

The Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Present: Chairman Casey Callanan, Vice Chairwoman Lori Meacham Ginapp, Supervisor Chris Watts and various members of the public.

Chairman Callanan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Watts moved with Meacham Ginapp seconding, to approve today's agenda and minutes for the January 23, 2023 discussion and the January 23, 2023 regular session. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment session was held.

Meacham Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to approve claims. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Meacham Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2023-21, WHEREAS, the following payroll change requests were submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review; and, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, has reviewed and considered the change requests as follows:

Department	Name
Pay Change	Effective Date
General Maintenance	Benjamin Gaffney
\$24.47/hourly	01/30/2023

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County does hereby approve the requests as shown above and directs the Auditor to make the necessary adjustments to the payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Meacham Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to abate AY2021 taxes in the amount of \$151 on parcel 07-16-480-002-00. Motion passed unanimously.

Watts moved with Meacham Ginapp seconding, to adopt Resolution 2023-22, WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code 252.25, 252.27, 35B.14, and 144C the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors desires to declare and adopt the following burial allowance for indigent persons policy for monetary assistance who meets the residency, and income requirements. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, effective January 30, 2023, any indigent deceased person who is a resident of Cerro Gordo County and has no next of kin who can assist with the cost of burial, may be eligible for assistance with the expense of cremation or traditional burial. In accordance with 144C.5 "Final Disposition Act" The right to control final disposition of a decedent's remains or to make arrangements for the ceremony after a decedent's death vests in and devolves upon persons who are competent adults at the time of the decedent's death have been exhausted.

The next of kin is responsible for the deceased person's burial expenses unless it can be shown through financial declarations that they are unable to assist. To show financial need the deceased's household income cannot exceed 150% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines or have combined resources exceeding \$1,500. The director has the authority to determine each application on its individual merit.

A completed application must be submitted by the deceased's representative providing information on all individuals over 18 residing in the deceased person's household along with proof of income, last two bank statements, proof of identification, and any other specific documents requested.

In consideration of the payment of \$1500, the herein named licensed mortician or funeral home will provide the following services:

- Professional services
- Medical Examiner
- Cremation w/alternative container or traditional burial
- Transportation of deceased to funeral home (within 20-mile radius)

The county policy does not include interment of cremated remains, or memorial service.

If any of the above has already been paid, a portion will be deducted from the county's payment. Income and assets shall be considered from all sources and shall include, but not be limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, royalties, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits, worker's compensation benefits, disability insurance benefits, veterans' benefits, rental income, or gifts. Cerro Gordo County reserves the right to enact the provisions of Section 252.13 Code of Iowa if it appears the possibility of recovery of assistance exists. Any applicants who are dissatisfied with decisions regarding eligibility have the right to appeal that decision to the Board of Supervisors. The applicant must file the appeal within 10 days of decision made by the General Assistance Director.

Before authorization by Cerro Gordo County for any indigent funeral, a complete and detailed statement of all charges for services to be rendered must be furnished by the funeral home. If a contract with the funeral home has already been signed by the representative of the deceased prior to the application with the county, assistance will not be provided.

The family of the deceased shall have the option to contribute up to \$1,000 towards cremation w/alternative container or traditional burial services to cover miscellaneous expenses. This would be an additional agreement between the funeral home and the applicant requesting services beyond what the county can provide.

If the funeral home agrees to accept a county burial, above policies will be adhered to. If the funeral home accepts the county burial, they **will not** go to the family for any additional funds covered by the county. If a funeral home is unable to furnish requested services, the funeral home must decline the contract and services. The funeral home declining the contact and services must refer the applicants to a funeral home which can provide requested services.

This resolution replaces Resolution **2016-91** and applies to General Assistance and Veteran Affairs. It will remain in effect until rescinded or replaced.

NOTE: In accordance with Dead Bodies for Scientific purposes, Iowa Code §142. The body of every person dying in a public asylum, hospital, county care facility, penitentiary, or reformatory in this state, or found dead within the state, or which is to be buried at public expense in this state, except those buried under the provisions of chapter §144C.2 Final Disposition Act, or §249.2 State Supplementary Assistance. Motion passed unanimously.

Meacham Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to adopt Resolution 2023-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT FROM FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE WHEREAS, The Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors ("the Board") adopted a Resolution of Necessity (No. 2021-88) to establish the Cerro Gordo County North Ventura Urban Revitalization Area on August 17, 2021; and, WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed Cerro Gordo County North Ventura Urban Revitalization Plan on September 21, 2021; and, WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, the Board passed and approved a Resolution Adopting the Proposed Plan for Revitalization, also known as the Cerro Gordo County North Ventura Urban Revitalization Plan (No. 2021-103); and, WHEREAS, the Board enacted Ordinance No. 66, "An Ordinance Designating Certain Areas of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa as Urban Revitalization Areas" on October 26, 2021; and, WHEREAS, Five Star Cooperative is the owner of the following-described property within the designated Urban Revitalization Area:

PARCEL B LOCATED IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 22 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IOWA AS DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY DATED JUNE 24, 2021 AND FILED JUNE 24, 2021 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2021-4831 and,

WHEREAS, Five Star Cooperative has constructed new commercial grain storage facilities on the above-described residential property; and, WHEREAS, Five Star Cooperative has filed an Application for Tax Abatement under Option 1 contained in Section 7.02 of the Urban Revitalization Plan. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cerro Gordo County that:

- The following findings of fact have been made:
- Five Star Cooperative filed the Application for Tax Abatement prior to the February 1 deadline;
- Said Application conforms to the Cerro Gordo County North Ventura Urban Revitalization Plan;
- Said Application was made for property that is located within the designated Urban Revitalization Area; and
- Improvements to the property were made during the time the property was so designated as an Urban Revitalization Area.
- The Application for Tax Abatement filed by Five Star Cooperative is hereby approved, subject to the review of the Cerro Gordo County Assessor.
- The Application for Tax Abatement shall be forwarded to the Cerro Gordo County Assessor for review on or before March 1, 2023, with the understanding that Five Star Cooperative has chosen the abatement schedule provided in Option 1 of Section 7.02 of the Cerro Gordo County North Ventura Urban Revitalization Plan.

Motion passed unanimously.

County Engineer Billings provided an update.

Meacham Ginapp moved with Watts seconding, to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Various tabulations, reports, correspondence, and other documents that were presented at today's meeting are placed on file with the supplemental minutes.

ATTEST:

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Adam V. Wedmore, Auditor  
Cerro Gordo County