

March 11, 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 McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the February 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Public Comment was opened by Chairman McGregor. Several individuals were in attendance regarding a conditional use permit approved by the zoning board the night before. Individuals speaking included Aaron Burbach, Adam Heimes, Chuck Burbach, Heather Heimes, Jalen Wieseler, Steve Wieseler, and Kevin Klug.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, spoke on the regulations and permitting process for the conditional use permit for Heimes Brothers discussed in public comment. The permit for Heimes brothers was then formally presented as a 1,000-3,499 unit open livestock feeding operation. Motion to approve the permit was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Chairman McGregor called for a roll call vote. Meier yes, McGregor, no, Donner yes. Motion passed. Gobel then presented the following conditional use permits: Eric Pick splitting off five acres, Eric Heimes splitting off five acres, Ray Keiser splitting off 11.78 acres. Motion to approve all three of these conditional use permits was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. The following building permits were presented by Gobel: Brandon Sudbeck 24x28 garage replacing an existing garage, Anthony Arens 40x60 machine shop, Brent Arens 60x64 shouse.

Discussion was opened by county attorney, Ron Temple regarding the permit to occupy the right of way. Road superintendent, Carla Schmidt explained the permit process and the how each permit is subject to the utility policy. Commissioner Donner would like to specify which equipment contractors are able to use. The policy currently refers to the Nebraska Highway Standards for highway construction. If we specify equipment to be used, it would conflict with the state standards. If we have a complaint after the work is done, the policy currently allows us to seek remediation if we are not satisfied with the condition of the road. Keeping the policy terms broad is in the best interest of the county, in Temple's opinion. No motion was made but will be considered for the next meeting.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner at 10:38 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:27 AM, a motion was made by Donner to exit executive session and was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented three county sale certificates to the board to be turned over to the county attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings. She then presented the return of sale proceedings from the public auction for delinquent real estate taxes. Nobody attended the public auction and no parcels were sold. Finally, she turned over the listing of delinquent parcels that were offered for public auction and were not sold. By signing, the board gave the treasurer authority to print the county tax sales on parcels 3172.01, 6660.00, and 7101.00.

Road superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented her road report on 576 Avenue in Precinct 21 on the Cedar/Dixon county line. In summary, the entire mile was being considered for vacation but upon inspection, she found that due to a bridge being removed in the south half of the mile, the northeast corner of the southeast quarter would be landlocked and therefore only the south half of the mile can be vacated. Motion to proceed with the vacation as presented was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then updated the board on the status of the FEMA reimbursement from the 2019 bomb cyclone. If they can get the issues and errors resolved, there is still \$400,000 coming from FEMA and \$38,000 coming from NEMA. Schmidt then presented the right of way permits from Great Plains Communications for the nine phases of their fiberoptic project in Districts 1 and 3 as discussed at the February 25 meeting. Their permits were signed and approved as presented. Discussion was held on taking pictures before the contractor starts to have a record of the condition of the road.

Recess was taken at 12:05 for lunch.

At 1:15 PM, the meeting was re-opened for the review and approval of the following claims. Monthly fee reports were also reviewed by the board during this time. With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 203,162.36; Aflac 1014.59; BCBS 65673.11; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 848.52; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,290.74; Retire Plans Div of Am. 23,122.91; Security Bank 13,626.06; Security Bank 30,528.21; Appera 99.80; AT & T 93.74BLK Hills Eng.97.74; Bomgaars 64.90; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 38.00; Cedar Co. Court 51.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 48.80; CKPP 386.46; City of Hart 284.27; Crary Huff Law Firm 19.00; D&J 58.44; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,583.84; Elgin

