

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 5, 2024 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler 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:
Cedar County Conservation Director Dauber hiring Mark Roberts, Seasonal position with an hour wage of \$15.00 effective March 5, 2024.
Leanne Boots, Administrative Manager Notice of Retirement effective 9/6/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Curt Engler Site – Lowden #6849 for a site at 2370 190th Street, Wheatland.
PJ Farms Inc #68054 for a site at 1119 Vermont Avenue, Bennett.
Brus Finisher Farm #65203 for a site at 1180 160th Street, Stanwood.
Valley View Farms Inc #66070 for a site at 642 280th Street, West Branch.
Hinkhouse Customs #71416 for a site at 435 300th Street, West Branch.
Rose Avenue Pork #62879 for a site at 911 Rose Avenue, Clarence.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/1/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #438013 for \$1,258.05-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Lisa Dircks talked to the Board members about a legislative bill and pipeline. Richard Woods provided the Board with stats from the Linn-Pioneer precinct caucus.

At 8:35 a.m. Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board to discuss setting dates for public notice of Pioneer Park. The public notice was reviewed. Discussion was held on the septic and well. Consensus of the Board was to have purchaser demolish the septic and check the well. If the well passes inspection purchaser can keep it otherwise purchaser will plug and cap it if it fails. The Board discussed a minimum bid. Consensus is to set the minimum bid at \$20,000.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set public notice date to April 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and to have purchaser demolish the septic and inspect the well and either plug and cap or leave as is depending on inspection/use.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of February 27, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #437914 - #438012 paid on 2/29/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to set public hearing date for FY24/25 Proposed Property Tax Levy to 8:15 a.m. on April 2, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Public Health Manager Foor, Head Custodian Gritton, Assessor

Dauber, CPC Director Tischuk, Engineer Fangmann, Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney, IT Director Pierce, EMA Director Freet, Conservation Director Dauber, Auditor Wiese, Sheriff Wethington. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Wethington regarding damage to headstones at Downey Cemetery caused by loose cows notified via email from Nick Oxley. The consensus was to have Mr. Oxley reach out to Sheriff Wethington as well as the Springdale Township trustees.

Board recessed for five minutes.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 10:00 a.m. Liz Rodriguez, Executive Director met with the Board to present the Local Plan for ECIWD (East Central Iowa Workforce Development). The purpose of the plan serves as a 4-year action plan to develop, align, and integrate service delivery strategies and to support the State's vision and strategic and operational goals. Rodriguez highlighted a few areas of the plan and informed the Board they can also go online and watch a 7-minute video.

At 10:30 a.m. Glen Reynolds, RACOM met with the Board to discuss an ongoing list of issues with the radio system. EMA Director Freet was in attendance. The Board informed Reynolds that the Service Manager for our area is not great to work with. Conversations have been had and Reynolds said emails are to be sent daily with communication on resolving the ongoing issues. Discussion was held. Freet will continue to monitor the issues and report back to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize chairperson Bell to sign the Resolution for Letter of Support of the Joint Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Agreement.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Project.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Engineer Fangmann to sign Highway 30 Coalition letter of Support on behalf of the Board and himself.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Engineer Fangmann to hire an Office Manager due to a retirement as long as no money is spent out of the general fund.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Enterprise Products, LLC on Eureka Avenue and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy for underground work near west of Stanwood and the \$100 fee applies.

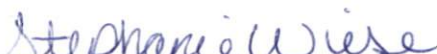
Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:28 a.m., to March 12, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson