

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 21, 2024 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Gaul 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:  
State Auditor Rob Sand advises Counties to consider new law when setting County Attorney salaries.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
FOHNE, Inc #58172 for a site at 878 160<sup>th</sup> Street, Mechanicsville.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. EMA Director Freet informed the Board with the weather predicted for today and the flooding in northern Iowa she would like to ask in an emergency situation that she gets pre-authorization for a Disaster Declaration.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to give EMA Director Freet pre-authorization for a Disaster Declaration if needed.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Public Health Director Wagaman gave a Board of Health update.

Sup. Kaufmann left the Boardroom 8:34 a.m. and returned at 8:36 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of May 14, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #197506-197659 for the period ending 5/11/24 and to be paid on 5/17/24.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a step wage increase for Joel Rouse, Mechanic II to \$29.43 effective 6/1/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign letter of support for Preservation and Reinvestment initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) for ECIA.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Judi Hamaker, Administrator Heartland Insurance Risk Pool and Mary Griffin, Holmes Murphy met with the Board to discuss and review FY24/25 renewal rates. Griffin provided handouts and schedules for the Board to review. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to budget high for next fiscal year. Also, a change was made, and Counties should receive their projected mod factor by December for budgeting purposes going forward.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for the following petition: **Elna Farm, Inc., Joana Frederick, 2146 Charles Ave. West Branch, IA (Owner)** – Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of selling the property as residential to allow construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the SE ¼, NW ¼, Section 32, T-80N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.94 acres of a 2.68-acre m/l tract.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to discuss filling the Administrative Assistant upcoming vacancy. Current Administrative Assistant Janelle Axline accepted a job offer in the County Attorney's office.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve LaRue to fill the vacancy of Administrative Assistant.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to set the public hearing dates for the above petition for 8:45 a.m. on 6/4/2024 and 6/11/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue provided pictures to the Board of the wind turbine after the fire. Discussion was held. Acciona Energy has been in contact with LaRue on removal of the turbines. Debris cleanup isn't covered under our Ordinance 47 therefore that will have to be handled between Acciona Energy and the landowner.

Engineer Fangman met with the Board to review building quotes for cold storage. Fangmann said 4 structures were damaged by a tornado and will be receiving \$77,360 from insurance. He went out for quotes on a 60'x112' cold storage building with two quotes received from Custom Builders, \$156,210 and Cleary, \$177,865. This building will be located across the road from the Tipton Shop to the south on Lemon Street.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the quote from Custom Builders in the amount of \$156,210.

Ayes: All

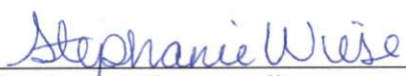
Absent: Gaul

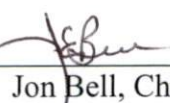
Jeff Steiert, MCM Consulting met with the Board briefly to provide project updates. Staffing, primary/staging locations, and job descriptions were discussed.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:10 a.m., to May 28, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson