

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 7, 2023 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, and Chairperson Bell. Kaufmann was absent at the beginning 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:
IA DNR Authorization to use Facility ID #71883, JT Center Pork West1++, LLC.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
RJ Pork Enterprise #71917 for a site at 1906 Hwy 6, Atalissa.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/3/23 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #436799 for \$1,450.83-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Recorder Bahnsen gave an update as she wouldn't be able to attend the Department head meeting.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of October 31, 2023.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #195404-195553 for the period ending 10/28/23 and to be paid on 11/3/23.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Bixler informed the Board that he had received calls from the Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance regarding representation from Cedar County. The Board made a motion to not fund the Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance for FY23/24 although if a project came up regarding Cedar County to reach out to the Board. Consensus of the Board was to follow the motion and if they want to be added to the funding schedule for FY24/25 to contact the Board's secretary.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the 2024 Administrative Service Proposal.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Leslie Timmerman to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

At 8:45 a.m. EMA Director Freet met with the Board to discuss a change order. Since converting to the new 911 system a few issues have been uncovered. Freet would like a programming update for the dispatchers, so they don't have to dispatch using 7 clicks. This would be a one-time license of \$15,000 and would help eliminate human error. Another change would be to purchase external speakers for \$1,500 to eliminate multiple people over talking on dispatchers' headsets. The last change order would be for encryption on radios for \$10,778 in order for West Branch radios to work with Johnson County. Barnhart said that the encryption fee should be RACOM's obligation as they knew Johnson County radios were encrypted since they installed them. Bell said all three issues need to be fixed although we shouldn't have to pay

for the encryptions issue. Sheriff Wethington said he will make it very clear to RACOM on the Board's opinion.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Sheriff Wethington to negotiate with RACOM on the change orders to pay for the license and speakers but not the encryption. If RACOM won't negotiate we will pay for all three.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were E & Z Director LaRue, IT Director Pierce, Public Health Director Wagaman, EMA Director Freet, Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Engineer Fangmann, Conservation Director Dauber, Sheriff Wethington and Attorney Blank. Sup. Kaufmann entered the Boardroom at 9:20 a.m. Discussion was held.

At 9:45 a.m. Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for Ordinance #47 WECS amendments.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set public hearing dates on November 21st & 28th at 9:15 a.m. for Ordinance #47 WECS amendments.

Ayes: All

At 10:00 a.m. Kent Stuart and Bubba Chapman met with the Board to discuss FY24/25 wages for Elected Officials. Discussion was held on how the process works, wages, cost of living and Back the Blue. Stuart will reach out to Galloway and to other members to set a meeting date.

At 10:30 a.m. Rod Ness, CCEDCO met with the Board to discuss placement of Welcome signs in Cedar County. Engineer Fangmann presented a map of locations he has selected on Countyline paved roads. Fangmann will charge for the post and hardware cost. Kaufmann mentioned that we should ask private property owners on State roadways. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Welcome signs and to have Secondary Roads place them with reimbursement.

Ayes: All

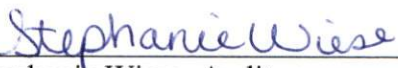
Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Century Link on 325th Street and waive the \$100 fee.


Ayes: All

General discussion was held on I80 expansion project.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:06 a.m., to November 14, 2023.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson