

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 7, 2025 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 Recorder's report of fee collected ending 12/31/2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
South Cedar Pork, LLC #58025 for a site at 1751 Rose Avenue, Tipton.
Samuelson and Son #59702 for a site at 1693 270th Street, Tipton.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. EMA Director Freet informed the Board that the avian flu has been detected in Clinton County. Loren Hartelt introduce himself to the Board as a visitor.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of January 2, 2025.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #441037 - #441114 paid on 1/2/2025.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Elected officials, including Sheriff Wethington, County Attorney Blank, Auditor Welch, Recorder Bahnsen, and Deputy Treasurer Brennan, presented their proposed salaries for the FY 25/26 to the Board. They also provided handouts with details to support their proposals. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the following appointments of Deputies by County Auditor: Jody Lovell, Megan Hamdorf and Angela Driscoll.
Ayes: All

Discussion was held on the Homeland Security Grant with EMA Director Freet. Freet indicated her willingness to contract with Cedar County to write this grant as her departure with Cedar County is on January 31, 2025. The grant application is due on February 14, 2025, and the consensus among the Board was that without this contract, the grant would likely not be submitted.

Moved by Sup Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to contract with Jody Freet to submit the Homeland Security Grant application. The terms of the contract include an upfront payment of \$1,250 and a fee of 7% of the grant amount if awarded. The payment for this contract will be made from the EMS funds.
Ayes: All

IT Director Pierce met with the Board to discuss required website updates with Neapolitan. The total once time cost is \$2,500. Consensus of the board was to wait until his budget review to make any decisions.

The Board took a ten-minute break.

The Board reviewed their budget. The consensus of the Board was to leave the Finance Director, Dauber's salary at \$10,000 for the FY 25/26. No other decisions were made.

County Attorney Blank met with the Board for a FY25/26 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Recorder Bahnsen met with the Board to present the FY25/26 Recorder budget. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Michelle Turner, Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation & Development Executive Director met with the Board for a FY25/26 funding review. Turner reviewed different projects completed by RC&D. Discussion was held. Current County funding for Limestone Bluffs RC&D is \$8,000. Limestone Bluffs RC&D is not requesting an increase in funding. No decision was made.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board for his annual performance review with the Board. LaRue did not request a closed session. The Board reviewed and completed the Cedar County performance appraisal. This process involved assessing LaRue's performance and providing feedback.

IT Director Pierce met with the Board for his annual performance review. Pierce requested a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 11:00 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back into open session at 11:32 a.m.

Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:34 a.m., to January 14, 2025.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson