

August 27, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 AM and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor, Dick Donner and Craig Bartels answering roll call. Also present, County Attorney Ron Temple and County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner 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.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, opened discussion on the history of Becker Flying Service's agreement for having an antenna on the county's emergency tower. FEMA and insurance companies have requested a written agreement in place. In exchange for search and rescue efforts as needed, when needed, they have put an antenna on our tower at Becker's expense. County Attorney, Ron Temple, suggested to have a contract drawn up but to leave informal agreements out of the contract. Kevin will talk with Becker's and get Ron in touch with their attorney so Ron can proceed with drawing up the contract.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits to the board: Brad Stolpe 40x64 pole shed, Randy Olson 36x65 house, Francis Tramp 30x40 shed, Charles Meirose garage addition. Conditional use permits presented to the board were Ron Lammers 8 acres to split off farm place and Greg Pippit to split 5 acres off for the farm place. McGregor made the motion, second by Donner, to approve the Lammers conditional use permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion by McGregor, second by Bartels, to approve Pippit conditional use permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the PTO Policy and how to handle employees who were allowed an advance of PTO hours. An annual reconciliation was discussed as was an option of only reconciling upon separation. Ron Temple is going to work on some language for both reconciliations.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the permit for Great Plains Communications installing additional fiber optic lines that was discussed at the last meeting. Discussion was held on the gravel being used and replaced by Great Plains. Schmidt reminded the commissioners the 9<sup>th</sup> of September is a safety meeting.

Clerk Schmit then presented Resolution 24-8 to the board with the preliminary tax requirements of the county fire districts and the ag society. The resolution grants the authority to the subdivisions to levy the funds requested. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to adopt Resolution 24-8. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Annual inventories of physical assets were reviewed and signed by the board.

Clerk Schmit presented four Special Designated Liquor Licenses for upcoming events to the board. Two for the Bow Valley Park Association for events at Diane's Greenhouse and two for wedding receptions at Nissen Winery. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was led by Chairman McGregor on a request for funds by the Cedar County Historical Society. Funds will be used for the operation of the Cedar County Museum. A motion by McGregor was seconded by Bartels to direct \$14,000 to the Historical Society in the budget. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Brief discussion was held on the open emergency management position and possible cooperation with Knox County. The conversations with Knox County are ongoing.

Clerk Schmit then opened discussion on the budget. Schmit proposed a \$75,000 cut to the budget in order to stay below the threshold of the joint public hearing to be held in September. Discussion was held on the health insurance line within the road fund as well as the quantity of vehicles being sought in the transit fund. The commissioners agreed these cuts were not negatively impacting the services provided and would keep the county below the required threshold. The suggestions were approved and the budget will be ready for public hearing on 9-10.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, came before the board to discuss potential juror issues for the upcoming trial.

McGregor shared some comments about attending the groundbreaking event for the Public Health Department in Wayne.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman