



Cedar County Board Minutes



May 23, 2017

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 Craig Bartels, David McGregor and Terry Pinkelman answering roll call. Also present County Clerk David Dowling. Chairman Pinkelman stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor 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.

Dave Sudbeck presented building permits for approval. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Pinkelman to approve permit for Tim Harms to build a 40 x 80 metal storage shed. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve a building permit for Brian Hefner to build a 50,000 bushel bin. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Sudbeck then presented variance requests. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve a variance for Marsh farms to grant a ten foot variance to place a grain bin closer to the road. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve a 25 foot variance and building permit for Brandon Fischer to build a building closer to the road. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Pinkelman seconded by McGregor to grant a 25 foot variance to place fence line feed bunks for Daryl L Sudbeck. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Pinkelman and seconded by McGregor to grant a permit to plot off 2.72 acres for future building. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Pinkelman to grant permit to Bob Brummels to plot off 9.23 acre building site. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to grant a permit for Jeff Ebberson to plot off 5 acres building site. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Carla Schmidt talked with the board on various sign placements in the county and also stated the contractor is planning to start the federal aid bridge project next Monday.

Frederick Pinkelman representing the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, talked with board on the operation of the Welcome Center and stated Annette Sudbeck from Lewis and Clark NRD also stated the center has 12 to 15 thousand visitors each year and that it has been in operation since 2001. Annette presented information on grants and sponsors of various fund raising events held by the center.

Travis Koehler, Tom Anderson and Dave Carstensen met with the board to discuss the boat ramp at the Brooky Bottom Park area and asked for repairs and improvements to the dock and boat ramp. Commissioner Pinkelman stated he recently placed four loads of rock into the ramp and the group said that helped some, but it needs more. Commissioner Pinkelman told the group he would check into the matter.

Russ Flaming representing the Ag Society met to request special liquor licenses days of the Cedar County Fair for July 19 6 to 12, 20 6:30 to 12, 21 7 to 12, 22 6:30 to 12 and 23 7:30 to 12. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Pinkelman to approve the license requests as presented by the Ag Society. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

David Boschult from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for Noxious Weed control presented information to the board on the rules and regulations for noxious weed control in the state. Boschult thanked the board for participating in the noxious weed programs controlling the 12 noxious weeds that are designated in the state.

Jim Hans and Maurice Ketter met with the board to ask for donations with a Veterans Memorial in the Village of Wynot. Information and plans for the memorial were presented for board review. Motion was made by Pinkelman and seconded by McGregor to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Wynot Veterans Memorial project. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Pinkelman and seconded by McGregor for Bow Valley Park Association special liquor license application for June 10th from 3pm to 12am for a wedding event. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Pinkelman and seconded by Bartels to approve a special liquor license application for St Boniface Parish in Menominee for July 8 from 10 am to 10:30 pm for church bazaar. Motion carried with



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a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was then made by Pinkelman and seconded by Bartels for St Johns Parish in Fordyce for a special liquor license for June 24 from 5 pm to midnight. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on surcharge fees for E911 and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Pinkelman to retain the current \$1.00 911 surcharge for Cedar County. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessor Don Hoelsing presented a tax correction on parcel 2595 for personal property. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve correction as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At noon the meeting was recessed for lunch and reconvened back into session at 1:30 and met with assessor Don Hoelsing and Emergency Manager Kevin Garvin on hiring a firm to fly and take pictures of the county to be used for emergency management and assessment for the assessor's office. After discussing the benefits and the cost it was decided to wait a couple years before considering hiring the firm. Kevin then mentioned the roof on the tower building is leaking and asked about making repairs. Garvin stated he has a firm willing to replace the roof for \$2,842.00. The board directed Garvin to get the repairs done. Garvin then mentioned the emergency generator maintenance agreement needs to be renewed at \$2,677.00 per year. The board directed Garvin to get the agreement renewed. Kevin then visited with the board on purchasing all-terrain vehicle to be used for emergency and law enforcement needs. After discussion the board agreed for Garvin to make the purchase.

Road Supt., Schmidt and Tim Baxter from NIRMA met with the board to discuss signing and road conditions that should be compiled with to help avoid future lawsuits. A checklist was reviewed on items that are required to meet in order to meet state statutes to help prevent problems in cases of accidents occurring in the county.

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

ATTEST: _____
County Clerk, David Dowling

APPROVED: _____
Board Chairman, Terry Pinkelman