Pharmacy 30.86; Elite Court Rep. Serv. 542.45; Farm 8 Home Pub. LTD 390.00; Farmers Union 239.59; Floor Maint, & Supply 287.00; Folkers Bros Garage 2,666.34; Food Town 915.40; Forvis LLP 5,000.00; Gov. Connections 334.34; Megan Hanefeldt 264.35; Hartelco 1,858.62; Hart. Ace 9.99; Hart. Shopper 732.90; NE Health & Human Servs. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 169.42; HWY 84 Auto Wash 164.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jims Food Center 175.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Laurel Hometown Market 100.00; Leise Lawn Care 250.00; Beky Mcracken 134.60; Mid State Org Crime Info Center 100.00; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NACEB 100.00; NACO 300.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 175.00; NE Assoc of Emrg. Man. 135.00; NPPD 3,909.46; NE State Patrol 465.50; NE Weed Control Assoc. 150.00; NE Neb. News Co. 742.96; NE Week Man. 100.00; Olsons Pest Tech 241.55; Sally Opfer 39.19; Pender Comm. Hospital 314.00; Pip Marketing Signs 149.75; Quill Corp. 760.21; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Security Shredding 80.00; Jackie Steffen 131.77; Thomson West 813.00; Tri State Turf & Irr. 320.00; USPS 15,000.00; UNL 1,207.17; US Cellular 305.83; Verizon 561.47; Visual Edge IT 27.72; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,430.18; Voyager Fleet Systems 39.19; Cara Wiebelhaus 75.13

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 9,089.71; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 42,294.55; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,796.37; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 9,955.07; Sec. Bank 6,333.40; Sec. Bank 13,755.58; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appeara 439.74; Art Kathol Appliance 37.90; Avera Med. Group 144.00; B's Enterprise 19,768.60; Blk Hills Eng. 1,220.74; Bomgaars 2,918.51; Cap Gravel 18,476.82; Carhart Lumber 59.75; CNPP Dist. 852.26; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 127.20; City of Laurel 279.12; City of Randolph 116.31; CNH Industries 3,744.43; Coleridge Welding 329.78; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 384.92; Cornhusker Int. Truck 3,848.00; Richard Donner 683.93; Farmers Union 3,774.47; Filter Care of NE. 226.75; Fischer Feed & Supply 633.50; Folkers Bros Garage 6,786.10; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 392.84; Graham Tire Yankton 97.95; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.11; Grossenburg Imp. 745.46; Hansen Bro. Parts 1,129.79; Hartelco 283.38; Hartington Ace Hardware 2,075.48; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 11.54; Hefner Oil & Feed 9,046.78; Jerrys Service 10,320.72; Kayton International Inc. (Crofton) 196.31; Lammers Trailer Repair 989.52; Laurel True Value 91.29; Lawson Products Inc. 293.97; Leiting Auto 286.55; LG Everist 57,447.86; Medical Enterprise 36.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 902.74; Napa Auto Parts 1,926.38; NPPD 475.35; NMC Exchange 3,451.29; NMC Exchange 7,196.77; Paul's Welding 38.88; Peitz GMC 825.71; Pomp's Tire 4,662.41; Randolph Farm Supply 2,127.95; Raths Mini Mart 398.06; Riverside Hydraulics 404.28; Road Builders 2,015.82; Carla Schmidt 109.14; Spencer Quarries 1,905.78; Truck Trailer Sales 330.83; Steven Uhing 69.54; US Cellular 296.45; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 70.33; Waste Connections of NE 56.86; Wattier True Value 59.96; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 16.42; Wynot Oil 7,936.96

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 36,168.54; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 826.74; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 3,956.98; Sec. Bank 1,399.06; Sec. Bank 5,412.80; Anderson Body Shop 915.90; Appeara 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 569.76; Casey's Auto 3,384.64; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 6,018.51; Folkers Bros Garage 1,645.06; Hartelco 103.28; Hartington Truck & Auto 40.92; Hefner Oil 54.10; Leise Lawn Care 250.00; NPPD 111.33; NE Neb. News Co. 19.88; NP Mart 908.28; Nikki Pinkelman 126.63; Nikki Pinkelman 38.80; Raths Mini Mart 81.16; Tri State Turf & Irrigation 147.00; US Bank 418.72; Verizon 687.99

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,820.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,807.52

E911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 320.78; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 453.02; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman