

TIPTON, IOWA

September 17, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 17, 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:
Heather Warren, Correctional Officer Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 9/5/2024.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 9/13/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440021 for \$5,264.50-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. Recorder Bahnsen informed the Board recording fees haven't changed in 40 years and the Iowa Land Records is working on fee modernization policy.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of September 10, 2024.
Ayes: All
Abstain: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #439867 - #440020 paid on 9/12/2024.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Jerry Goldsmith met with the Board regarding a pipeline resolution. Doug Schroder, Lisa Diercks and Scott Tholen were in attendance. The Board reviewed Bremer and Greene County Resolutions objecting to the Iowa Utilities Board's authority to enact eminent domain authority within the county for privately owned and operated carbon dioxide pipelines. Discussion was held. Goldsmith will combine the two resolutions and send a draft to the Board to review.

Sup. Barnhart asked who did the implementations of mandated policies in the handbook. Assessor Dauber and Engineer Fangmann were in attendance as they attended the Heartland meeting. Dauber said the Auditor is not responsible for updating the handbook and that should be done by Department Heads and Elected Officials. Barnhart wants to make sure handbook changes are happening with Federal and State laws. Consensus of the Board was to talk to HR Attorney Galloway regarding this topic.

Safety Coordinator Tischuk met with the Board to discuss changes to the asbestos policy. Our current policy reads "Any maintenance work to be performed in the Cedar County Courthouse (i.e., sweeping, mopping, cleaning dust of desks, or hanging pictures on walls) shall be performed by maintenance staff only." Tischuk said employees are not signing the policy due to this wording. Discussion was held to remove some language.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to remove cleaning dust of desks, sweeping and mopping from the policy.
Ayes: All

Safety Coordinator Tischuk met with the Board to discuss offering CPR training to employees. Public Health can offer CPR training to employees and receive a certificate card for \$8.50. Discussion was held on who would pay the cost of the certificate Tischuk will work on this and report back.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to have Public Health provide employees CPR training and cover the cost of the \$8.50 certification fee.

Ayes: All

Community Services Director Tischuk provided the Board updates to the Region.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project #BROS-C016(118)—8J-16.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the following right of way contracts for LFM-202507—7X-16:

<u>Robinson Heritage Farms, LLC</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.18	\$2,705.11
Temporary Easement	.03	\$100.00
Total		\$2,805.11

<u>Rausenberger Farms, LLC</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.34	\$5,165.73
Temporary Easement	.21	\$100.00
Total		\$5,265.73

<u>Klahn Living Trust</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.23	\$3,258.10
Temporary Easement	.11	\$100.00
Total		\$3,358.10

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Linn County REC on Solon Rd and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufman seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Eastern Iowa REC on Hayes Rd and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bixler


Engineer Fangmann provided project updates.

Sup. Bell read an opinion from HR Attorney Galloway that the Head Custodian position should report to the Board of Supervisors and that the position has never been under the Auditor but the Courthouse Committee. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:18 a.m., to September 24, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson