

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 1, 2017 with the following members present: Agne, Bell, Gaul, and Chairperson Smith. Sup. Kaufmann was absent. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following:

Correspondence from Kevin Knoche, Chief Deputy on the hiring of John Luke Wilkinson, Deputy effective July 31, 2017 and Dustin Fritz, Correctional Officer effective August 1, 2017. Correspondence from Kevin Knoche, Chief Deputy regarding Nick Frommelt, Correctional Officer passing his orientation period and is now eligible for shift differentials. June reports and minutes from the May 24, 2017 meeting were submitted by Patty Hamann, VA Director.

Tipton Public Library 16/17 Annual Report.

Correspondence from Jane Caes, Public Health Director on hiring Erica Christian for the Public Health Director effective July 25, 2017.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on July 28, 2017 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #411496 for \$2,043.85-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Chairperson Smith addressed the public for comments: Larry Hodgden had questions regarding the maintenance agreement for the Freedom Rock

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of July 25, 2017.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Claim Disbursements #411361 - #411495 to be paid on July 27, 2017.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Sup. Kaufmann was present.

At 8:35 a.m. Board had invited all rural entities to the meeting this morning to express the concerns regarding the Interstate 80 Planning Study of the Evaluation of Overhead Structures. Sup. Smith mentioned anyone can attend the public meetings or contact any one of the Supervisors.

General discussion was held regarding appointing replacements for Bruce Cary and Jane Caes for the Compensation and Classification Committee. No decision was held and consensus was to place this topic on the agenda next week.

Bonnie Butler, Public Health Preparedness Division Manager met with the Board to discuss an additional benefit for the Public Health Director. Erica Christian has accepted the salary although is requesting an additional 40 hours of vacation, as Jane Caes received when she was hired. Sup. Gaul and Sup. Bell mentioned they both had communicated with Paul Greufe regarding this request and Greufe did state this could cause problems granting this request to a current employee. Sup. Bell mentioned that the Board of Health approved the handbook, therefore if they do not follow the handbook that causes problems. Sup. Smith asked Sup. Gaul to express the Board's position on this topic.

The Board held their monthly meeting with department heads. Those in attendance were: Veterans Affairs Administrator Hamann, Assessor Marx, GIS Teut, Recorder Bahnsen, Case

Management Director Tischuk, Public Health Preparedness Division Manager Butler, Treasurer Delaney, Auditor Dauber, County Engineer Fangmann and County Attorney Renander. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the hiring of Cody Kuehl for a Maintenance Worker II position at \$17.42/hr. effective August 1, 2017.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Freedom Rock maintenance agreement. The Board requested Attorney Renander to revise the agreement by adding lightning of the rock language to items #3 and #4 and the term of the agreement effective until January 1, 2022. The agreement will be on the agenda for next week to approve and then send to the Freedom Rock Committee for approval.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board requesting approval of a utility permit to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for a location at 1730 Rose Avenue and the \$100.00 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the utility permit for Windstream.

Ayes: All

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board regarding the suspension of property taxes for property at Lot Eleven (11), John Rouses's First Subdivision to Stanwood, in the name of Merle Lehrman. Documentation from the Department of Human Services stating that Merle Lehrman is eligible for the suspension was reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the process and Sup. Bell mentioned mailing a follow up letter to the applicant with the specifics of the suspension of taxes and code section.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the request for suspension of taxes and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2017 documentation was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors from Merle Lehrman showing proof that he is receiving medical assistance as defined in Section 249A and pursuant to Section 427.9 of the Code of Iowa is deemed unable to contribute to the public revenue and that the taxes on the following described property owned by Merle Lehrman should be suspended pursuant to Section 427.9.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO Section 427.9 of the Iowa Code, the County Treasurer is ordered to suspend the collection of all the taxes, special assessments, and rates or charges, including interest, fees and costs assessed against the following property, to-wit Lot Eleven (11), John Rouses's First Subdivision to Stanwood, Cedar County Iowa. To include the payment for 2016 assessment taxes payable in FY 2017-2018, owned by Merle Lehrman and remaining unpaid for such time as said person, Merle Lehrman remains the owner of the property and receives medical assistance as defined in Section 249A.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2017.

Ayes: All

Lori Elam, CEO/Coordinator of Disability Services met with the Board to introduce herself and brief discussion on the region. Elam will meet with Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis and at budget time. Sup. Kaufmann expressed his disappointment regarding Scott County not complying with the levy as discussed. Elam explained due to the Scott County fund balance being at \$14 million that is why they did not increase the levy as they promised. Sup. Kaufmann and Sup. Bell stated it is a lack of trust.

Mindy Williams, Bennett Librarian met with the Board to provide an update on libraries.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell 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

The Board placed a call to Chief Deputy Knoche to be briefed on an ATV accident.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 10:41 a.m., to August 8, 2017.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Dawn Smith, Chairperson