

January 28, 2025

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 Mike Meier, David McGregor, and Dick Donner 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 Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Chairman McGregor updated the board on the contract with Y & Y Lawn Service for the tower site.

Scrap Tire recycling collection was discussed because the company that will be hauling the tires away called and wanted to schedule when they could start. The collection event will be held June 11 and 12.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented motor vehicle tax exemptions to the board for East and West Catholic, Cedar Catholic, and Hillcrest Care Center. She also presented applications for depositories from Security Bank, Citizens State Bank, First State Bank, and Brunswick State Bank of Magnet. She reminded the board the tax sale is March 3 and state statute mandates unpaid parcels will be printed with names in the paper.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented three conditional use permits to the board for approval. The first is from NEIA Helicopter, LLC for a private landing strip southeast of Laurel. With concerns regarding the use and approval by residents affected, a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to table the approval of this permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Next permit is for Kevin Becker to split off his farm place of 5.53 acres with an existing house. Motion to approve the Becker permit was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Final permit is for Richard Donner for development and extraction of raw materials southwest of Hartington. Motion to approve the permit was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote with commissioner Donner abstaining from the vote.

Highway Superintendent Carla Schmidt, let the commissioners know she got the bridge inspection reports but did not have them ready to present to the board. Next meeting is the one and six year hearing. She also let the board know she received a letter from Dixon County regarding a road between 870 and 869 roads on the county line that they would like to close. Commissioner Meier will contact land owners and at the next meeting the process will get started to consider vacating this section of road. The annual safety meeting is being planned for Thursday February 20.

Clerk Schmit presented the following special designated liquor licenses to the board for approval: Bow Valley Park Association for an event at Diane's Greenhouse 2-28-25 and All Saints Parish in Fordyce for a fundraiser on 3-7-25. A motion to approve the SDL's was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the interlocal agreement with Nebraska Cooperative Government for the purpose of conducting a joint keno lottery. After a brief discussion on what the agreement entails the following action was taken.

A motion to pass resolution 25-01 to join the Nebraska Cooperative Government (NCG) Interlocal Agreement was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion by Donner to approve Backroad BBQ as a lottery sales location was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion to authorize clerk Schmit to open a separate lottery proceeds bank account at Security Bank made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion by Donner to appoint clerk Schmit as the NCG audit clerk was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion authorizing the lottery application fee of \$100.00 to NCG was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion by Meier to authorize Chairman McGregor to sign Form 33CG-Power of Attorney was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

After a brief discussion on designation of a Community Day for purposes of the lottery, McGregor made a motion to table the designation of a Community Day. This motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

McGregor reported on his Area on Aging meeting. He stated Cedar County's annual assessment will go up to \$6,564, an increase of \$317.

Meier reported on the new board member training he attended in Kearney.

A motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 10:13 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:40 AM, a motion was made to exit executive session by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to let them know President Trump had temporarily put a pause on federal financial assistance and he was unsure of the impact to his EPMG grant funds.

With no further business or agenda items, the following claims were reviewed for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: County Treasurer (Transfer to Road Fund) \$500,000. NE Dept of Rev \$100.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman