

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 26, 2020 with the following members present in the board room: 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:
Bonnie Butler, Interim Public Health Director regarding hiring Mary Dorris, PRN Home Health Nurse with a starting wage of \$29.88/hour effective June 1, 2020.
Pandemic Disease Response Plan from ECIA.
Conservation Director Dauber regarding hiring Gabriel Knoche and Corey Wallick as seasonal park maintenance effective on May 26th, with starting pay \$11.00 per hour.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
John Wiese for a site at SW ¼ NW ¼ of Sec. 10 T80N R1W.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on May 22, 2020 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #423531 for \$944.04-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Agne addressed the public for comments: Mary Swan voiced her frustration on the process of dialing into the meeting and the muting of the meeting.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of May 19, 2020.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Bell to approve Payroll Disbursements #181581-#181737 for the period ending May 16, 2020 and to be paid on May 22, 2020.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. The board requested Julie Tischuk meet with the board to discuss the Mental Health Region next Tuesday.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Smith to approve renewal cigarette permits for FY20/21 for the following:

Kum & Go #267
Pilot Travel Center #496
Sharda LLC
TJ's Gas & Grub

Ayes: All

Discussion was held regarding the request for additional compensation for the Legal Secretary and Legal Assistant. The board received an opinion from Mike Galloway stating the additional duties does not warrant an increase in pay grade. Legal Secretary Cady addressed the board on the income they have received for the program. She does not agree with Galloway statement due to they have not done collections before. She also informed the board she received overtime this past week. Sup. Gaul stated we have followed Galloway's advice before. Sup. Kaufmann asked the email be forwarded to Attorney Renander and staff. Sup. Smith stated they have no problem with the overtime. Sup. Agne stated the Attorney was told he can hire an additional person for the collections.

Moved by Sup. Bell seconded by Sup. Smith to approve the River Bend Transit contract for FY20/21.
Ayes: All

Sup. Bell updated the board on the findings from his research on the windows regarding the availability of the products and to steer away from plastic for a long term solution. All Season Glass provided a quote for installation of tempered glass in the windows with aluminum casing. The large windows will be \$1,658.56 per window installed with additional cost of \$135.00 for the speak holes with covers. The small windows will be \$1,098.48 per window installed with the additional cost for the speak holes with covers. This would be a permanent fixture. EMA Freet researched FEMA for reimbursement for the installation of the glass in the windows. This is a gray area. The board consensus was to pursue the reimbursement. There are five large windows and two small openings. Sup. Bell stated he would like the opinion from the Treasurer, Recorder, Assessor, Assistant Co. Attorney, Engineer and Auditor. The board requested Custodian Gritton to come to the boardroom. There were no concerns from the department heads. The turnaround could possibly be three weeks for installation. Sup. Bell stated there is an option to utilize the plexiglass that the Auditor is using for elections. Therefore, we would not be holding the opening of the courthouse hostage for the installation to be completed.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Smith to act upon the recommendation of Sup. Bell and his committee and to not exceed \$15,000 for the cost of the project.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bell would like to have a solid date to open the courthouse. Discussion was held on when the temporary plexiglass could be placed in the windows. General consensus was June 8th to open the courthouse to the public and the employees will return on June 1st. Sup. Bell wanted to save the taxpayers money therefore, we would use the plexiglass until the permanent tempered glass be installed. Auditor Dauber discussed the PPE status for the courthouse and the proper cleaning of the offices so the supplies were not used excessively. Public Health Interim Director Butler discussed the cleaning. She stated the transmission is by breathing in the droplets. Auditor Dauber asked the board about notification to the public regarding the courthouse opening to be placed in the newspapers. She also informed the board that the social distancing circles will be placed on the floors. E&Z Director LaRue would like a shield or a half door for their office.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to open the courthouse on June 8, 2020 for the public. Sup. Agne stated this is based on the current information so if needed, the board will revisit.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bell asked if Auditor Dauber will work with Public Health Interim Director Butler and EMA Director Freet on the documentation that needs to be placed in the paper to notify the public on the opening of the courthouse and the process, for example taking temperatures of the public.

General discussion was held with Custodian Gritton regarding the cleaning, sanitizing and supplies for the courthouse.

The board asked for a COVID-19 update from Public Health Interim Director Butler. She reported there are 46 cases in the county. She has been working with the Fair Board and School Superintendents. EMA Director Freet reported she will receive more PPE from the National Guard this week. She also informed the board that she has distributed more than 3,000 – 3,500 newsletters. Sup. Kaufmann asked Butler if the new cases are related to one event/exposure. She replied, “No.” Sup. Bell asked Butler how many have recovered. She stated 40 have recovered and one death.

Moved by Sup. Smith seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 9:42 a.m., to June 2, 2020.

Ayes: All

Nay: Kaufmann

Cari A. Dauber, Auditor

Steve Agne, Chairperson