

March 25, 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 March 11, 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.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented one building permit for Jason Harmelink for a 24x72 barn remodel.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a bid from Backus Sand & Gravel effective April 1. The gravel price per ton will increase to \$18.50. Then, right of way permits were presented for tiling projects in District 2. Both permits were accepted as presented. Next, Schmidt went over the bidding process and specs for tractors in Districts 1 and 2. A resolution was presented for setting the public hearing date and time for the closure of a portion of 576 Avenue as discussed at the March 11 meeting. Motion to pass Resolution 25-04 was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Resolution 25-05 was presented stating that the Leise bridge project is complete. Upon this resolution, the state will provide a \$200,000 reimbursement. A motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to pass Resolution 25-05. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmidt went over the 2019 projects yet to be reimbursed by FEMA and how the errors in submission will prevent the county from getting all the reimbursement we thought we would receive. The county still has over \$200,000 which should be reimbursed this fiscal year for those 2019 flood claims. Schmidt also let the board know the deposits were received as anticipated for the STP and BRO funds for \$168,632.40 and 240,548.76, respectively. Schmidt presented a spreadsheet to the board detailing the balance of these funds and the history of how and where these funds have been spent.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-06 to increase the county burial assistance to \$3,500. A motion to pass resolution 25-06 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessment from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture was presented to the board on behalf of Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes. The board reviewed the assessment.

On behalf of Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, Clerk Schmit let the board know pursuant to statute 86-438 the board needs to take formal action on the phone surcharge rate for 911. Garvin had stated this rate has not changed for several years and he recommends that it remain at \$1.00. McGregor made a motion to maintain the surcharge rate of \$1.00. This motion was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

John with NMC went over the new lease agreements for the skid steers in Districts 1 and 2 as well as some new features on the machines. The new lease is for \$8,600 for 250 hours. Machines were swapped out the same day.

Motion was made to enter executive session at 9:45 AM by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:40 AM a motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, came back before the board to discuss wages for the part time sign technician for the road department. Commissioners took it under advisement and did not take any action.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:54 AM.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman