

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 16, 2024 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:

Mechanicsville Public Library update.

Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for the month of February 2024.

EMA Director Freet regarding RACOM transition from Cedar Rapids to Moline Service Center.

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding McKenna Benischeck 2nd year employment with a pay change to \$25.18 per hour.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

JT Center Pork West 1++ LLC for a site at Green Road, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/12/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #438473 for \$2,514.57-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda with the amendment requested by Sup. Bixler to add discussion/action on keypads on doors in Clerk of Court area.

Ayes: All

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of April 9, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #438318 - #438472 paid on 4/11/2024.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for Clarence Telephone Company adding more fiber under the NOFA8 project and waive the \$100 fee.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann provided project updates.

Weed Commissioner Foulks discussed with the Board the 2024 Resolution for the Destruction of Noxious Weeds.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa; this 16th day of April 2024,

That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, 2016, Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Cedar County, shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production.

Group 1, May 20 to June 5, 2024, for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel, Teasel, Wild Sunflower.

Group 2, June 1-15, 2024, for Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn, Wild Mustard, Musk Thistle, and Marijuana.

Group 3, July 1-15, 2024, for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot, European Morning Glory, Buckhorn, and Multiflora Rose.

Group 4, July 15-30, 2024, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butterprint, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Shattercane and Bull Thistle.

2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cedar County infested with any noxious weeds including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Russian Knapweed, shall adopt a program of weed destruction, described by the Weed Commissioner, which, in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

3. That if owners or persons in possession or control of any land in Cedar County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice or other costs, if any, to be assessed against said real estate.

4. That the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the county.

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Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the FY24/25 Fiscal Agent Agreement for Cedar/Jones Early Childhood.
Ayes: All


Sup. Bixler informed the Board he toured the Court area where the keypad locks were requested. Safety Coordinator Boots and Head Custodian Gritton were called into the Board room. This topic was on the agenda for discussion on April 2, 2024 with Judge Werling and Danny Davis. Bixler said Heidi McDonough, Clerk of Court was left out of the emails discussing this topic and he talked to others in the Court area, and they feel this is an unsafe Courthouse. Boots sent Judge Werling an email with a few questions including evacuation plans and is still waiting for a response. Bixler also stated the Finance Director said ARPA money was available for keypads. Boots said the Safety Committee is working on a comprehensive plan which could help get them grant money for things needed for further safety.


Moved by Sup. Bixler to use ARPA funds to purchase keypads.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to table the motion until a joint meeting can be held with the Safety Committee and Clerk of Court officials.
Ayes: All

Mike McGrady and Tim Baldwin, MCM Consultants meet with the Board to give an EMS project update. McGrady informed the Board of upcoming meetings that will be held, and job descriptions are being worked on. MCM is also developing a budget, researching staffing and hours, looking into response zones and policies & procedures.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:13 a.m., to April 23, 2024.
Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson