

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 17, 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:
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool 2025/2026 renewal projections for Cedar County.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/13/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #440902 for \$8,658.64-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of December 10, 2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #199800-199940 for the period ending 12/7/24 and to be paid on 12/13/24.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Discussion was held on the Resolution Proposal for Eminent Domain Use for CO2. Those in attendance were Johanna Tholen, Doug Schroeder, Lisa Dircks and Robert Niermeyer. Barnhart said he has reached out to Heartland regarding an Ordinance and is waiting for a response. The Board reviewed the changes County Attorney Blank made to the Resolution. Consensus of the Board was to have Johanna Tholen update the Resolution she submitted with Blank's changes as well as remove Wolf Carbon Solutions since they have withdrawn their permit and report back.

Home Base Iowa was discussed with Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann. Hamann would like to see the amount increase. No decisions were made.

Linda Hansen of Volunteer Services of Cedar County met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Hansen distributed and reviewed Volunteer Services approved budget. Discussion was held. Current County funding for Volunteer Services of Cedar County is \$27,000. Volunteer Services is requesting an increase of \$500 in funding. No decision was made.

EMA Director Freet discussed with the Board a sign on bonus for the EMS Director position. The Board doesn't want to set a precedence with other Director positions with this one being a new startup position.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to add a possible \$10,000 new service/startup bonus to be paid out over a period of three years.
Ayes: All

Becky Allgood, Don Roth and Jeff Horne of the Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Discussion was held. Currently Cedar County does not fund the Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance. They have requested \$1,500 in funding. No decisions were made.

Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation & Development will reschedule.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize JEO for our Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ayes: All

Mike Dauber, Medical Examiner met with the Board for a FY25/26 Medical Examiner budget review. Discussion was held. Current County funding for the Medical Examiner is \$61,400. Cedar County Medical Examiner is requesting an increase of \$5,300 in funding. No decision was made.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve ARPA funds \$55,728 for two vehicles, \$10,071 for a switch, \$20,955 for cameras and \$35,000 for the Conservation well system.

Ayes: All


Kaufmann left the meeting.


At 11:00 a.m. the Board discussed frequency of accidents at 210th and X40. Those in attendance were Public Health Director Wagaman, EMA Director Freet, Treasurer Delaney, Avery Holstein, Mary Kay & David Williams, Jim and Pam Dodds, Engineer Fangmann, Chief Deputy Knoche, Deputy Koch, Jill Holstein, Steve Agne, Kathy Walter, Dan McDonald, John and Emily Villhauer, Recorder Bahnsen and Deb Lieser. Jill Holstein informed the Board she has personally witnessed many accidents at this intersection and wants something done and more than just stop signs before someone gets killed. Holstein feels a four way stop sign won't work and would like to see a roundabout. Engineer Fangmann gets notified of every accident and uses guidance by the federal government to review each incident. Discussion was held on camera usage to review how many people run the stop sign each day, concerns of vehicles running into the house at the intersection, GPS making that intersection traveled more frequently, making signage bigger and better and making the intersection a roundabout. Sup. Bell informed the public that Engineer Fangmann and the Board will take a closer look into this matter. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:39 a.m., to December 31, 2024.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson