

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 21, 2025 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul and Pro-Tem Kaufmann. Bell and 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:

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Matt Rowold, Correctional Officer eligible for two-year pay change to \$26.19 effective 1/14/2025.

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Renee Fonteyne, Correctional Officer eligible for two-year pay change to \$26.19 effective 1/1/2025.

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Elijah Spilman, Correctional Officer eligible for two-year pay change to \$26.19 effective 12/26/2024.

Chief Deputy Koranda Notice of New Hire, Peyton Clark, Correctional Officer with a starting wage \$23.91 effective 1/15/2025.

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved January reports and approved minutes from December 18, 2024.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/17/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441262 for \$1,895.35-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Pro-Tem Kaufmann addressed the public for comments. There were none.

HR Attorney Galloway provided an overview of the current wage scale, explaining that employees are fully trained within the job by year 10. Galloway also mentioned that longevity programs, which are becoming more common across the state, could take effect once employees reach the end of the pay scale steps. A discussion was held about this potential shift, and it was decided that Deputy Auditor Driscoll will compile a list of all employees who have reached year 10 on the pay scale. This list will be sent to Galloway and the Board, who will then explore options for implementing a longevity program for those employees. Galloway also mentioned that stipends for Board of Supervisors Chairperson is very rare mostly due to rotation. Auditor Welch informed the Board she spoke with Galloway about the Handbook changes requested and that they should only be changed once per year unless emergency situations arise.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of January 14, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

IT Director Pierce met with the Board for a FY 25/26 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #441116 - #441261 paid on 1/16/2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board for a FY 25/26 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Sup. Barnhart asked to move EMS Director budget review/presentation to next week agenda.

The lease agreement for the Tipton DOC, Judicial District #7 office has been reviewed. County Attorney Blank reviewed the agreement and proposed changes, which have been sent to the State for review. A response is pending, and the updated agreement will be added to the agenda for approval.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the following appointments of Deputies by Sheriff Wethington: Paul Kime, Scott McGlaughlin, Jason Johnson, Dustin Fritz, Alex Koch, Cory Barclay, Austin Sorgenfrey, Jeff Smith, Matthew Jackson, Matt Fields and Tyler Scott. Appointments of Chief Deputy by Sheriff Wethington: Kevin Knoche and Bode Koranda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Director Tischuk met with the Board for a FY 25/26 budget review for Case Management, Mental Health, General Assistance, District Court and Substance abuse. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Chandra Ravada from ECIA met with the Board to discuss various projects and needs within the Communities. Ravada shared a handout outlining completed projects within the County. The Board agreed that Ravada should meet with the CCEDCO Director, as well as representatives from the Wilton Chamber and Development Alliance. Additionally, Ravada will connect with Phil LaRue and Supervisor Gaul to collaborate on updating the Cedar County Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Ravada will provide a report in the spring after the meetings have taken place.

Head Custodian Gritton met with the Board for her annual performance review. Gritton requested a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 10:35 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back into open session at 11:20 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Community Services Director Tischuk met with the Board for her annual performance review. Tischuk requested a closed session.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 11:22 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back into open session at 11:36 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Greta Bierman, Shelly Mott, and Mundi McCarty from the Hoover Presidential Foundation presented a proposal to the Board for funding toward renovation projects at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. They are looking to secure a CAT grant but need a combination of private, city, and county funding to qualify. Their specific request is for \$10,000, which could be spread out over two years. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to get information on LATCF funds and place on the agenda for next week to make a decision.

EMA Director Freet updated the Board that the contracts with Krucial Rapid Response have been signed. Freet also mentioned that the interview last week went exceptionally well and expressed interest in having the candidate come for an onsite interview/visit.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve \$1,500 for prepaid expenses for EMS candidate to do an onsite interview/visit.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

EMA Director Freet presented the Board with a contract for completing the HSGP grant after her employment with Cedar County ends. The Board agreed that County Attorney Blank should review the contract, and it will be added to next week's agenda.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for ITC Midwest on Lemon Ave and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for Windstream on Lemon Ave and the \$100 fee applies.

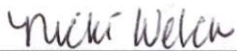
Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 12:33 p.m., to January 28, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jeff Kaufmann, Chairperson Pro-Tem