The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 28, 2025 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. 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: Cedar County Clerk fees collected for the month of November 2024.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by: Lu Jen Farms Inc. #62699 for a site at 756 Garfield Road, West Branch. JT Center Pork East 5 #71925 for a site at 1751 250th Street, Bennett.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/24/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441263 for \$1,074.28-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Community Services Director Tischuk provided and update to the Board on funding proposal for Behavior Health. Jerry Goldsmith asked the Board what the status is on the resolution on eminent domain. The Board read County Attorney Blank's response regarding the resolution. Goldsmith expressed to the Board his feelings of the importance to set ordinances while no pipeline is currently in cedar county.

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to approve the Board Minutes of January 21, 2025.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #200223-200369 for the period ending 1/18/25 and to be paid on 1/24/25.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

EMA Director Freet met with the Board to review EMS Director candidate county schedule. The schedule was filled.

Auditor Welch met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review for the Auditor and GIS budgets. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. Fangmann provided a handout detailing expenditures and revenues for FY26. No decisions were made.

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. No decisions were made.

Head Custodian Gritton met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review. No decisions were made.

Finance Director Dauber met with the Board for the FY25/26 budget review for the Non-departmental, Human Resources and 911 Coordinator. No decisions were made.

Phil Waniorek, Benefits, Inc. met with the Board to discuss FY25/26 health plan, rates and administration. Cedar County's Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal increase is 7.15% with no changes made to our plan. Discussion was held on our fund for partial self-funded decreasing.

Waniorek suggested a flat 10% increase to our plan to help increase our partial self-funded balance. Discussion was held. No decisions were made on our health rates.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Administrative Services Proposal.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Resolution awarding contract for bridge replacement project BROS-C016(118)—8J-16.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to have IT Director Pierce set up EMS website on our main website due to MCM letting the URL expire for the EMS website.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a contract with Jody Freet for the HSGP Grant.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve \$10,000 using LATCF funds to the Hoover Presidential Foundation.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:55 a.m., to February 4, 2025.

Ayes: All Absent: Bixler

Nicki Welch, Auditor

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Jon Bell, Chairperson