

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 31, 2017 with the following members present: Agne, Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Smith. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following:

Manure Management Plan submitted by South Cedar Pork, L.L.C. for a site located in the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 35 Tier 80N Range 2W – Center East Township.

Public Funds Rate submitted by Treasurer Jedlicka.

Email from Mark Holm, Iowa Department of Transportation, regarding a five year review off all of its administrative rule chapters.

TFI Capitol Report submitted by Paula Hargrafen, Eastern Iowa Tourism Association.

Your Capitol Voice submitted by Representative Bobby Kaufmann.

ECIA memo regarding requests for IISC projects.

Community Action has a Board member vacancy.

Highway 30 Coalition update.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on January 27, 2017 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #409155 for \$291.03-flex claims and \$4,047.43-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Smith addressed the public for comments: Larry Hodgden discussed state funding for public schools and education.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of January 24, 2017.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursement #409016 - #409154.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve Handwritten Disbursements #409161 for \$2,082.23 to Penn Center Inc and #409162 for \$122.50 to Muscatine County Community Services.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a work request by Patty Hamann VA Secretary to hang different items on her walls.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Sup. Kaufmann talked about the Moneka Cemetery and said they have \$6,500 budgeted for work to be done at this cemetery. They have used \$2,900 for fencing. They will use \$2,850 for stone restoration work and \$800 for mowing for FY16/17.

Moved by Sup. Bell Seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve spending \$3,650 at Moneka Cemetery as presented.

Ayes: All

The payphone in the lobby was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that almost everyone carries a cell phone and the payphone just doesn't get used.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to remove the payphone in the lobby.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve appointments of Steve Weets and Ken Crock to the Eminent Domain Commission.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding the Land Use Plan. Sup. Agne thought going with E.C.I.A. and the University of Iowa student program could be a good fit. E.C.I.A. would not be a part of this unless we wanted them to be. The Board would like to have a meeting with the group from the University of Iowa so they know what is wanted by Cedar County.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve using the University of Iowa students for the update of the Land Use Plan.

Ayes: All

EMA Director Malott met with the Board regarding relocating his office to the second floor of the courthouse. Discussion was held regarding advantages and disadvantages of moving his office to the courthouse. He would need the whole storage area. EMA estimates approximately \$70,000 for remodeling. They would also install a new generator if a grant is received. Cedar County would have to pay 15% of the cost of the generator. Some concerns would be the cost of removal of the old generator and document storage. It was the consensus of the Board to get more information before making a decision.

Chief Judge Greve met with the Board and presented a District Court Update. Also present were Kathy Gaylord, Brian McKenrick, Judy Carlin and Pam Wilkerson. She said the judges appreciate and are pleased with the security and remodeling done in Cedar County. Topics discussed were budget cutbacks for the courts, trials being backed up, court days cut in Cedar County, and books in the law library can be destroyed.

Paul Greufe, Human Resource Consultant was contacted by phone regarding clarification on cost of living and salaries based on the Compensated Study. Greufe noted last year we gave an increase that we did not need to give. This year we should give the scheduled step increase and C.P.I increase. When we don't follow the C.P.I increase we compromise the study. We either follow it or not. Sup. Bell said it lengthens the time of normalization when we give increases like last year. Sup. Gaul wondered if we don't follow the plan why did we do this study. Sup. Bell feels we need to move forward with the 1.26% consumer price index. We didn't do the step increase the first year. It was suggested we stick with the C.P.I. and when it's a negative we make it a 0.

Public Health Director Caes met with the Board regarding if she was interested in taking the General Assistance Department. CPC Director Tischuk was also present. Caes felt Public Health or Community Services either one could handle the job. Both departments make referrals and work well together. Chairperson Smith said in most counties General Assistance is with Community Service. Director Caes was fine with that.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to place the General Assistance Department with the Community Services Department.

Ayes: All

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board to discuss the Mental Health budget. She was asking for some guidance regarding the budget. Spreadsheets for the Mental Health Regions were distributed that will be used with the legislatures this year. Scott County is asking for money to finish out the year. Sup. Bell thought maybe the larger counties need to raise their levies. We are at our max on the levy now. Tischuk said vocational services are changing. That is where they spend the most money now but that could change next year. She would like to increase the budget in the transportation and vocational area, but does not want to inflate her budget. She will meet with the Board again with new budget figures.

Tischuk will let the Board know when the General Assistance transition could take place. Sup. Bell wondered if the salary tracks to her. Chairperson Smith thought it would go to the department. They will have more discussion on this. Job descriptions should change for the Compensation Study Commission.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to convene as the Stanwood Drainage District Board.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to return to regular session.

Ayes: All

Moved by seconded by to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., to February 7, 2017.

Ayes: All

Cari Gritton, Auditor

Dawn Smith, Chairperson