

September 24, 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 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 McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessor Becky Dresden presented an amended Three Year Plan of Assessment to the board. It had to be amended because she had put the aerial photo cost in her budget and the board had decided to move that amount to the miscellaneous general function.

Clerk Schmit presented two special designated licenses to the board. One SDL was for a wedding at Nissen Wine and the other for a fundraiser dinner for All Saints Parish. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Weed superintendent Justin Heikes was not present, but county attorney Ron Temple stated that he had asked Justin to send a second courtesy letter to the constituent needing remediation, and that had been done.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Doug Tunink house addition, Regg Pehrson 34x48 cabin with 24x24 garage, Francis Tramp 30x48 shop, Jim Leapley 60x100 pole barn.

McGregor opened discussion on a right of way issue where an irrigation center point has been set in the right of way. An easement was discussed releasing the county of liability if the structure is not moved. County Attorney Ron Temple recommended the operator dig out the center point and move it out of the right of way. Temple also suggested the county talk with the NRD and request that they let us know of any approved wells so we can ensure they are not set in the right of way. Tim will go out and find the section corners so a definite line for the right of way can be set on the one currently in question.

Discussion was then had on fines and penalties able to be charged for building permits that are not followed. Tim will look into the zoning regulations to see if it states anything. Temple stated we need a provision within the regulations to collect on the additional value built that was not on the building permit. Temple asked Tim to forward the building permit form to him for review.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt updated the board on the bridge match program. Applications will need to be submitted by the end of November and she will bring more specifics to the next meeting. Cedar/Dixon county line road issue was discussed briefly. Dixon county has been contacted and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin presented information to the board on the system used for paging fire and EMS responders. The method that has been used to send pages to cell phones is being shut down by the cell phone providers. Kevin had a proposal for a contract from IamResponding to continue the same type of service which would be paid out of the 911 Fund. Motion made by McGregor to approve the proposed contract, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Garvin also presented information to the board regarding a mass notification system for the general public. Board suggested that Kevin move forward with referrals and communication with municipalities about the possibility of sharing the services.

Nick Antrobus with Colonial Life came before the board to discuss the benefits available from their company and to give employees an option for those types of coverage. Everything would be employee paid. The board gave approval for Nick to present his information to employees and see if anyone is interested.

Clerk Schmit informed the board she had been contacted by Chris Rasmussen, head of the Cedar County Tourism Board, and they did not have any applicants for their fall meeting. They are focusing on outreach, so more people know about the grant opportunities they provide.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman