

TIPTON, IOWA

October 1, 2024

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 1, 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:
Deputy Koranda regarding Holly Mente completing 6-month probation effective 9/18/2024.
Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for the month of August 202.
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved September reports and approved minutes from August 14, 2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Red Oak Site #67540 for a site at 665 King Avenue, Stanwood.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 9/27/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440148 for \$5,835.34-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Joseph Schroeder presented pictures of a dangerous intersection at Vermont Avenue and Taylor Road. The Board will give the information to Engineer Fangmann. Sally Freeman explained how Acciona plans to decommission the wind turbine south of Mechanicsville. A meeting will be held at the EMA building at 9:00 a.m. Friday October 4, 2024 to further discuss this topic.

A phone call was placed to HR Attorney Galloway to discuss the pay scale for EMS Director. The average wage is \$72,800/year for this area. Galloway recommends this be regular non-union position and he will work on setting a pay grade and the verbiage for an ad to hire. Discussion was held on legal changes to the handbook. Galloway said his retainer covers changes and updates to our handbook. Consensus of the Board was to email Galloway the handbook for review. Galloway did mention that any policies that need to be changed is done by the Board and Department heads with his direction.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of September 24, 2024.

Ayes: All
Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #440023 - #440147 paid on 9/26/2024.

Ayes: All

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

IT Director Pierce met with the Board to discuss IT equipment for the 2nd floor meeting room. He would like to purchase an Owl Meeting Camera and 75" TV screen for meeting uses. Discussion was held. The Board recommended to have instructions available for individuals using the meeting room.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the purchase of an Owl and 75' TV using ARPA funds for \$1,818.97.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve three Home Base Iowa applications.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve an affiliate membership to Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association for \$100.00/year.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to appoint Duane Moeller to the Cedar County Conservation Board due to the passing of current member Leon Steinhagen with term ending 12/31/2027.

Ayes: All

Discussion was had on 5-year maintenance contract for ArcaSearch using ARPA funds. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to wait until the project is near completion and we get actual figures of project cost before signing a maintenance contract.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:23 a.m., to October 8, 2024.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson