

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. December 10, 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:  
Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Notice of New Hire Robin Phillips, Corrections Officer with a starting wage of \$23.91/hour effective 12/1/2024  
Recorder Bahnsen updating the Board on the ArcaSearch invoice.  
EMA Director Freet Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 1/31/2025.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/6/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440901 for \$6,033.52-self funded medical claims.

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session at 8:02 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).  
Ayes: Kaufmann, Barnhart, Gaul, Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to return to regular session at 9:09 a.m.  
Ayes: All

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

Kristine Bullock, Director Workplace Learning Center met with the Board for FY25/26 funding review. Bullock provided a presentation on statistics on Cedar County. Discussion was held. Current County funding for The Workplace Learning Connection is \$1,850.50. The Workplace Learning Connection is requesting funding of \$.10 per capita based off the 2020 census for a total amount of \$1,850.50, therefore no increase is requested. Bullock appreciates the County's support. No decision was made.

Rod Ness of the Cedar County Economic Development Commission (C.C.E.D.C.O.) met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Ness distributed a handout and discussed leveraging assets, FY24/25 activities, and budget. Current County funding for C.C.E.D.C.O. is \$75,634. Discussion was held. C.C.E.D.C.O. is requesting a \$5,000 increase in funding. No decision was made.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Windstream on 125<sup>th</sup> Street and the \$100 fee applies.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a renewal 12-month Class B Retail Alcohol License for Liberty Travel Stop.  
Ayes: All

Alta Medea, Domestic Violence Intervention Program (D.V.I.P.) met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding request. Medea updated the Board regarding individuals served within Cedar County. Current County funding for the D.V.I.P. is \$10,750. Medea is requesting an increase of \$1,500-\$2,000 in funding and greatly appreciates making Domestic Violence Intervention Program a priority. No decision was made.

Randy Zobrist, Director of River Bend Transit met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Zobrist distributed River Bend Transit FY25/26 budget request. Zobrist updated the Board on Cedar County transportation service including service trends, funding, cost trends and changes. Current County funding for River Bend Transit is \$16,965.00. River Bend Transit is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Maria Olsen, Executive Secretary for the Community Foundation of Cedar County met with the Board to request funding for FY25/26. The Community Foundation of Cedar County works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to establish endowment funds. Discussion was held. The Community Foundation of Cedar County is requesting \$2,000. No decision was made.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to discuss the tabled motion to hire James Choate Sr., Custodian. Discussion was held on the different options.

Nay: All

Head Custodian Gritton was called into the Boardroom. Bell informed Gritton the motion was made to not hire James Choate, Sr. Discussion was held. Gritton will ask to be on the agenda next week.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of December 3, 2024.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #440780 - #440900 paid on 12/5/2024.

Ayes: All

Kaufmann left the Boardroom at 10:53 a.m.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve step-wage increase for Gary Hadden, MWI to \$29.85/hour effective 12/20/2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bell to not have a Board meeting the week of 12/24/2024 due to the Christmas holiday.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Discussion was held on ARPA funds. Dutch Brother's submitted a bid for the roof of the barn at Rock Creek Timber. Consensus was to leave the \$5,000 amount in ARPA funds for any tree trimming that may need done. Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue submitted bids for vehicles. Bids were reviewed and consensus of the Board was to have him inquire into truck quotes also.

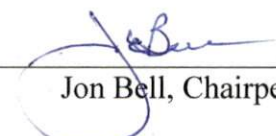
Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:25 a.m., to December 17, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann



Stephanie Wiese, Auditor

  
Jon Bell, Chairperson