

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors regular meeting was held by electronic telephone conference with the call originating from the Cedar County Courthouse with no public access in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at 8:30 a.m. on May 12, 2020 with the following members on the call: Smith, Bell, Gaul, Kaufmann and Chairperson Agne. Members of the public were also present on the call.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Auditor Dauber on hiring temporary election officials.
Cindy Garza, DNR Environmental Engineer regarding Nick Sanders authorization to use confinement.
E&Z Director LaRue submitted minutes from April 15th Planning and Zoning meeting.
Cedar County Clerk submitted fees collected for the month of April.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on May 8, 2020 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #423376 for \$313.58-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments: Mary Swan stated she was overwhelmed by the Sheriff's generous offer last week for gas money for me to go around the county campaigning for Mr. Bowers. Sup. Agne interrupted and said this is politics and to stay away from that. Swan asked I just want to respond to his offer that was made in the meeting, "Can I not do that?" Sup. Agne replied, this is politics and I say the same thing to the Sheriff when he starts. Sup. Kaufmann stated, Steve I think she can respond it is the Supervisors prerogative whether they listen or not. Sup. Agne allowed Mary to respond. Mary stated she has given it a lot of thought and pushed a pencil for several days and she came up with a figure she will need which comes to exactly \$471.00. She said I hope to have a check in my mailbox in a few days or I will come back and report it was just another lie.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the Board Minutes of May 5, 2020.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to approve Payroll Disbursements #181435-181580 for the period ending 05/02/2020 and to be paid on 05/08/2020.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a liquor license for The Barn at Bunker Hill for a Class C liquor license, Class B wine permit, outdoor sales, Sunday sales and living quarters for 8 months.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve a 12-month renewal liquor license for Buchanan House Winery for Class C native wine, outdoor service and Sunday sales.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Chairperson Agne opened the following public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for review/consideration/action on the following petition: Rob and Andrea Schmidt, 1944 Spicer Avenue, Wilton, IA (Owners) requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in Parcel H, in the SW1/4, NW1/4, Section 7, T-79N, R-1W, in Farmington Township, consisting of 1.78 acres more or less. Environmental and Zoning Director LaRue, Rob Schmidt and Erik Grunder were in attendance on the call. There were no written or verbal objections on file. Review and discussion was held. Mr. Schmidt stated his daughter and son-in-law wanted to build nearby them.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the petition as defined above.

Ayes: All

Abstain: Bell

Mike Galloway, Ahlers & Cooney, PC was on the call to discuss the three collective bargaining agreements and recommend the Board to approve the contracts. All three contracts are for three years with annual raises of 2%, 3% and 3%. These raises are consistent with other counties. Sup. Bell asked about the Secondary Road contract regarding market adjustment. Galloway stated the adjustment was just to determine the first year of the three years. Sup. Kaufmann confirmed with Galloway that nothing was being taken away from the employees, referring to benefits or privileges and with no negative employee affect. Galloway stated the unions were very complimentary to the board.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to direct the chair to execute and sign the final drafts when they are presented from the unions.

Ayes: All

The Board asked Galloway questions regarding opening the courthouse back up. Galloway said every county is having discussions on the stages of reopening. Galloway stated the policy was approved by the board and when the board decides to have employee's report to work, those that directly report to the board, it will be at the boards discretion whether teleworking will be permitted. Other topics in the discussion was whether it was legal to require the public to wear masks upon entering the courthouse. Galloway responded yes, you can require the public to wear a mask in a public facility although you will have to make masks available to the public. Sup. Bell informed Galloway that the Board would like to attend the meeting at the courthouse and restrict the public at this time due to the courthouse being closed. Galloway stated that is fine just as long as you post the meeting is being held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic and allow the public access to the meeting electronically as we are now doing.

Auditor Dauber asked the Board if they want to send the yearly lease letter to the tenants of the flood buyout properties, as they have in the past. Conservation Director Dauber informed the board that there was confusion on some lots regarding the mowing. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to mail the letter regarding the yearly lease as they currently stand. Discussion was held. The consensus of the board was to have Auditor Dauber revise a letter from the Board stating the Board and Conservation have control of the lots and they are not for lease.

Ayes: All

Kevin Kofron participated in the call to discuss with the board the improvements needed at the courthouse due to COVID-19. Kofron talked about a type of material, Lexan a tough polycarbonate to use for the counter windows, although that material is not available until the end of June. Sup. Bell remarked he thought Kofron was given clear instructions of what the board requested. Discussion was held. The consensus of the board was to have Kofron return next Tuesday with quotes on the cost of permanent barriers for the counters.

Discussion was held regarding the Cedar County Infectious Disease Action Plan. Auditor Dauber stated on page 5, referencing the 7 days to be changed to 10 days, per the CDC guidelines. Dauber also asked the Board to consider revising the travel section of the plan. Sup. Bell suggested the county follow the Governor's recommendation and that we should not be more restrictive. Public Health Interim Director Butler informed the board that the CDC advises no travel outside the country. Auditor Dauber asked how the board would like to revise the plan. Butler suggested to state in the plan to refer to CDC guidelines, that way the county would not have to revise the plan every time there was a change. Auditor Dauber stated she would rely on Butler to inform the Board of the CDC changes. Butler stated she would try although there is a delay in the website reflecting changes. Butler also informed the Board that the CNA will be scheduled back to the normal hours in the near future, therefore she does not know whether she will have one available for checking temperatures when entering the courthouse. EMA Director Freet informed the Board that under the disaster proclamation, category B, they could gain 75% reimbursement to hire a temporary employee for temperature checks. She will contact Homeland Security and report back to the board with the findings.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Agne to revise the plan to reflect the 7 days to 10 days and remove the language for the travel section to state per the CDC guidelines.

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding Tuesday board meetings having all supervisors present at the courthouse. Public Health Director Butler stated she would not recommend all five supervisors in the room together due to if one would be infected that would result in all five members being gone. Sup. Bell stated what is the difference of what we are doing now. Butler replied if all of the board members are in the hospital you will not be able to conduct business. The Board's consensus was to start attending the meetings at the courthouse, unless a supervisor chose not to do so due to a health concern, to show progress and they should be present at the courthouse if they expect employees to return. Sup. Kaufmann wanted to clarify that next Tuesday only the board members, that choose to come to the courthouse, Sue Hall and Auditor Dauber will be in the Board room. The teleconferencing will proceed as normal.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to adjourn at 10:05 a.m., to May 19, 2020.

Ayes: All

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson