

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 A.M., April 19, 2010 with the following members present: Boedeker, Deerberg, Moeller, Weih and Chairperson Bell.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board viewed a MECCA Services FY2009 Annual Report.

Jack Wonick, Bill Kofron and Virgil Fountain met with the Board to discuss mowing of properties acquired through the voluntary acquisition of flood damaged properties in the West Rochester area. Phil La Rue, Environmental & Zoning Director was in attendance. Mr. Wonick asked if it is okay for the residents in the subdivision to mow the properties. Chairperson Bell noted leasing of the properties purchased by the County will be dealt with after all of the closings are finished. Sup. Boedeker said any remaining buildings still have to be removed. Sup. Weih wondered about liability. Wonick said the covenants say the properties have to be mowed. Discussion was held regarding properties along the river. Wonick asked if it is okay for the residents in their subdivision to mow the properties now owned by the County. County Attorney Benz met with the Board, as requested. Chairperson Bell asked Benz if it is okay for the residents to mow the properties. Atty. Benz suggested that the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool be notified since there is a potential liability. Discussion was held regarding possible uses for the properties. Virgil Fountain told the board camping in that residential area would not be good. Jack Wonick noted the covenants say no trailers. Discussion continued. Atty. Benz advised that if the buyout properties are kept as open ground, the Board should take bids for mowing. Boedeker asked the residents if they would mow voluntarily or on contract. Wonick indicated voluntarily. Atty. Benz suggested calling Heartland before anymore mowing is done. Chairperson Bell called Judy Funk at the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool. Bell noted Funk said the residents are basically adopting the green space, so it is okay for now for them to mow the properties, but when the Board gets to the contract aspect, the County needs to make sure the person(s) mowing the properties have the proper insurance coverage. Chairperson Bell noted the County would go with that information until all properties are purchased and leveled off.

Moved by Deerberg seconded by Moeller to approve the following payroll change:

Case Management

Jennifer Boedeker, Office Manager, from \$13.55/hr to \$13.80/hr effective 4-14-10.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding a Burn Ordinance. County Attorney Benz joined the discussion, as requested. The consensus of the Board was that Benz should draft a simpler ordinance which only requires notification to the Dispatchers at the Sheriff's Department. Members felt the draft should then be reviewed by the Fire Departments.

Sup. Deerberg reported the exterior Courthouse doors are going to arrive sometime in May. An inquiry will be made to department heads as to the access times needed by their employees, so that the access fobs can be programmed.

Moved by Weih seconded by Boedeker to approve the Board Minutes of April 15, 2010.

Ayes: All

The Board placed a call to Representative Kaufmann to discuss the Department of Human Services office space in Muscatine County. Chairperson Bell noted increased square footage has been added. Kaufmann doesn't know that they are getting dictates from the State. Discussion was held. Representative Kaufmann will ask someone from the D.H.S. Office in Des Moines to contact the Board regarding this matter, possibly at the next Board meeting.

On motion, the Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m., to April 22, 2010.