

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 23, 2018 with the following members present: Agne, Bell, Gaul and Kaufmann. Chairperson Smith 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:
Iowa State University Health Promotion Club on supporting conditions and personal attributes that promote the well-being of people.
Chief Deputy Knoche regarding hiring Joshua Grothe, Correctional Officer to be effective January 15, 2018.
Patty Hamann, Veterans Affairs Service Officer regarding approved December reports and approved November minutes.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/19/2018 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #413591 for \$4,082.82-self funded medical claims.

The Board noted Handwritten Warrant #413592 to Copy Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$42.29 that was issued as an administrative correction.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Chairperson Pro-tem Bell addressed the public for comments. Mary Swan would like to see the Board match the same amount of funds for the Pioneer Cemetery and Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of January 16, 2018.
Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #172401-172552 for the period ending 1/13/2018 and to be paid on 1/19/2018.
Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates on the following petition: Todd and Jennifer Walker, 609 Orange Street, West Branch, IA and Ray Slach, 23 326th Street, West Branch, 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 at Lot 1, Albaugh Acres, in the SE ¼, SW ¼, Section 32, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township, consisting of 2.11 acres m/l.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to set public hearing dates on February 6th and February 13th at 9:00 a.m.
Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

General discussion was held with Sheriff regarding City Contracts and I80 expansion.

Erica Christian, Public Health Director met with the Board to present the FY18/19 Public Health budget. Discussion was held on purchasing a new vehicle. No decisions were made.

Environmental and Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to present the FY18/19 E & Z budget. Discussion was held on increasing revenue line items pertaining to permit costs. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to present the FY18/19 Secondary Roads budget. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to request approval for a utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light & Power for a location in Farmington Township, Section 29 the \$100 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light & Power and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

EMA Director Malott met with the Board for flood buyout updates. Discussion was held regarding titles to the properties. The remaining properties have one or more problems with the title that must be fixed before the closing can take place.

CPC Director Tischuk met with the Board to discuss how to get the Mental Health Fund Balance down to 20% by year 2020 for our County and the Region. Discussion was held on what other counties are doing with levies and accountability. No other counties have made decisions. Consensus of the Board was to have Tischuk run a few different scenarios and come back to the Board next week with figures.

The Board recessed until 1:00 p.m.

Auditor Dauber met with the Board to present the FY18/19 Auditor, Data Processing, Substance Abuse, Courthouse, District Court, County 911 Coordinator, Human Resource, and Non Departmental budgets. No decisions were made. Preliminary fund balances were reviewed and discussion was held. Further discussion was held on the preliminary ending fund balance of Rural Services Fund. Currently the preliminary ending fund balance percentage is 14.91%. Different scenarios were discussed including levy rate increases.

The Board reviewed FY18/19 Funding requests. The following funding decisions were made:

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to increase the funding to Senior Center by \$1,000 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$17,000.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to leave the funding the same to the Fair Association which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$35,000.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to increase the funding to the County Libraries by \$5,000 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$115,000.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Discussion was held on Workplace Learning Connection requested to receive their funding directly rather than through C.C.E.D.C.O.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to decrease C.C.E.D.C.O. funding by \$917 which is the amount of Workplace Learning Connection. C.C.E.D.C.O. funding for FY18/19 would be set at \$80,634.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to increase the funding directly to The Workplace Learning Connection by \$909 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$1,834.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to leave the funding the same for Wilton Development Corp which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$500.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to leave the funding the same for River Bend Transit which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$16,965.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to increase funding to Volunteer Services by \$500 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$24,500.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to leave the funding the same for R.C. & D. which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$5,000.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to increase funding to Pioneer Cemetery by \$5,000 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$20,000.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to increase funding to Domestic Violence Intervention by \$2,000 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$3,000. Discussion was held. Sup. Kaufmann asked if we should increase it by \$2,500.

Ayes: None
Nays: All
Absent: Smith
Motion failed.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to increase funding to Domestic Violence Intervention by \$2,500 which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$3,500.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approved funding for Community Foundation of Cedar County which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$1,500. Sup. Kaufmann questioned how members of the Foundation were selected. Discussion was held.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to leave the funding the same for the Cedar County Historical Society which would set their FY18/19 funding at \$4,000.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Discussion was held on cost of living adjustment (COLA). Sup. Kaufmann would like to match the current union employees but watching the ending fund balance of Rural Services this isn't possible.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a COLA of 2% for all non-elected employees. Sup. Kaufmann said we are going to do better then what we would have to by law for our employees in the union.

Ayes: All
Absent: Smith

Discussion was held on the recommendation by Compensation Board for Elected Officials. The recommendation was 6%.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to decrease the recommendation by 50% for the elected official's salaries with the exception of the Supervisors.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to decrease the recommendation by 65% for the Supervisors. Sup. Kaufmann said his intent is that the Supervisors raise is commensurate with the employees.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board advised Auditor Dauber to revise budgets with the figures approved and discussed. Auditor Dauber will send an email to departments to request this information and will provide revised fund balances next week.

Sup. Bell ask to place Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann on the agenda next week to discuss the funding of increased hours.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 3:03 p.m., to January 30, 2018.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Jon Bell, Chair Pro Tem