

June 25, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:00 AM and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor, Dick Donner and Craig Bartels answering roll call. Also, present County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Ryan Poots with Eagleview presented his imagery capture software for assessment purposes. Requirement is to have these images for the assessor's office every six years. Images would be required every two to three years for FEMA, if necessary, and would be very beneficial to the assessor's office to be taken that often. Upon further discussion with the assessor's office and emergency management, additional information will be sought from Eagleview as well as a competitive bid or two, if possible.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss the Motorola Services Contract that is expiring this year. The new contract, as presented, would extend another five years and would update the hardware and software every two years. If we did not have the service contract, the units would become obsolete and cost more to replace the unit in its entirety. The contract covers phone support but not on-site support or equipment failure. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the contract. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Ebmeier Farms 33,000 bu bin, Jane Winkelbauer 16,159 bu bin. Tim also presented the following conditional use permits. Newton Family Enterprises, ten acres split for residence, Charles Newton Family Trust, five acres split off to sell for residence, and Ty Dybdal, split five acres for residence. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve all conditional use permits. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened her discussion with the board by stating all the projects from the previous year are complete. The Leise bridge was opened May 31 and is seeded and all of the asphalt projects are complete as well. She asked the commissioners to start brainstorming ideas for new projects although the bridge match application process will not be opened for at least a year. Schmidt also presented data compiled on gravel purchases by each district for the fiscal year for budget purposes. District One had requested a traffic count south of Bow Valley and that count was 128 vehicles per day.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the upcoming joint public hearing postcards that are required by the state. She asked the board designate the printing company recommended by NACO to handle this work for us this year. Board agreed to designate CSG. Clerk Schmit had been contacted by an organization called TextMyGov as a way to communicate with citizens regarding issues and alerts as well as automatic responses to aid citizens in finding information quickly. Commissioners agreed to learn more as this would have application in the emergency management realm and has been on Kevin's radar. Schmit will set up a zoom with the organization.

The following claims were reviewed and approved for payment: General Fund: CC Treasurer 750,000.00, David Dowling 5,000, US Bank 339.85. Road Fund: Cat Financial 250,000.00, Cornhusker Int'l 66,000.00, Murphy Tractor 140,000.00, US Bank 229.99. Transit Fund: US Bank 449.02. Homeland Security: US Bank 402.32. Enhanced 911: US Bank 267.93.

Assessor's office employees came back to further discuss the Eagleview presentation. They told the board the 3" images would be worth the money compared to the 6" and that it would be very helpful for the sketching side of it. They discussed how the last time aerial photos were taken, tax revenue was gained because things had been built or added on to without building permits. These new photos would make that even easier. Dresden and Schmit will work together to reach out to cities within the county to see if they would be interested in using the technology.

Mark Mainelli, engineer for the Road Department, was in attendance for a discussion on various road questions/issues. The main focus was on troublesome bridges, culverts, and potential for low water crossings.

Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes, came before the board to discuss the City of Randolph's drainage ditch that has noxious weed issues. Heikes had been awarded a grant to cover the spraying of that drainage

ditch but the money was re-allocated and pulled back from that grant. He is looking for a solution to spray phase one of that project in late summer and is working with the contractor for phase two as they are willing to do the work on phase two if the county supplies the chemical so it is in better shape next year at this time. The board agreed that Heikes needs to get it done and is hopeful there is some chemical left from last year.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to enter Executive session at 11:30 AM to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to exit Executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels at 12:00 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Permission was granted to Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, to advertise for a vacancy in emergency management.

Chairman McGregor called a recess at 12:10 pm until 1:30 pm for lunch.

Chairman McGregor called the meeting back to order at 1:30 pm. Immediately a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to enter Executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried 3-0.

At 2:30 PM, motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to exit Executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Matney, County Attorney, effective July 9th at noon was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to table the discussion on the vacancy until July 9th was made by Donner.

Motion by Bartels to appoint Ron Temple as County Attorney, effective July 9th at noon was made.

Call for a second on each of the motions made was read. There was not a second to table the discussion. McGregor seconded the motion to appoint Ron Temple as County Attorney effective July 9th at noon. Motion carried 2-1. Aye – Bartels, McGregor, Nay – Donner.

Meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman McGregor at 2:45 PM.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman