

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. September 25, 2018 with the following members present: Agne, Bell, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Smith. Gaul 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:  
Safety Committee Meeting minutes from September 13, 2018.  
Conservation Director Dauber regarding Macellen Humphreys last day of employment effective September 21, 2018.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 9/21/2018 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #416656 for \$294.25-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Nay: Bell

Absent: Gaul

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

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of September 18, 2018.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #416503 - #416655 paid on 9/20/2018. Sup. Bell mentioned possibly adding funds to the budget for the Indigent Defense Fund next year.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a Work Request for Assessor's Office to hang a plastic document holder on the wall by the front desk.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Environmental and Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set Public Hearing dates for the Comprehensive Plan. Sup. Bell mentioned waiting until November meeting due to harvest time.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to set Public Hearing dates as November 6, 2018 and November 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. for final review of Comprehensive Plan.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Discussion was held on start-up contributions for the Lower Cedar WMA. Sup. Bell explained to the Board that Johnson County has approved \$500 for start-up contributions. General discussion was held. Sup. Bell is Chair of this Board and would like to mention our contribution amount at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to approve \$500 for start-up contributions to Lower Cedar WMA and put an amount in the budget for next year.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the following:

## **National Voter Registration Month**

**WHEREAS**, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, while Iowa is one of the nation's leaders in voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote, some eligible citizens have not yet registered; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, the Iowa Secretary of State's Office is contacting hundreds of thousands of eligible Iowans, encouraging them to register to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the voter registration process in Iowa is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Iowa has an online voter registration system enabling citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 250,000 Iowans have registered to vote for the first time in the state since January 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Cedar County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Voter Registration Month; and Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 as National Voter Registration Day.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

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

### **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Emergencies and disasters can strike anywhere and at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cedar County Emergency Management Agency and partner organizations continually stress the need for, and importance of, preparedness for all emergencies and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, there are preparedness actions all residents of Cedar County can take, including being aware of hazards, making an emergency plan, and building an emergency supply kit; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our state and in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month was created in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Dawn Smith, Chair of the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as

### **Preparedness Month**

in Cedar County in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, and urge all residents to take due notice of this occasion, and to give appropriate attention to their necessary actions by preparing themselves for any emergency or disaster.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of Cedar County, Iowa to be affixed. Done at Tipton, Iowa on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

EMA Director Malott met with the Board on readdressing the unincorporated communities of Massillon and Cedar Bluff. Auditor Dauber and Assistant EMA Office Coordinator Freet were in attendance. Malott is working with Secondary Roads to complete this project. The cost of signs and poles for Cedar Bluff is \$1,806.00 and Massillon is \$1,347.10. Auditor Dauber said this amount was not budgeted and would need to be included in a budget amendment. Malott mentioned next year an amount needs to be budgeted for the remaining areas needing readdressed.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Malott to readdress Cedar Bluff and Massillon due to safety concerns.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

County Attorney Renander met with the Board regarding a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with F & B Communications, Inc. due to Assistant County Attorney Blank being unavailable. Engineer Fangmann and Auditor Dauber were in attendance. Fangmann said a major fiber upgrade was done and at some point, the contractor stopped following the permit and began violating the permit. Sup. Smith explained that if they were to fix the violation it would compromise the line and bankrupt F & B Communications, Inc. Sup. Bell asked if F & B Communications, Inc. sold, would the new company continue to follow this Settlement Agreement. Renander was unable to answer as Assistant County Attorney Blank worked on this Agreement. Blank will come to Boardroom when available.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board on a classification and wage change for Alex Hamer.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a classification change from Mechanic I to a Maintenance Worker II and a wage increase from \$17.62 to 17.77 effective September 24, 2018.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to request approval for utility permit for Eastern Iowa Light & Power and Windstream on 310<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue and waive the \$100 fee.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Engineer Fangmann gave flooding updates with possible upcoming road closures due to flooding.

Treasurer Delaney met with the Board to discuss increasing hours from three-quarter to full-time for the Clerk I position and approval of hiring two individuals at the Clerk I position. Auditor Dauber was in attendance. Delaney mentioned driver license and motor vehicle numbers are increasing and an employee will be retiring at the end of the year. General discussion was held on three-quarter as opposed to a full-time, which included; hiring at full-time temporarily then changing to three-quarter, level of benefits received and hiring one individual while increasing current employee to a full-time to see if that would cover the workload.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to allow Treasurer Delaney to increase Clerk I position from three-quarter to full-time and hiring two individuals. It was noted when she hires again to revisit the three-quarter position for the full-time replacement.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Auditor Dauber met with the Board regarding the approval of FY 17/18 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Dauber explained the report, which shows how much TIF money is collected and paid out.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the FY 17/18 Annual Urban Renewal Report.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Assistant County Attorney Blank entered the Boardroom. Sup. Bell asked if F & B Communications sold, would the new company continue to follow this Settlement Agreement. Blank said yes, as the agreement states "successors".

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to authorize and approve Chairperson Smith to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with F & B Communications, Inc. and request a copy of the corporate minutes to be sent to the Auditor showing the motion to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 10:21 a.m., to October 2, 2018.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Dawn Smith, Chairperson