

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 7, 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:

MMP Annual Update and/or Plan Updates from Matt Pasvogel/Pasvogel & Sons, Home Farm, John Sander Berry Site, South Cedar Pork, LLC., James Lilienthal, Robert Lilienthal, Edward Pelzer and Tim Kahl.

Correspondence from Mark Schneider, ECIA regarding clarification on funding for the FEMA buyout properties.

Correspondence from Jeff Renander, Co. Attorney regarding hiring Racheal Lilienthal as the legal secretary in their office.

Update from the Capitol Issue #6.

Discussion was held on an eighteen month step wage increase for Brad Bahnsen, Secondary Roads Department, anniversary date is March 21, 2017.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a step wage increase from \$19.12/hr. to \$20.18/hr. for Brad Bahnsen, Maintenance Worker II effective March 21, 2017.

Ayes: All

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 03/03/17 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #409506 for \$13,039.18 for self-funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Smith addressed the public for comments: There were none.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of February 28, 2017.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Payroll Disbursements #168935 - #169077 for the week ending 2/25/2017 to be paid on 03/03/17.

Ayes: All

Moved by Gaul seconded by Agne to approve the renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Wahkonsa Country Club with outdoor service area and Sunday sales.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Greg Davis, Solutions was requested by Assessor Marx to meet with the Board to present data backup. Max Elg was present. Mr. Davis presented information on storing data for the servers whether backup is done with tapes, disk or the cloud. Currently the County backs up data on a tape drive and has the program raid that will restore data and will take anywhere from hours to days depending on volume needed to be restored. Mr. Davis explained various possibilities for back up in a disaster situation. Datto will reduce down time in the event of a disaster and will be saved in the cloud. Software will need to be purchased for the cloud. The cost of Datto for the Assessor's Office is \$6,392.89 yearly with a \$500.00 installation fee. The cost of Datto for the County, which includes the Assessor's Office is \$11,460.74 yearly with a \$500.00 installation fee. Further discussion was held. No decision was made.

The Public Hearing on proposed FY17/18 County Budget opened at 9:12 a.m.

Auditor Gritton, Recorder Bahnsen, Sheriff Wethington, Case Management Director Tischuk, Veteran & Affairs Administrator Hamann, Conservation Director Dauber, Engineer Fangmann, EMA Director Malott, E&Z Director LaRue, and Assessor Marx were in attendance. Sup. Bell noted he still has a concern regarding creating a separate expense line item for the innovative projects in regards to the Secondary Roads Department. General discussion was held regarding the percentage increases in two service areas for expenditures and the increase in revenue. Auditor Gritton reviewed the levy rates. Sup. Kaufmann reiterated the Board was able to provide the requested dollars to the organizations and seniors without raising any taxes and reduced the Mental Health Levy. Sup. Agne and Sup. Smith commended the Department Heads for their support on the budget. There were no written or verbal objections.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to close the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve FY17/18 County Budget.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the following Elected Official Compensation Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Compensation Board met on November 7, 2016, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$54,612	6%	\$57,889
County Attorney	\$84,523	6%	\$89,594
Recorder	\$54,416	6%	\$57,681
Sheriff	\$70,365	6%	\$74,587
Supervisors	\$25,811	6%	\$27,360
Treasurer	\$54,412	6%	\$57,677

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Elected Official	Approved Salary	Approved Increase
Auditor	\$56,250	3%
County Attorney	\$87,059	3%
Recorder	\$56,048	3%
Sheriff	\$72,476	3%
Supervisors	\$25,811	0%
Treasurer	\$56,044	3%

Approved this 7th day of March, 2017.

Ayes: Gaul, Agne, Kaufmann, Smith
Nay: Bell

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize Chairperson Smith to sign the FY17/18 Contract for Library Services for Cedar County.
Ayes: All

The Board held their monthly meeting with department heads. Those in attendance were: Engineer Fangmann, Emergency Management Director Malott, Auditor Gritton, Public Health Director Caes, Veteran Affairs Administrator Hamann, Conservation Director Dauber, Sheriff Wethington, County Attorney Renander, Assessor Marx, E & Z Director LaRue and Recorder Bahnsen. Discussion was held.

