

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 29, 2024 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Pro-Tem Kaufmann. Bixler and Bell were absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Conservation Director Dauber regarding Mark Roberts, Seasonal last day of employment effective 10/23/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
JT Center Pork 2+ LLC #68688 for a site at 1545 260th Street, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 10/25/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440445 for \$374.09-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: none

Nays: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to amend the agenda to change FY 24/25 to FY 25/26 and add setting dental rates for 2025 and approve.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of October 22, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #440323 - #440444 paid on 10/24/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to renew a 12-month Class C Retail Alcohol License effective 11/16/2024 for Whitetails Saloon.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a handwritten warrant to Faithful Companions in the amount of \$200.00.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to cancel the November 5, 2024 Board meeting due to the 2024 General Election being held on that date.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve step wage increase for Willis Holland, Engineering Tech I to \$33.22 per hour effective November 2, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chair Pro-Tem Kaufmann to sign Benefits, Inc Administration Services Proposal for plan year 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 and approve with no changes from current year.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Chair Pro-Tem Kaufmann to sign Delta Dental rates for 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 and approve with no change from current year.

Single—\$41.28 Two-Person—\$82.14 Family—\$127.78

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve FY25/26 budget schedule as presented and to include EMS Director on January 28, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Discussion was held on abolishing Compensation Board. Consensus was held to have Elected Officials do own research and provide information to the Board of Supervisors. This will be added to the November 13, 2024 agenda to set a date for Elected Officials to meet with the Board during budgeting time.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chair Pro-Tem to sign the Resolution to Abolish the County Compensation Board:

WHEREAS, the Iowa General Assembly has enacted legislation which allows county boards of supervisors to dissolve county compensation boards and assume the responsibility of setting salaries for elected county officials; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to comply with this new legislation and streamline the process of determining compensation for elected officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Abolishment of the County Compensation Board: The Cedar County Compensation Board is hereby dissolved effective immediately.

Assumption of Duties: The Cedar County Board of Supervisors shall assume all duties previously assigned to the County Compensation Board, including the preparation and review of the compensation schedule for elected county officers.

Compensation Schedule: The Cedar County Board of Supervisors shall prepare an annual compensation schedule for elected county officers, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.907.

Implementation: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa this 29th day of October 2024 and the vote there on being as follows:

Ayes: Supervisors Kaufmann, Barnhart, Gaul.

Nays: None.

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board to update the Board with Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAIS) at Norton Nature Area. County Attorney reviewed the agreement received by IAIS and upon reviewing the agreement he would recommend not signing it. Consensus of the Board is the agreement is one sided and unreasonable and would like to get the legislatives involved and have a combined meeting mid-November.

Head Custodian Gritton and Josh Smyser, TNT Tuckpointing met with the Board to discuss additional tuckpointing. Gritton felt she was misled on the original bid as the foundation was not included when they were to provide a bid for the entire building. Smyser provided a quote for \$4,166.08 for the additional scope of work – tuckpointing stone foundation. Discussion was held and Smyser agreed to \$2,000 for the additional scope of work.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve additional scope of work – tuckpointing stone foundation for \$2,000.00 using ARPA funds.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

EMA Director Freet informed the Board the EMS Director position has been posted and she has received a couple applications. Freet feels that this position will need a computer/monitor to get started and further purchases may be needed once this position has been filled.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to allow IT Director Pierce to order a computer/monitor for the EMS Director position out of the EMS budget.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Discussion was held regarding the bell and the Cedar County sign in the front lawn. Head Custodian was called to the Boardroom. Consensus of the Board was to get the bell and sign tuckpointed if needed and power washed. The Board will go view the bell after the meeting.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve up to \$1,000 in ARPA funds to tuckpoint and clean bell.


Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 9:44 a.m., to November 5, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson