

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 2, 2019 with the following members present: Agne, Bell, Gaul and Kaufmann. 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:

Brian Wagner, Tipton City Manager regarding a letter of support for Tipton's BUILD grant application.

HR Consultant Greufe regarding new union contract that went into effect July 1, 2019 for Jail/Dispatch.

Cedar County Veterans Affairs regarding re-appointment of Mike Male and Robin Housley to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Assessor Marx response to the Board regarding Al Reinboldt's email appealing his 2019 County Tax Assessment.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the Construction Permit issued for PJ Farms, Inc.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

Cedar Hill Farm for a site at 298 190<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dircks Farms Inc. for a site at 1411 110<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarence.

East 200 Finishers for a site at 1380 120<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarence.

Kevin Andersen for a site at 843 National Avenue, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 6/28/2019 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #419799 for \$13,367.65-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Chair Pro Tem Agne addressed the public for comments. Larry Hodgden thanked the Board and the rest of the Courthouse for the support and help with the Freedom Rock.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of June 25, 2019.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to authorize and approve Handwritten Warrants #419969 - #419971 to the following to purchase new vehicles:

Brown's West Branch in the amount of \$24,744.00.

Brown's West Branch in the amount of \$30,798.00.

West Branch Ford in the amount of \$19,995.00.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Claim Disbursements #419800 - #419968 paid on 6/27/2019.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Sup. Kaufmann asked if Assessor Marx responded to Al Reinboldt's email concerning appealing his 2019 County Tax Assessment. It appeared she responded only to the Board by email. Sup. Kaufmann requested Marx respond to Reinboldt's email.

The Board discussed their Compensation Representatives. Discussion was held. Consensus of the Board was to contact Doug Schroeder and Ken Fawcett and report back.

The Board recessed until 9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update on their department were: Sheriff Wethington, Auditor Dauber, CPC Director Tischuk, Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Recorder Bahnsen, Assessor Marx, Treasurer Delaney, Engineer Fangmann, Interim Public Health Director Butler, County Attorney Renander, EMA Office Manager Freet, GIS Teut and Conservation Director Dauber.

The Board recessed until 10:00 a.m.

The public hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. for a Construction Permit Application filed by Hermiston Farms Inc. for one new 2,400 head deep pit swine finisher confinement building at an existing swine confinement facility. The location of the operation is in Section 13 of Inland Township. There were no written or verbal objections on file. LaRue reviewed the Master Matrix evaluation. The proposed site received a passing master matrix score of 475.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Construction Permit Application for Hermiston Farms, Inc.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to discuss the Land Evaluation Site Assessment (L.E.S.A) policy. Engineer Fangmann and Assistant County Attorney Blank were present. LaRue referred to Appendix E of the Cedar County Comprehensive Plan explaining the word "residential" needing to be changed to "other zoning classes". This is being discussed due to the Sanders Public Hearing held on May 28, 2019. The Public Hearing was tabled due to the rezoning from one family member to another family member but didn't receive a passing score for rezoning. Discussion was held on safety, health & welfare due to road conditions/closures and fire/rescue response times. LaRue can write a policy that would give 1,500 points for a family building on an existing farm ground which still may not give a passing score due to safety, health & welfare. Blank said he researched rezoning for familial status and feels this can be referenced in a rezoning case without discriminating. Discussion was held on rural living. Fangmann wanted to make it clear that if we add the 1,500 points a request can still be rejected due to safety, health & welfare. Blank said yes as long as that wording is added into the policy. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended this rezoning on familial status since it didn't have a passing score. Sup. Bell feels we need to rescore this rezoning and see where the scoring is. LaRue said he could modify the L.E.S.A by adding the definition due to familial situations and an additional 1,500 points.

Moved by Sup. Bell to recommend adding 1,500 points but also understanding that this doesn't trump the safety, health & welfare provisions of the L.E.S.A. policy. Blank asked the Board if they wanted to specify what familial relationship means. Sup. Kaufmann said lineal descendants or nieces and nephews including adopted children is the definition of familial in the policy. Sup. Bell agreed that the familial definition is part of his motion. Sup. Kaufmann then seconded the motion.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

LaRue will have a written policy as soon as he can for the Board to review.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to request approval for a utility permit for City of West Liberty and the \$100 fee applies.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the utility permit for the City of West Liberty and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

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

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:39 a.m., to July 9, 2019.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

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Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

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Steve Agne, Chair Pro Tem