to \$24.20 effective 8/1/2023.

Aaron Moes Notice of Termination of Farm Tenancy.

State of Iowa in the matter of the annexation of a Secondary Road to the City of Lowden.

Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for the month of July 2023.

Hertz Real Estate Services regarding new listing of Bell Farm.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Hansen DB LTD #63292 for a site at 1946 Taylor Avenue, Clarence.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 8/11/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #435955 for \$11,893.77-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Justin Nelson and Grant Hueer introduced themselves to the Board and informed them they are opening a Food Pantry in Durant soon.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of August 8, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #194492-194643 for the period ending 8/5/23 and to be paid on 8/11/23.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a New 5 Day Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service effective 9/1/2023 at the Fairgrounds for Good Makers Market.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. Adam Kofoed, West Branch City Administrator met with the Board to request support for the City of West Branch to propose the question of imposition of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax on November 7, 2023. The City of West Branch will not be including a sunset date to match the other Cities of Cedar County.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to support the City of West Branch to propose the question of the imposition of a Local Option Sales and Services Tax to be submitted to the qualified electors in the City of West Branch on November 7, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the FY22/23 Urban Renewal Report.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Discussion was held on letters of support for local telecommunications regarding the NOFA 8 Broadband Grant application process. F & B Communications, WTC Communications and Clarence Telephone/Cedar Communications have asked for a letter of support.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign letter of support for the three entities that have requested a letter.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

At 9:00 IT Director Pierce met with the Board to discuss The SpyGlass Group, LLC. SpyGlass is a specialized cost consulting firm that focuses on optimizing recurring telecommunications and network service billing. Pierce mentioned other counties in Iowa have used SpyGlass and is good for checks and balances within the County.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Auditor Wiese to sign the Audit Agreement subject to Attorney Blanks approval.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Engineer Fangmann provided project updates to the Board.

At 9:15 a.m. Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to review the All-System Permit analysis. Fangmann informed the Board that over 80 bridges which is 35% of Cedar County bridges are not able to handle the new law. Fangmann will continue to work with the State on this new law.

At 9:45 a.m. EMA Director Freet met with the Board to review MOU for 911 Network. The launch date has been moved to October 3, 2023. County Attorney Blank has reviewed and approved the MOU.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the MOU for the 911 Network.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Jeff Steiert, MCM Consultants provided an update on the EMS Referendum. Steiert said the website is live and they are working on marketing & statistics, mapping & heatmaps, ballot language, in person meetings and QRS services.


The Board recessed for five minutes.

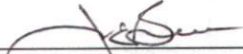
The Board called Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue for an update on Ordinance #47 An Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS). LaRue was not available and Administrative Assistant Axline informed the Board that she received the updates from County Attorney Blank and will be on the agenda next week for discussion and to set public hearing dates.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:45 a.m., to August 22, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson