

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board acknowledged receipt of preliminary title opinions from Atty. Stuart Werling for properties in the names of David F. Hitch and Kenneth F. & Connie L. Walker.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence between Pam Bermel and Nicole Turpin, E.C.I.A. regarding the status of the flood buyout.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of correspondence from Darwin Polk at the East Central Intergovernmental Association to the owners of property at 256 W. Rochester Ave., regarding an inspection and a deduction of \$5,000 per the County's Administrative Plan for the flood buyout program.

Moved by Sup. Moeller seconded by Sup. Deerberg to issue Handwritten Disbursement #374674 dated 2-8-10 to Sam's Club in the amount of \$196.04.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding a request for monetary support to defray litigation expenses for a case involving Calhoun County and Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad.

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller to deny the request from I.S.A.C. until the Board sees that Calhoun County has submitted a claim to their insurance company and the insurance company has provided a denial of coverage.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Deerberg seconded by Sup. Moeller to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a Voluntary Acquisition Program For Flood Damaged Residence Offer To Buy Real Estate And Acceptance for the following property: Wallace and Carol Axberg, 264 W. Rochester Ave.

Ayes: Weih, Moeller, Deerberg, Boedeker, Bell

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller to approve the following payroll changes:

Sheriff's Department

Correctional Officers: Monica Coussens, from \$15.01/hr to \$15.70 effective 3-8-10 and Jill Fell, from \$13.36/hr to \$13.89/hr effective 2-28-10.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Deerberg seconded by Sup. Moeller to approve the following hiring:

Sheriff's Department

Cory Barclay, Deputy Sheriff at \$40,247.20 effective 2-8-10.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Deerberg seconded by Sup. Boedeker to approve the Board Minutes of February 4, 2010.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller to set the FY10-11 funding for Volunteer Services of Cedar County at \$19,000.00 which is a \$1,000.00 increase and for Senior Citizens, Inc. at \$9,000.00 which is a \$2,000.00 increase.

Discussion was held. Chairperson Bell felt these two organizations seem to suffer and being without their services would be devastating to many. Sup. Boedeker doesn't want Senior Citizens, Inc. to lose the ability to provide Sunday meals. Sup. Weih agreed.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Weih to increase the funding by \$494.00 to River Bend Transit, which would set their FY10-11 funding at \$16,965.00.
Discussion was held. Sup. Weih felt this funding increase by the County would stop fare increases.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Moeller that the FY10-11 funding to the Fair Association remain the same as the current year at \$33,500.00.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Deerberg seconded by Sup. Weih that the FY10-11 funding to the County Libraries remain the same as the current year at \$75,000.00.
Discussion was held. Reference was made to the Rural Services Levy.
Ayes: Boedeker, Weih, Deerberg, Bell
Nay: Moeller

Phil La Rue entered the room.

Moved by Sup. Moeller seconded by Sup. Weih that the FY10-11 funding to the Historical Society remain the same as the current year at \$3,000.00.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Deerberg that the FY10-11 funding to the Cedar County Economic Development Commission remain the same as the current year at \$77,840.00.
Ayes: All

Discussion was held concerning the funding request by Cedar County Attic in the amount of \$2,000.00 for a multi-media package. Chairperson Bell felt it is difficult to start funding a new request during these times. Sup. Weih agreed.

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Deerberg to deny the funding request by Cedar County Attic at this time, but to welcome them to come back to the Board next year to discuss funding.
Ayes: All

Phil La Rue, Zoning Director and Atty. Pat Ford met with the Board for review/consideration of the Cedar Valley Vineyard Estate with a variance request. This would be a minor subdivision. The petitioners are Alicia E. Tjarks and Jason D. Tjarks. The location is: part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 4 T80N R4W Gower Township. Documentation was reviewed. Discussion was held. It was noted the septic system crosses out of Lot 1. The Fence Liability Statement was reviewed and a variance was requested. Atty. Ford noted the petitioners want to make sure Alicia Tjarks' father has access to the vineyard. He indicated they do not want to construct a fence at this time, and they would like to remove reference to the right-hand rule in the Fence Statement, so they would then use the Iowa Code for fence issues.

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Deerberg to approve the petition for the Cedar Valley Vineyard Estate minor subdivision with the variance request concerning the fence, authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the County-Subdividers Agreement, and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING MINOR P LAT

WHEREAS, a Final Plat of Cedar Valley Vineyard Estate, a Subdivision in Cedar County, Iowa, has been filed with the Cedar County Zoning Administrator, and the plat reviewed in accordance with Chapter 5, Section 5.1D of the Cedar County Subdivision Ordinance and forwarded to the Cedar County Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, and, after consideration of the same, is found to be correct and in accordance with the provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance of Cedar County, Iowa, and Chapter 354.8 of the Code of Iowa, 1995, in relation to plats and additions, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, that the said Final Plat of the said Cedar Valley Vineyard Estate, a Subdivision in Cedar County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby acknowledged and approved on the part of Cedar County, Iowa, this 8th day of February, A.D., 2010.

Ayes: Deerberg, Boedeker, Moeller, Weih, Bell

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller to reduce the Compensation Board's recommendation by 100% for the FY10-11 salaries of elected officials.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller that the mileage reimbursement rate remain at 42 cents for FY10-11.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Moeller seconded by Sup. Weih that there will be no FY10-11 salary increase for the following non-elected department heads: General Assistance Director & Veteran Affairs Secretary, Environmental & Zoning Director, Community Services Director, Case Management Director, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Deerberg seconded by Sup. Moeller that there will be no FY10-11 wage increase for non-union hourly employees.

Ayes: All

The Board held a conference call with Nicole Turpin at the East Central Intergovernmental Association regarding the inspection of property at 256 W. Rochester Ave. for the proposed flood buyout. Turpin noted the owners are unhappy with a deduction from the purchase price per the Administrative Plan and will likely be contacting the Board. Brief discussion was held. The Board agreed that they need to follow the Administrative Plan. Turpin gave the Board an update on the flood buyout project. The call concluded. Chairperson Bell called the property owner to discuss the matter. Bell told him the Board felt there is no way they can vary from the Plan, which has been used for other property owners.

General discussion was held.

Paul Greufe, Human Resource Consultant telephoned the Board. He requested a closed session to discuss Union negotiations.

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Moeller to go into closed session as allowed under Section 20.17(3), Code of Iowa. (Exempt from recording.)

Ayes: Weih, Moeller, Deerberg, Boedeker, Bell

The time was 10:25 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Moeller to return to regular session.

Ayes: Weih, Moeller, Deerberg, Boedeker, Bell

The time was 10:43 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Moeller to approve a Tentative Agreement for the Secondary Road Union with the understanding that the County and the Union will continue to discuss health insurance.

Ayes: Weih, Moeller, Deerberg, Boedeker, Bell

Auditor Gritton met with the Board to discuss the proposed FY10-11 County budget.

Moved by Sup. Boedeker seconded by Sup. Weih to move the Rural Services Basic Levy to 2.90.

Ayes: All

Discussion continued.

Moved by Sup. Weih seconded by Sup. Boedeker to increase the General Supplemental Levy by 6 cents, keep the General Basic Levy the same as the current year, maintain the same General Basic Fund balance as budgeted last year, and transfer the difference to the General Supplemental Fund.

Ayes: All

On motion, the Board adjourned at 10:55 A.M., to February 11, 2010.

Cari Gritton, Auditor

Jon E. Bell, Chairperson