

TIPTON, IOWA

June 4, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. June 4, 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:  
Scott Moffit, P/T Solid Waste Operator Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 5/31/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
James Wilkins #69396 for a site at 2028 230<sup>th</sup> Street, Bennett  
Kenny's Finisher #67336 for a site at 937 305<sup>th</sup> Street, Atalissa  
Dircks Farms Inc-Eilers Nursery & Finisher Site #62256 for a site at 125 National Avenue, Clarence  
Dircks Farms Inc-Meyer Farmer #58712 for a site at 162 National Avenue, Clarence  
Lujen Farms Inc #67849 for a site at 1830 Hayes Avenue, West Branch

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/31/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #438879 for \$6,231.97-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of May 28, 2024.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #197660-197818 for the period ending 5/25/24 and to be paid on 5/31/24.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve FY24/25 Cigarette Permit renewals for Kum & Go #267, Liberty Travel Plaza, Pilot Travel Center #496, Zinnia Gas & Grub DBA TJ's Gas & Grub and New Taste of India.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a 12-month Class E Retail Liquor License for Kum & Go.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve step wage increase for Brian Wood, MW II to \$27.61 effective 6/11/2024.  
Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann presented the Cedar County Policy for the Dedication of Highways to Fallen Service Members. A map of the highway segments for possible dedication was also handed out. The intent of the policy, as a gesture of respect, is to provide guidelines to recognize fallen in action service members that have courageously and unselfishly given their lives in the line of duty. Included in the policy are specific guidelines, request procedures, process and qualification criteria, sign design, fees and maintenance.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve of the Cedar County Policy for the Dedication of Highways to Fallen Service Members.  
Ayes: All

At 8:45 a.m. the public hearing was held for review/consideration/action on 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 and Joana Frederick was in attendance. No written or verbal objections are on file.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Suburban and waive the seconded hearing.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light and Power on Echo Ave. North of 240<sup>th</sup> Street the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Public Health Manager Foor, Sheriff Wethington, County Attorney Blank, Engineer Fangmann, Community Services Director Tischuk, Assessor Dauber, IT Director Pierce, Recorder Bahnsen, Treasurer Delaney and Auditor Wiese. Discussion was held.

Safety Coordinator Boots met with the Board to discuss appointment of a new Safety Coordinator. Boots explained that she was going to focus more on the Secondary Roads safety policies and needed to train her replacement. After talking to Community Services Director Tischuk, and she agreed, it seems like a good fit to transfer the Safety Coordinator position into her office.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Julie Tischuk as the new Safety Coordinator.

Ayes: All

Paula Steward, Alliant Energy met with the Board to discuss streetlights in the unincorporated area of Rochester. Leland Gritton, resident, gave background information on when the streetlights were put in and how over the years they have been paid for. Assistant County Attorney Jones educated the Board on the proper procedures of the residents of Rochester to petition the County to create a light district. After discussion it was decided that Steward would work with Mr. Gritton to get the names of the property owners that had light poles on or near their property and send them a letter asking if they would want that service added to their current utility bill. Steward stated that the current arrearage in payments would most likely be written off as bad debt.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to IA Code Section 21.5(1)(a), 22.7(4) and 22.7(11).


Ayes: All

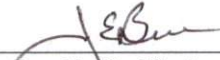
Moved by Sup. Kaufman seconded by Sup. Barnhart to go back into regular session at 11:36 a.m. and no decisions were made.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:38 a.m., to June 11, 2024.

Ayes: All

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson