

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 17, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from: Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for September 2023.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 10/13/2023 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436668 for \$11,425.06-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of October 10, 2023.
Ayes: All
Abstain: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #436501 - #436667 paid on 10/12/2023.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Barnhart informed the Board he spoke with Heartland Insurance regarding the Annual Harassment training. Heartland hired an Attorney to provide the classes so due to scheduling conflicts and cost is why each County will only receive 2 sessions. Cedar County sessions are now November 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Courthouse basement and 2 p.m. at the Secondary Roads building.

Head Custodian Gritton provided the Board with an updated quote from Collins Concrete. The quote has increased by \$9,750.00. Gritton said this is for the concrete and epoxy. The Board asked why the quote went up, but no explanation was given. Consensus of the Board was to have Gritton obtain other quotes if possible.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board to discuss abatement of taxes. Delaney passed around delinquent tax forms.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to abate the taxes, penalty and interest and adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved this 17th day of October, 2023 pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 445.63 that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors have directed the Cedar County Treasurer to abate taxes, penalties and interest on the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>TAXES</u>
City of West Branch/Kaeser	2022/2023	\$36.00
City of West Branch	2023/2024	\$28.00
	TOTAL	\$64.00

Resolution adopted this 17th day of October, 2023.
Ayes: All

Treasurer Delaney informed the Board that an employee submitted a two-week notice, and she would like to hire a replacement.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Delaney to hire a replacement.
Ayes: All

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board regarding HIPAA logs and ticketing system. Tischuk said due to a minimum necessary incident, electronic device logs and a ticketing system need to be implemented. Our Policy manual was also discussed and Tischuk said that it must be followed to be covered if a breach happens. IT Director Pierce was called into the Board meeting. Pierce reviewed the ticketing system and said he would begin using it. Tischuk is working with Department Heads to set up meetings for train all employees on the logs.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the electronic device access log and ticketing system effective today.
Ayes: All

CPC Director Tischuk provided a Region update.

Micheal McGrady, Jeff Steiert and Kristy Agosti met with the Board for an update on EMS referendum. Discussion was held on reimbursement of first responders, post cards, signs, and upcoming meetings.

Discussion was held on a letter that the Board received from Pam Hartwig regarding signage to be placed at the entrance of Bennett Park/Campground. Conservation Director Dauber was in attendance with Conservation Board members Rick Rouse, Dick Maske and Jean Driscoll. Kaufmann read the letter. Maske said due to the unpopular conflict he doesn't feel like a sign should be placed at the entrance as a park is not a place for remembering the unpopular conflict. Kaufmann said the sign is for honoring young individuals that sacrificed their life. Steve Agne said we know the war was very controversial but those who served lived through that time. Driscoll asked how we could recognize Veterans and Fallen Veterans that was part of the war at the park. Cedar County Attorney Blank said per the Iowa Code decisions are up to the Conservation Board not the Board of Supervisors. Bell mentioned that CCEDCO is also looking at placing a Welcome to Cedar County sign at the park. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to explore the right-of-way near the Bennett Park. Discussion continued. Barnhart mentioned the entrance could say Cedar County Soldiers and more names could be listed on kiosk. Maske said the East side of the park could possibly be used for signage as this is a trigger for some people and he doesn't want it at the entrance. Bell asked that the Conservation Board discuss the use of the East side of the park for signage and report back to the Board.
Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss final voucher for bridge project L-202003—73-16. Gaul left the Boardroom.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve final voucher for bridge project L-202003—73-16.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bell to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light & Power on Taylor Avenue and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul
Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy on 200th Street and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All
Absent: Gaul

Sup. Gaul returned.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve hiring Willis Holland for Engineering Technician I effective November 2, 2023.
Ayes: All

The Board recessed for five minutes then departed to the Rock Creek Timber Wildlife Area to tour a barn on the property.


The Board reconvened at the Rock Creek Timber Wildlife Area. An old barn on the property was toured.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 11:13 a.m., to 7:00 p.m. October 17, 2023.
Ayes: All

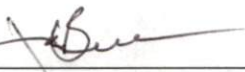
The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in special session in the Mathews Building at the Cedar County Fairgrounds at 7:00 P.M. October 17, 2023, with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Members of the public were also present.

Michael McGrady, MCM Consultants gave a presentation with information concerning the EMS Referendum. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 8:39 p.m., to October 24, 2023.
Ayes: All



Stephanie Wiese, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson