

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 31, 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:
Cedar County Auditor Wiese Report of Fees collected ending December 31, 2024.
Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for the month of November 2024.
Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Dawson Frett two-year anniversary pay increase to \$26.19 effective 12/12/2024.
Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved December reports and approved minutes from November 20, 2024.
Engineer Fangmann regarding Stephanie VonBehren successfully completed six-month orientation period effective 12/17/2024.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 12/20/2024 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441035 for \$822.02-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. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of December 17, 2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #199941-200084 for the period ending 12/21/24 and to be paid on 12/27/24 and to approve Claim Disbursements #440903 - #441034 paid on 12/19/2024.
Ayes: All
Abstain: Barnhart

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Precinct Election Officials compensation as Chairperson for precinct at \$11.00/hour and Precinct Election Officials at \$10.00/hour.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy for 160th Street and the \$100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Handwritten Warrant #441036 to Wellmark for \$135,348.28 for an administrative correction 12/30/2024.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the remaining ARPA funds of \$18,447.10 to ArcaSearch for maintenance.
Ayes: All

Mike Boyle and Daisy Wingert representing the Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board for FY25/26 funding review. Boyle and Wingert reported on the Cemetery improvements for 2024 and reviewed the Pioneer Cemetery Commission FY25/26 budget and a listing of Cedar County Cemetery categories. Current County funding for the Pioneer Cemetery Commission is \$20,000. The Pioneer Cemetery Commission is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Mike Boyle representing the Historical Society, met with the Board to present the FY25/26 budget. Boyle gave project updates. Current County funding for the Historical Society is \$4,000. The Historical Society is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Representative Bobby Kaufmann and Senator Kerry Gruenhagen met with the Board to provide a legislative update. EMA Director Freet, Recorder Bahnsen, Community Services Director Tischuk, Treasurer Delaney, Veterans Service Officer Hamann, Public Health Director Wagaman and Auditor Wiese were in attendance. Representative Kaufmann and Senator Gruenhagen discussed the following topics: EMS funding, gambling funding, prescription drugs, lawsuit on carbon pipeline and property rights, property tax, widening Highway 30, behavior health, Area Education and improving services they provide. Board of Supervisors and Department heads brought concerns up to the legislators for discussion.

Andrew Jenkins met with the Board to discuss an issue he feels Cedar County Secondary Roads fenced lot is obstructing easements and landlock a parcel of land. Discussion was held on a 50' wide old railroad right away. Jenkins also mentioned a gate we are accessing is actually on property. Kaufmann has contacted Richard Kordick regarding this issue, and he said it is a tricky situation. Discussion was held.


Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a 50/50 cost sharing of \$1,500 each and Cedar County will cover any remaining cost to Kordick Surveying.

Ayes:

Discussion was held on AFG Grant and HSG Grant with EMA Director Freet. Consensus was to add to January 7, 2025 agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:21 a.m., to January 2, 2025.

Ayes: All


Stephanie Wiese, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson