

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 3, 2020 with the following members present: Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Agne. 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:
Kristina Johnston, Dispatcher Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective March 11, 2020.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Pasvogel & Sons for a site at 1813 Rose Avenue, Tipton.
Pasvogel & Sons 2 for a site at 1730 Rose Avenue, Tipton.
Valley View Farms Inc. for a site at 642 280th Street, West Branch.
Lujen Farms Inc. Site 2 for a site at 1830 Hays Avenue, West Branch.
John Sander – Taylor Site for a site at 724 Taylor Avenue, Lowden.
Hermiston Farms Inc. for a site at 1522 Yankee Avenue, New Liberty.
Fletcher Farm for a site at 852 Green Road, Tipton.
John Sander Berry Site for a site at 761 Union Avenue, Lowden.
Hermiston Farms Inc. – Site 2 for a site at 2361 250th Avenue, New Liberty.
Brus Finisher Farm for a site at 160th street, Stanwood.
Edward Pelzer for a site at 1511 250th Street, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/28/2020 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #422623 for \$943.81-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of February 25, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Abstain: Bell

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #180680-180836 for the period ending 2/22/2020 and to be paid on 2/28/2020 including a payout for Carolyn Pace.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board discussed responding to media inquiries. Sup. Agne asked Heartland Attorney Salmons for direction. Salmons response was to give no comment due to the pending investigation. Sup. Bell felt that if they don't comment it's perceived that they are not concerned therefore he said he personally doesn't condone the accusations mentioned in the investigation. Bell also referred to a monthly department head meeting in which inappropriate comments were made by Renander about a female defendant. He and Supervisor Agne went up separately to Renander's office at the conclusion of that meeting and confronted him on his actions.

The Board discussed Iowa Workforce Development Regions reorganization. Sup. Bell explained Regions are joining together as a reorganization process. Discussion was held on the different Regions. Further discussion will be held.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update on their department were; Engineer Fangmann, CPC Director Tischuk, GIS

Teut, Assessor Marx, Interim Public Health Director Butler, Sheriff Wethington, Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Conservation Director Dauber, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, County Attorney Renander, Recorder Bahnsen, EMA Director Freet, EMA Director Malott, Auditor Dauber and Treasurer Delaney. Discussion was held.

The Board recessed until 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., Mike Crago and Jason Roblin with MCM Consulting gave a presentation on the findings of the 911 network study. Jacob Koch-Mechanicsville Fire, Sheriff Office Manager Johnson, Chief Deputy Knoche, Kevin Rasdon-Bennett Fire, Chad Hermsen-Bennett Fire, Roger Laughlin-West Branch Mayor, Irene Wood, Orville Randolph-City of Durant, Deann Cavin-City of Durant, Laura Twing, Jared Semses, Sheriff Wethington, David Berghold, Derrick Lange-Lowden Fire, Whitney LaMaack-Lowden EMS, Chief Deputy Koranda, Linda Coppess-City of Mechanicsville, Sean Paustian-Tipton Fire, Mike Horihan-West Branch Police Department, and Kevin Stoolman-West Branch Fire were present. Roblin reviewed the results of the current VHF system, which is average to below average and needs upgraded. Roblin proposed a plan to upgrade the system by immediate, intermediate and long-term plans with a budget of over \$6,000,000. No decisions were made.

Discussion continued on Iowa Workforce Development Region reorganizations. Sup. Bell has a meeting Thursday and is looking for the Board's guidance. Sup. Kaufmann said if the numbers provided are correct, we should stay in Region 10. Sup. Bell mentioned that down the road if we needed to switch to Area 5 Region we could ask to join. Consensus of the Board was to stay in Region 10.

Discussion was held on offering voluntary Life Insurance for employees. Auditor Dauber was present. Dauber explained that Benefits Inc. offers Life Insurance that is the sole responsibility of the employee. Waniosek will hold meetings to explain this to interested employees after the mandatory Health insurance meetings.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to allow Benefits Inc. to offer Life Insurance to employees without payment or funding from the County.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Engineer Fangmann presented the Board with the 2020 Maintenance Policy for Application of Dust Control. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the following policy:

2020 MAINTENANCE POLICY FOR APPLICATION OF DUST CONTROL

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of Cedar County to permit the application of dust palliative agents for the control of fugitive dust on county rock roads, all pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 318 of the Code of Iowa (Obstructions in Highways).

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

Persons desiring to apply dust control agents to their roads must first obtain a permit from the Cedar County Engineer's Office. Dust control application may not begin prior to May 16th unless unusual spring conditions warrant earlier applications and approval by the County Engineer. All applicators must notify the county 5 working days before applying the second treatment of dust control. Deadline dates for permits are as follows:

Permit Deadline for Residents	Applicator's List To Cedar County	Apply Dust Control Start Date	Apply Dust Control End Date
May 1	May 7	May 16	May 22
May 29	June 4	June 13	June 19

Permit applicants who apply after the listed deadline dates may not have palliative placed until the following application date. This schedule is designed to allow secondary road crews adequate time between applications to prepare the roadbed by adding rock and blading the road to proper crown and grade if necessary. Residents having the second application of palliative should be aware that the area will be bladed if deemed necessary by the patrol operator. **DUST CONTROL APPLICATORS ARE TO NOTIFY THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE 5 WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE SECOND TREATMENT OF DUST CONTROL.**

Following application of palliative, grader operators will be instructed to avoid blading the roads until October 15th, unless potholes over 1" in depth develop. Early blading of the road should not be necessary if the residents fill any depressions in their dust control area with loose rock from the side of the road. If a dust control section should become rough, the county may do corrective blading to repair the rough areas without compensation to the resident for damage to the treated surface. If the road has deteriorated to emergency conditions in the judgment of the patrol operator, it may be bladed. After October 15, the county reserves the right to scarify any treated portions of the road and maintain them as rock roads.

Cedar County will not be liable for blading through un-permitted or unmarked dust control sites. Residents should flag their treated areas at the beginning and end of the treated road segment. Residents will be responsible for maintaining the flags marking their treated areas. Flags will be provided at the County Engineer's Office and replacements for lost or damaged flags may be picked up there.

APPROVED MATERIALS

The following materials are approved for use as dust control palliative: 1. Calcium Chloride 2. Lignun Sulfonate (Tree Sap) 3. Asphalt Cement or Asphalt Emulsion 4. Magnesium Chloride 5. Glycerine. Soybean oil also known as "Black Oil" shall not be permitted. A list of certified applicators may be obtained at the Cedar County Engineer's Office. Applicators of dust control palliative must provide material certification to the County Engineer's Office for application on county roads. WASTE OIL IS NOT PERMITTED AS A DUST CONTROL PALLIATIVE! The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be contacted if use of waste oil is discovered. When using asphalt cement or emulsion, the road surface must be immediately blotted following application with sand or dirty chips. Prior to application of an asphalt product, the applicator shall provide and place a "fresh oil" sign (W21-2) at the intersection nearest the beginning of the treated area (both directions). These signs shall remain in place until oil is no longer being picked up by vehicle tires. Federal regulations prohibit the use of bituminous materials mixed with petroleum distillates such as gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, etc. Federal regulations also prohibit the use of waste oils containing any detectable concentration of PCBs or Dioxin. These regulations assume all waste oils contain PCBs and users of waste oils are required to show otherwise by presenting certified laboratory analysis.

Application of dust control palliative shall not be made between sunset and sunrise. Applications are to be a minimum of 400' long and 20' wide.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss hiring a temporary full time seasonal position. Fangmann explained this position would be for mowing road ditches.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to allow the hiring of a temporary full time seasonal position.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to discuss the Iowa DOT Federal-aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Project BRS-CHBP-C016(109)—GB-16. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Iowa DOT Federal-aid Agreement for a Competitive Highway Bridge Program (CHBP) Project BRS-CHBP-C016(109)—GB-16.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Thomas Noel, Mechanic I step wage increase from \$17.97 to \$19.09 effective March 9, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Agne to approve a Utility Permit for Windstream on 240th and Old Muscatine Rd and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 12:00 p.m., to March 5, 2020.

Ayes: All

Absent: Smith

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson