

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 3, 2024 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
IA County Engineers Association Service Bureau Administrative Rule for SRFDC – Chapter 103
Tiffany Kruiuzenga, ISG regarding Wolf Carbon Solutions withdraw notice.
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved November reports and approved minutes from October 23, 2024.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/29/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440779 for \$7,267.98-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of November 26, 2024 with changes.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Payroll Disbursements #199650-199799 for the period ending 11/23/24 and to be paid on 11/29/24. This includes vacation buy back.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:35 a.m. a phone call was placed to HR Attorney Galloway to discuss hiring of part-time custodian. Galloway explained the process of Veterans Preference and explained this discussion will be a general discussion and not to discuss candidates. Galloway has worked with Head Custodian Gritton and Auditor Wiese and gave them direction for the hiring process. Doyle Kirk verbally requested he would like a closed session to further discuss. Galloway explained that Kirk needs to request a closed session in writing per the Code. Auditor Wiese will work with Galloway to set up a meeting time next week.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to table the discussion of hiring a part-time custodian to next week with a closed session with HR Attorney Galloway.

Ayes: All

Nay: Bell

Absent: Bixler

At 9:10 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Auditor Wiese, Engineer Fangmann, Public Health Director Wagaman, CPC Director Tischuk, IT Director Pierce, Assessor Dauber, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Treasurer Delaney, Head Custodian Gritton, EMA Director Freet, Recorder Bahnsen, Attorney Blank, Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Sheriff Wethington and Conservation Director Dauber. Discussion was held.

The Board presented Julie Tischuk with 30 years of service certificate.

The Board reviewed changes made by County Attorney Blank on the Resolution Proposal for Eminent Domain Use for CO2. No decision was made.

Karen Lafrenz and Larry Martens met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review for the Senior Center. Lafrenz distributed FY24/25 Senior Center budget documents. Lafrenz and Martens appreciate the financial support from the County and explained that a door will need replaced and is estimated at \$18,000. Currently the County funds the Senior Center at \$22,000. No decisions were made.

Dave Shinker with the Cedar County Fair Association met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Shinker provided the FY2024 Financial Statement. Shinker updated the Board on current and completed projects. Shinker requested a \$2,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the Cedar County Fair Association at \$43,000 a year. No decisions were made.

Librarians Nikki Scheel of Clarence and other Librarians attended the Board meeting for the FY25/26 funding review of the County Libraries. All Librarians provided an update to the Board. Scheel requested a \$5,000 increase in funding from the County. Currently the County funds the County Library Association at \$145,500. No decisions were made.

Sherri Hunt, ECI Director met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Hunt provided an overview of what the Cedar/Jones Early Childhood organization does. Current County funding for Cedar Jones ECI is \$1,000 and no increase was requested. Discussion was held. No decision was made.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the allowed and disallowed Family Farm applications as presented by Assessor Dauber.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Reviewed and discussed ARPA fund requests.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve \$22,210 in ARPA funds for cameras.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize EMA Director Freet to apply for Assistance to Firefight Grant funds and use MCM Consultants if needed for assistance.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to authorize EMA Director Freet to use FEMA GO account for grants.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize EMA Director Freet to use up to \$3,000 for advertising for the EMS Director position.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to appoint Bruce Jeffries to the Veterans Affairs Commission due to a vacancy and will represent the Vietnam Combat Veterans.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve step wage increase for Brian Wood, WWII to \$30.23/hour effective 12/11/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a work request for County Attorney Office for a TV mount on south wall.

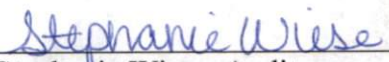
Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:58 a.m., to December 10, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson