

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 25, 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:

Correspondence from Emergency Management Director, Tim Malott regarding Nicole Wethington, Assistant successfully completing her six month probation period.

Notice of Voluntary Resignation from James Stout effective on 7/7/2017.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted:

BC Pork Farms for a site at 1621 Washington Ave., Bennett.

PI-374 Finisher for a site at 1242 109th St., Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 7/21/2017 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #411360 for \$532.74-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Chairperson Smith addressed the public for comments and there were none.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of July 18, 2017.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Payroll Disbursements #170444-170604 for the period ending 7/15/2017 and to be paid on 7/21/2017.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Jane Caes, Public Health Director met with the Board to request approval to hire a Public Health Office Manager. The current Office Manager, Erica Christian, has accepted the position as the Public Health Director upon the retirement of Director Caes.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve hiring a Public Health Office Manager.

Ayes: All

The Board discussed the letter to the Iowa DOT regarding Interstate 80 Planning Study of the Evaluation of the Overhead Structures. Discussion was held. The Board would like to invite Cedar County Farm Bureau, Cedar County Pork Producers and Cedar County Cattlemen to the next Board meeting for discussion and support.

The Board discussed the letter to the City of Tipton regarding the Courthouse north parking lot that they currently lease. It was the consensus of the Board to mail the letter.

The Board discussed setting up dates and times for annual reviews for Engineer Fangmann, CPC Director Tischuk, and Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue. Discussion was held. Sup. Smith and Sup. Kaufmann will set up dates and times and report back to the Board.

Environmental & Zoning Director, LaRue requested to set public hearing dates to consider the following petition: Dean and Mandy Behrens, 801 Jefferson Avenue, Lowden, IA, (Contract Buyers) and Allen Behrens, 841 Hoover Highway, Lowden, IA, (Owner) – Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on property located in the SE ¼, SE ¼, Section 9, T-81N, R-1W, in Springfield Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.00 acre of a 2.01 acre tract. LaRue reviewed the petition. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set August 15, 2017 and August 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. as the public hearing dates.

Ayes: All

Auditor Dauber presented the Board with the Release & Assignment in the amount of \$22,812.31, from Travelers Insurance regarding the employee theft. Sheriff Wethington was present. After the Independent Auditors Report was complete the summary of findings totaled \$35,063.23. Jenni Tholen spent numerous hours getting all the documentation, as well as Auditor Dauber, to present to Travelers Insurance for reimbursement. Sup. Bell asked if the County could get the difference of what was actually stolen and what the insurance company is covering back in restitution. Sheriff Wethington was unsure and would need to ask County Attorney. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to allow Chairperson Smith to sign the Release & Assignment form.

Ayes: All

Sheriff Wethington apologized to the Board and to the Citizens of Cedar County for allowing this to happen under his watch.

Devon Inman, Elder Services, Inc. presented to the Board. Elder Services, Inc. is a 501c3 that provides meals on wheels. They deliver to anyone over the age of 60 and also homebound. He came to the Board asking for support for funding. Cedar County currently has 5,000 meals delivered per year from Elder Services, Inc. Cedar County seniors are 24.6% of the population. Discussion was held. Elder Services is an auxiliary site since we have Tipton Senior Center/Meals on Wheels. It was the consensus of the Board to contact Karen Lafrenz with Tipton Senior Center/Meals on Wheels to see if they can work together and possibly return at budgeting time.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve Supervisor Gaul to sign the ECIA Council Member Conflict of Interest Policy.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding hiring a motograder operator in District 8 to fill a vacancy. Engineer Fangmann posted the position internally with no interest. He will hire from the same applicant pool that he currently has for District 5.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve hiring a motograder for District 8.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann recommended the Board to approve the step wage increase for David Doscher, Maintenance Worker I. Doscher will complete his 18 months of employment on August 1, 2017.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a step wage increase from \$19.31/hr. to \$20.39/hr. for David Doscher, Maintenance Worker I, to be effective on August 1, 2017.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to reappoint William Bails as the Supervisors' representative to the Cedar County Civil Service Commission to terms that expire 8-15-2023.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:33 a.m., to August 1, 2017.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Dawn Smith, Chairperson