

TIPTON, IOWA

September 3, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 3, 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:

Safety Committee Meeting minutes from July 24, 2024.

Sheriff Wethington regarding resignation from Matthew Fisher, Dispatcher effective 8/29/2024.

Holmes Murphy Cedar County mold testing for 2024.

Holmes Murphy Cedar County Assessment for 2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

TSM Farms #64970 for a site at 1419 250<sup>th</sup> Street, Tipton.

JT Center Pork 1 LLC #68689 for a site at 1493 280<sup>th</sup> Street, Tipton.

South Finisher #69133 for a site at 1331 130<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarence.

Wiese Allen #58027 for a site at 2217 220<sup>th</sup> Street, Bennett.

Lowden Site #65561 for a site at 1862 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Lowden.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 8/29/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #439865 for \$2,271.29-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. Linda Beck on behalf of the Weber family wanted to thank the Board and Secondary Roads department for the sign. Beck also invited the Board to the dedication ceremony.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of August 27, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #439769 - #439864 paid on 8/29/2024.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Veterans Affairs Servicer Officer Hamann met with the Board to discuss changes to her allocation funding. Michael Male, VA Board member was present. Hamann gave the Board a handout with the changes to allocation funds with one change being you can no longer use funds for continued salary. Hamann asked the Board to change her budget to fund the additional three hours worked or change her hours 37 hours/week. Hamann has talked with Financial Director Dauber and this change can be done. She can move monies from mileage \$3,000 and dues \$1,000 to help make up the difference.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve funding the additional three hours and make changes to VA budget.

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, Assessor Dauber, Community Services Director Tischuk, Public Health Manager Foor, EMA Director Freet, Engineer Fangmann, Treasurer Delaney, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Head Custodian Gritton, Sheriff Wethington, Conservation Director Dauber, Auditor Wiese, County Attorney Blank, IT Director Pierce and Recorder Bahnsen. "How to claim your leadership power" by Michael Timms TED Talks Daily was watched. Discussion was held.

Sheriff Wethington met with the Board to request approval for hiring for a Deputy Sheriff due to a vacancy.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Sheriff Wethington to hire due to a vacancy.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to open the public hearing for review/consideration/action on the Road Vacation. No objections on file. Discussion held.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Road Vacation Action Resolution.

#### **ROAD VACATION ACTION RESOLUTION**

COMES NOW the day set and designated by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors for the final hearing for the purpose of vacating the road described herein, having been duly published and adjacent property owners notified by certified mail as required by law, and by having heard all objections.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the statutory authority to vacated roads, as per Section 306.10-306.16 and Section 331.502 of the Code of Iowa, by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors in session on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024 that the following roads be and hereby are vacated:

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER**

**RCV2024-1:** All of Herman Street lying west of the west right of way line of Miller Street in the unincorporated town of Sunbury in Section 2, Township 79 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., as described below:

- 1) All of Herman Street adjacent to Parcel B and Lots 13 – 16 in Block 3.
- 2) All of Herman Street Between Lots 1 – 6 and the east 20 feet of Lot 7 all in Block 4.  
The established width of Herman Street as described is 60 feet.
- 3) All of the alley in Block 4.  
The established width of the alley as described is 20 feet.

#### SUMMARY OF DAMAGES

Said vacation not causing any abutting land to be landlocked, no monetary damages shall be allowed.

Ayes: All

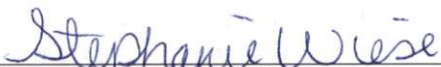
Engineer Fangmann gave project updates.

The Board left the Boardroom at 10:15 a.m. to convene at the Norton Nature Area.

The Board met with John Cafilisch, Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAISRR) at the Norton Nature Area. Conservation Director Dauber and Conservation Board members Dylan Haub, Teresa Wendt, Jean Driscoll and Rick Rouse were present. IAISRR closed the access crossing into the Norton Nature Area due to safety. Cafilisch said they don't have many options and to put a crossing in place will be over \$300,000 plus monthly cost. Bell said the IAISRR is making the area invaluable to the Conservation Board by closing the crossing as it is land locked. Discussion was held. Two different plans were discussed with one allowing Cedar County Conservation to access and maintain the land and allowing citizens to use the land. Cafilisch said he feels they can work to get access to the Conservation Department until a resolution has been set for public use. Grants were discussed but aren't the solution. Kaufmann said both IAISRR and Cedar County must work together to make a solution possible. Cafilisch will report back to IAISRR and contact Conservation Director Dauber when he has more information or to schedule another meeting.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:13 a.m., to September 10, 2024.

Ayes: All

  
Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson