

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 25, 2025 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Gaul was absent. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. 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 month of January 2025.

Solid Waste Director Crock moving Scott Unruh, Operator from full time to part time effective 3/1/2025.

Hoover Presidential Foundation thank you for the one-time contribution,

Jodi Freet copies of HSGP 2025 Grant for radios for Cedar County EMS.

Heartland Insurance Risk Pool values on schedule vs replacement cost.

Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C. independent audit ending June 30, 2024.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/21/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441514 for \$7,153.13-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Beverly Meixner informed the Board she has an ongoing issue with rocks into her yard due to snow removal. Meixner left pictures for the Board and Engineer to review.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of February 18, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #200512-200657 for the period ending 2/15/25 and to be paid on 2/21/25.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve EMS branding presented by EMS Director Dinsch.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve application and resolution on Competitive Highway Bridge Program 28E with Scott County and the City of Iowa City.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve 28E agreement with Jones and Jackson Counties for use and maintenance of Portable Traffic Signals purchased under a TSIP grant.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Darrell and Jody Yutesler, 2217 Hoover Hwy, Lowden, IA (Owner) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located on Parcel B

in the SE¼, NW¼, Section 11, T-81N, R-1 W, in Springfield Township. Said petition is to rezone an existing 6.2 acres m/1 lot to March 11th and 18th at 9:15 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Release of Community Services Network (CSN) Data/Records and approve the Resolution as Custodian of the Data/Records in CSN, Cedar County is Approving Request to Release Data to IHHS.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Jerry Goldsmith, Doug Schroeder and Lisa Dircks met with the Board to discuss an ordinance for pipelines within Cedar County. Schroeder feels this is the perfect opportunity to implement an ordinance with setbacks. Goldsmith provided handouts for Board to review. General discussion was held. Consensus was to have the board talk to our Heartland attorney and report back.

Financial Director Dauber met with Board to discuss ending fund balances after reductions directed by the Board last week. As things currently are general fund levy will be 3.33 and general supplemental will be 1.44. Discussion was held on hours in the Auditor's office currently at 35 but asked by Auditor Welch to increase to 37.5. Welch informed the Board most everything in her office is by code besides the majority of the Board duties and with an employee being cut last FY the office staff has been increasing comp time. Bell said he talked to the prior auditor and feels this isn't necessary. Barnhart feels the Board should stay within the auditor office. Kaufmann feels as a new incoming auditor learning everything, we should provide her the tools to succeed. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to set the Proposed Property Tax Hearing at 9:15 a.m. on March 25, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to increase Auditors hours from 35 to 37.5

Ayes: None

Nays: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase Auditors hours from 35 to 37.5 and the Deputy Auditor going from 75% to 80% with a total increase of \$13,871.13.

Ayes: All

Nays: Bell

Absent: Gaul

Discussion was held with Treasurer Delaney regarding two of her office staff at a Clerk I position and changing to a Clerk II position. Delaney has worked with HR Attorney Galloway. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the change of two employees from a Clerk I to a Clerk II for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Conservation Director Dauber voiced his concern that our Sheriff gave up hiring a new deputy and feels Cedar County needs to work on our public safety. Sheriff Wethington appreciated Dauber's concern, but he feels we need to take care of employees that we currently have.

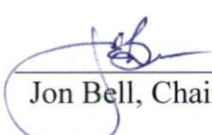
Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:26 a.m., to March 4, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul



Nicki Welch, Auditor


Jon Bell, Chairperson