Veteran Affairs Administrator Hamann met with the Board to discuss the FY17/18 budget for her department and office hours. Commissioner Mike Male was present. The Commission is requesting her hours be increased from 35 hours to 40 hours. The impact for the five additional hours will be \$7,855 which includes FICA and IPERS. Admin. Hamann stated if there is not an increase in hours, that would equate to 260 hours or 6.5 weeks that she would not be available for the Veterans. This would defeat the purpose of the outreach programs. The location of the office has increased the activity. General discussion was held on the office hours, meetings attended and services provided to the Veterans. Sup. Bell stated this should have been addressed earlier and is not in favor of the budget increase since we just approved the budget and it would not be fiscally responsible for the Board to approve this change. Sup. Bell would rather leave the office hours at 35 hours and evaluate the hours needed for next budget year. Admin. Hamann stated she was not informed of when the change of responsibility for the General Assistance Department would take place and she stated she did not spend the five hours every week that was allocated for General Assistance. She would assist the individual whether it was for General Assistance or Veterans. It depends on the time of the year for the General Assistance needs to individuals. Sup. Smith stated Admin. Hamann did know what was going on, regardless whether she received an official statement, that this would take place in the next budget year. Admin. Hamann again stated she was not definite when it would happen and the next Commission meeting she had it was too late to make changes. Sup. Kaufmann requested Commissioner Male to inform the Board of the Commission's needs. Male and the Commissioner's would like to see the office open 40 hours a week due to the convenience for the Veterans. He stated that there is a tremendous need out there. Sup. Gaul mentioned the budget amendment and if Admin. Hamann would compromise the financial impact. Admin. Hamann stated the commission would agree to the 2 ½ hours being funded by the allocation money. Discussion was held on the services to the veterans if the allocation money is used for salary. Commissioner Male mentioned the veterans are happy if Admin. Hamann is available. Sup. Smith mentioned the Commission needs to decide if Admin. Hamann time spent is better utilized in outreach or the office. Admin. Hamann agrees the Commission needs to determine this. Sup. Kaufmann requested the situation be monitored and if warranted be funded by the county next budget year. Sup. Smith requested a report of hours spent on training, in the office, case management or outreach, starting July 1st to monitor the situation to warrant the additional five hours. The report can be submitted quarterly. This request is not for micromanaging the Commission but for making a determination for fully funding the additional hours next fiscal year. Admin. Hamann agreed. Discussion was held on the difference of budgeted dollars vs. actual hours worked in General Assistance and/or Veterans Affairs. Sup. Kaufmann stated with the understanding that the Commission funds the 2 ½ hours and Admin. Hamann will track her hours the motion was moved by Sup. Kaufmann and seconded by Sup. Agne to increase Admin. Hamann hours by 2 ½ hours. Discussion was held. Sup. Bell stated he is not a veteran although he has family members and a close friend that are a veteran and he does not want to be construed as anti-veteran although he cannot go along with this due to it gives the ability to any department head to ask the Board for increased hours and a budget amendment. Sup. Bell stated this is not being fiscally responsible. Sup. Gaul mentioned there was some confusion and does not want to see the veteran services to be decreased. Discussion was held regarding when the budget amendment will be done. General discussion was held. Sup. Smith stated she wants to give the veterans the 2 ½ hours, although she is very disgusted that this matter was not brought up earlier, not after we just approved the budget. It is not due to the lack of time we need for the veterans we just need accountability for the hours. Discussion was held to clarify the funding on the 2 ½ hours by the allocation money and 2 ½ hours funded by county dollars totaling \$3,928.00. Sup. Smith stated this has nothing to do with the veterans and has everything to do with how this went down and she is totally in favor of fully funding this next year if we have the hours to go along with that.

Ayes: Kaufmann, Gaul, Agne

Nay: Bell, Smith

Admin. Hamann asked for clarification on the tracking. Discussion was held. Sup. Smith stated she just wants Admin. Hamann in that office for the veterans.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to have Chairperson Smith sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Smith to sign the following Proclamation:

Proclamation
Problem Gambling Awareness Month
March 2017

Whereas, there are an estimated 43,000 Iowans with a problem gambling, and 16% of Iowa adults reported at least one symptom associated with problem gambling during the past 12 months;

Whereas, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds;

Whereas, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;

Whereas, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole;

Whereas, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment;

Whereas, in support of those currently suffering or in recovery of a gambling problem, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors and Prelude Behavioral Services join the Iowa Department of Public Health and the National Council on Problem Gambling in inviting all residents of Cedar County to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month 2017 activities.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 as:

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

In Cedar County, Iowa, and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling, Iowa Department of Public Health and Prelude Behavioral Services in their efforts to have the conversation with friends, family, patients and clients about gambling addiction.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding the Master Matrix. Sup. Bell reported he has received a telephone call from a farmer asking what the Supervisors can do to slow down the growth of these facilities. The DNR officially approves the facilities based on the Master Matrix requirements. The County has no authority. Sup. Kaufmann noted he has no problem with the resolution as long as it shows the difference from the Corporate Farms to Family Farms. The resolution will send a statement.

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA AND THE STATE
LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS THE FAILINGS OF THE MASTER MATRIX

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, has been presented with several applications for permits to construct concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) in Cedar County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, CAFOs in Iowa have proliferated at a rate and number likely unanticipated by the authors of the 2002 Matrix; and,

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, has attempted to provide pertinent information regarding the siting of CAFO's in Cedar County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the information offered by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors has often directed the IDNR to the hazards posed by the location of the proposed CAFO's due to the topography in Northwest Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the current legislation and regulation applies the use of a Master matrix that has failed to adequately differentiate between the geography, water sources, and other critical considerations throughout different regions within the State; and,

WHEREAS, the failure to properly take into consideration information within the knowledge of local sources, has highlighted the failings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent; and,

WHEREAS, the inadequacies of the Master Matrix in its present form have been scientifically documented and legislative remedies are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CEDAR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. The Cedar County Board of Supervisors do hereby petition the Governor of Iowa and the State Legislature to address the failings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent.
2. The Cedar County Board of Supervisors formally requests that the IDNR be directed to suspend any issuance of any additional CAFO Construction Permits until such time as corrective new legislation regarding the Master Matrix can be adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th, day of March, 2017.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bell and Sup. Kaufmann left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Auditor Gritton informed the Board that a Marco representative will be here on the 20th for a walk through of the project. Jason Smith with Structural Cabling will be present also. The County will be receiving revised documents since the scope of the telephone project has changed due to the Sheriff's Office switching telephone providers. Auditor Gritton asked the Board if she can pursue the hiring process of a clerk position, this position was previously approved by the Board. The Board had no objections.

Sup. Agne informed the Board that Leanne Boots and Sup. Agne will meet with Chuck Goodman next week to discuss the Heartland Safety Manual. He will report back to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 11:07 a.m., to March 14, 2017.

Ayes: All

Cari Gritton, Auditor

Dawn Smith, Chairperson