

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 18, 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:

Conservation Director Dauber submitted hiring letter for Lyle Fitch as a seasonal maintenance position.

Road work update regarding Hoover Highway.

Your Capitol Voice – Rep. Bobby Kaufmann

Library Director's Report from July 2016 – March 2017 submitted by Denise Smith, Director of Tipton Public Library.

Clerk of Court submitted fees collected for the month of April 2017

Notice of Voluntary Resignation for Jessica Wright effective 04/17/2017.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/14/17 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #410086 for \$1,328.40-flex claims and \$4,857.81-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Smith addressed the public for comments: Tim Malott informed the Board about a new system, Rapid SOS. This system will have the capability to locate you off of your cell phones through Google and Apple applications. The system will be implemented in the next three to five years. Cedar County will perform a beta test. Mary Swan stated the 911 weather call does not work unless you answer your phone. She also stated to the Board that Linda Beck informed the community at a City Council meeting that CCEDCO is failing and the Iowa State Extension does not want to provide office space any longer. Tim Malott addressed Mary Swan's concerns and stated they are working on this issue and at this time you receive a 911 text only.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of April 11, 2017.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #169371 - #169377 for the period ending 04/08/17 and to be paid on April 14, 2017.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding an email the Auditor received from Mark Schneider on ECIA administering the flood properties to document the eligibility of the individuals. EMA Director Malott reinstated to the Board that ECIA will be paid through the State and CDBG grant only and the county would not be liable.

Discussion was held regarding the status of CCEDCO. Sup. Bell attended a meeting and reported that Iowa State Extension and Cedar County Extension will no longer be partnering with CCEDCO effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. There seems to be lack of communication between CCEDCO and Iowa State Extension. Iowa State Extension needs the space and wants CCEDCO out of the building. The cities of Lowden, Durant and Stanwood will not be participating in CCEDCO either. Sup. Bell informed the Board they reviewed financials and benefits the Director receives. There was discussion on items to consider if CCEDCO were to close down. For example, payment to Workplace Learning, restitution and funding. Letters were mailed to City Clerk's and Mayor's to attend the next meeting and discuss commitment. Sup. Bell gave a copy of the by-laws to County Attorney Renander to review. The next meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> and they will have a better idea how this stands.

Sup. Kaufmann left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Bill Peterson, Executive Director of ISAC conducted a presentation on the benefits of becoming a NACO member. The yearly membership dues are \$450.00. All conference fees for the first year will be waived for the county. He explained a NACO prescription NACO provides educational programs and is an advocate for counties across the nation. Mr. Peterson informed the Board that Dawn Smith is a nominee and has been selected to represent ISAC at the conference in Washington, DC. General discussion was held with participating department heads regarding the benefits.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to become a NACO member for one year.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Tami Finley and Jen Van Ort, Clarence Economic Group met with the Board to inform them that they filed a letter of intent for the Main Street Iowa program. Rod Ness was present. Further information was presented on what they have done and what they are currently doing for the program and the benefits of this program. This program requires a three year commitment, hiring a part time director and a budget of \$30,000. They have received the letter of support from the City of Clarence and \$10,000 towards the \$30,000 needed. The Economic Group will be giving \$5,000 and donor pledges will start tomorrow. Tami is requesting the Board for a letter of support and/or financial support from Cedar County.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chairperson Smith to sign the Resolution of Support for the City of Clarence to participate in the Main Street program.

*Cedar County Board of Supervisors Resolution of Support*

*A resolution authorizing participation in the Main Street program.*

*Whereas Main Street Iowa has been created to assist communities to develop a public-private effort to revitalize their historic commercial "Main Street" districts and,*

*Whereas the Iowa Economic Development Authority will be selecting Iowa cities to participate in the Main Street Iowa program,*

*NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CEDAR COUNTY that the county:*

*Section 1: Endorses the submission of this application and agrees to participate in the development support of the local Main Street program.*

*Section 2: Endorses the goal of economic revitalization of the Main Street district within the context of the historic preservation and rehabilitation of its historic buildings and supports the Main Street Approach as developed by Main Street America.*

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2017.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Discussion was held regarding tiling that needs repaired on the County farm ground. Sup. Bell was told by Glen Gronewold that there is a possibility of roots growing in the tile. The approximate repair cost would be \$500.00.

Moved by Sup. Agne and seconded by Sup. Gaul to allow \$500.00 for repairing the tile.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Steve Edinger met with the Board to discuss the situation on his property. E&Z Director LaRue was present. Mr. Edinger currently has a conditional zoning agreement on this property. Although, the DOT purchased 1/3 of his property due to the Highway 30 project. He is requesting the authorization to build a duplex approximately 30 – 40 feet south of the existing house. E & Z Director LaRue stated that the current septic system is not large enough for this plan, up to eight bedrooms. Discussion was held regarding the requirements of the conditional zoning agreement. Sup. Bell stated it gets dicey if the Board approves a conditional zoning agreement with all the stipulations of this project. He would rather keep the conditional zoning

agreement in place until you have gone through the proper zoning requirements. Engineer Fangmann mentioned the access to Baker Avenue to the frontage road is proposing to change. The Board stated the conditional zoning agreement was for the restriction of the type of existing buildings. Further discussion was held regarding the zoning of the parcel. E & Z Director LaRue wants to wait until the Highway 30 project is done before proceeding. Mr. Edinger stated he will lose the \$25,000 if that happens. The Board will not take action on the conditional zoning process. The Board suggested Edinger put together a proposed plan for an additional residence and go in front of the Zoning Board to get it properly zoned.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board on the 2017 Rock Resurfacing Program. He discussed the bids per ton and delivered. This is for 13,000 tons per district.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to accept the bid for Wendling Quarries for all districts except district 3. District 3 will be awarded to Weber Stone and authorize Chairperson Smith to sign the contracts.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a step wage increase from \$16.86/hr. to \$17.22/hr. for Kevin Wells, Mechanic II effective April 24, 2017.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Engineer Fangmann gave the Board road updates.

Deputy Delaney met with the Board to express her desire to be considered for the County Treasurer. She has been employed for sixteen years in the office and has general knowledge of all aspects of the office. General discussion was held on the public notice and appointment date. Auditor Gritton explained the procedure on the vacancy position and if anyone petitions for a special election they will need 963 signatures, although this position will be on the ballot next year and a special election will cost the county approximately \$10,000.

The Board discussed a County Educational Reimbursement Policy. The differences between the requirements of the job description of the Deputy Sheriff and other positions at the County. Sup. Bell contacted Paul Greufe to create a policy for the remaining positions of the County. General discussion was held on how common it is for cities and or counties to have this type of policy.

Moved by Sup. Bell to adopt and incorporate the policy in the handbook effective today and seconded by Sup. Gaul. Sup. Agne expressed he wants to have one policy.

Ayes: All

Deputy Auditor Carpenter met with the Board to discuss an application for Property Tax Exemption regarding Iowa Nature Conservancy Easement. Soil and Water Commission has inspected the ground and approved the application. Deputy Carpenter informed the Board the procedure of the process. The property currently has forest reserve exemption for a major part of the parcel. There are 22 acres being taxed currently and this will be reduced to 6 acres. After further discussion the Board is requesting the land owners and the representatives from Nature Conservatory to meet with the Board on this request.

Denny Carney met with the Board and presented an estimate of \$3,175.00 for the materials and labor to install three additional doors in the Case Management area. Discussion was held. The consensus of the Board was to keep this topic on the agenda for next Tuesday and have CPC Director Tischuk present.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 12:15 p.m., to April 25, 2017.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

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Cari Gritton, Auditor

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Dawn Smith, Chairperson