

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 26, 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:

River Bend Transit by-laws change.

Conservation Director Dauber regarding Andrew Wiese, Seasonal last day of employment effective 11/15/2024.

Nicki Welch requesting change in budget proposal be moved to January 28, 2025.

Recommendation from the Commission of Veteran Affairs to appoint Bruce Jeffries to the Veteran Affairs Commission to replace the vacancy left by Bill VanWaes.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/22/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440778 for \$7,276.24-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Doyle Kirk Jr. made a statement concerning the hiring of the part-time custodian position.

Safety Coordinator Tischuk advised the Board that EMA Director Freet asked if she could share the County's safety manual. EMA Director Freet thought that it would be a good idea for a copy of this document to be located outside of the courthouse in case of a disaster. The consensus of the Board was to provide Freet with the County's safety manual.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of November 19, 2024.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #440593 - #440777 paid on 11/21/2024.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the following appointment of Austin Lenz, Assistant County Attorney.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve hiring James Choate, Custodian as a regular part-time employee effective 12/3/2024. Further discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to table this until next week to discuss hiring a regular part-time Custodian with HR Attorney Galloway.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to set public hearing dates for December 10th and 17th at 10:30 a.m. the following petition: Judy Hotz, 31468 Colorado River Rd., McCoy, CO, (Owner) and Christian LaCarte, 6 Hillside Ct., Eldridge, IA (Buyer) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the SW ¼, NE ¼, Section 33, T-80N, R-3W, in Iowa Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.02 acres of an existing 10.00 acre lot.

Ayes: All

The Board of Supervisors reconvened the United States Representative District 1 race. Over all the results were changed by one vote for Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

Conservation Director Dauber was present to discuss ARPA funds for a new well/septic at the Bennett Campground to service future cabins planned to be built. He is waiting on the DNR's report on whether this would be considered a private or public well, which in turn will determine the cost of the project. Discussion was held.

Conservation Director Dauber also reported that he has not yet received a bid from the Amish vendor for the barn restoration at Rock Creek. Chairperson Bell and Dauber said they would reach out to get this bid. Discussion was held.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue was present to discuss ARPA funds for the purchase of a new car. His current car has 95,000 miles and he has to enter through the back seat. He estimated the cost to be \$36,000. Discussion was held on auctioning the old car on Purple Wave or trading it on the new purchase. The Board directed LaRue to report back next week. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve \$14,000 in ARPA funds for a new bathroom at Cedar Valley Campground.

Ayes: All

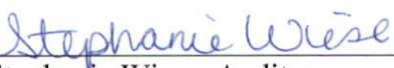
Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve up to \$26,963.77 in ARPA funds to upgrade the servers in the courthouse.

Ayes: All

The Board would like to discuss ARPA funds with IT Director Pierce concerning security camera upgrades after receiving a quote from the vendor.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 10:11 a.m., to December 3, 2024.

Ayes: All



Stephanie Wiese, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson