

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. October 16, 2018 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: Cedar County Clerk for fees collected for the month of September 2018. Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann regarding approved August and September reports and July minutes.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 10/10/2018 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #416812 for \$3,796.76-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Nay: Bell

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

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve the Board Minutes of October 9, 2018.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #175245-175387 for the period ending 10/6/18 and to be paid on 10/12/18.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a renewal for Whitetails Saloon for a 12 month Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a handwritten warrant for Iowa Memorial Granite Company in the amount of \$1,498.00 for a stone at County Home Cemetery.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board reviewed the Administrative Services Proposal from Benefits, Inc. Auditor Dauber reviewed the current participation in the medical and dependent care reimbursement. The cost will remain the same at \$2,381 yearly.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Smith to sign Administrative Service Proposal.

Ayes: All

The Board reviewed the Emergency Disaster Declaration Resolution due to the recent flash flooding.

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

EMERGENCY / DISASTER DECLARATION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; County of Cedar has suffered severe damage caused by a Flash Flood on the 4 day of October, 2018 and thereafter; and,

WHEREAS; extensive damage was caused to personal property, streets, roads, bridges, water, power, equipment, facilities, etc.; and,

WHEREAS; the damage has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of citizens and economic function of County of Cedar; and,

WHEREAS; all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs, and meet restoration requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE; I, by virtue of the authority provided by Cedar County ESF 5 and by the (State) Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11) do hereby declare County of Cedar to be an (emergency/disaster) area for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs, and funds available from the State of Iowa.

Done at the Office of the; Board of Supervisor Chairperson of the Cedar County this 16 day of October, 2018.

Ayes: All

Sheriff Wethington met with the Board regarding clothing allowances. Deputy Sorgenfrey, Deputy Jackson and Auditor Dauber were in attendance. Two deputies wear casual clothes that they buy personally. All other deputies wear uniforms that are paid for by the County. Sheriff Wethington has \$500.00 budgeted to reimburse each of the two deputies for casual clothing allowance. Discussion was held. Auditor Dauber said once they turn in an itemized receipt the deputies will be reimbursed through payroll to follow IRS guidelines.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to allow the \$500.00 clothing allowance, which will be paid through payroll and an itemized receipt will be required.

Ayes: All

Auditor Dauber met with the Board to review property tax Homestead Credits, Disabled Veterans Homestead Credits and Military Exemptions. Applications were reviewed. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Agne seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the allowance and disallowance of Homestead Credits, Military Exemptions and Disabled Veteran Homestead Credits, as presented.

Ayes: All

Auditor Dauber updated the Board on a water leak located in the men's jury room bathroom. It was noted that the Courthouse only has the main shut off for the entire building. In the process of repairing it was found that the water pipes inside the walls are surrounded by concrete. Lynch's fixed the leak and added a shut off valve in that location. Auditor Dauber discussed the possibility of re-running the water pipes above the ceiling for easier access to repair. She wanted the Board to be aware that she may propose this at budget time if it is cost effective.

Conservation Director Dauber met with the Board to discuss hiring a Park Ranger. In 1990, Conservation had 8 areas to manage and a camping revenue of \$2,800.00. In 2018, he now has 16 areas to manage and a camping revenue of \$19,025.00. Discussion was held. Director Dauber will use the remaining funds in his department to fund this position, although he may still need a budget amendment. If he has any remaining funds in his department at the end of the fiscal year he will not transfer that amount to his Land Acquisition Fund. If a new employee is hired now they could go through the academy and be ready to patrol in April when camping season begins. The Conservation Board has a two year contract that the new employee would sign so if they leave employment before the two years they will be required to reimburse the County the cost of the academy. Dauber said the new hire would follow the Compensation Study.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Agne to allow Conservation Director Dauber to hire a Park Ranger and will not take a transfer of any remaining funds as of June 30, 2019.

Ayes: All

Sup. Smith informed the Board that Administrative Assistant Hamdorf priced laptops and an average laptop would cost \$1,250.00 each.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to request approval for utility permit for CDB on Taylor Avenue and the \$100 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve utility permit for CDB and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann gave project updates and software updates to go paperless.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to adjourn at 9:39 a.m., to October 23, 2018 and attend a work session with Newman Abuissa, Iowa DOT to discuss options for Highway 38/Interstate 80 interchange.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Dawn Smith, Chairperson