

April 8, 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 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes with a correction. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Chris Edwards 30x60 house with 30x30 attached garage, Nathan Tramp 30x60 shop, Ryan Marsh 110,000 bushel bin, Jeremy Stevens 16x36 addition, Val Christensen Clements 40x52 house with 30x32 attached garage.

Heidi Borg, Agricultural Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith gave an update from the Congressional District and Washington D.C.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on some changes for Spencer Quarries. One right of way permit was presented for District One and approved by Commissioner Donner as presented. She then presented the board with the results of the safety committee audit done by NIRMA. One suggestion was maintenance checklists to be done on an annual or quarterly basis for each road shop building as well as the courthouse. An annual driving record check is to be performed for anyone driving a county vehicle. The county bridge match funds have been received for the bridge completed in 2024. Advertisements for tractor bids will be in the paper this week.

NEMA/FEMA is coming the week of the 28th to do a close-out on the 2019 bomb cyclone projects. Twelve disaster sites netted reimbursements of \$506,148.09 with \$222,160 yet to be received. Another Dixon/Cedar county line road is being questioned for closure and that process will begin at the next meeting. Schmidt went out yesterday and drove some of the roads that have had fiberoptic lines installed and updated the board on the status of the projects.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented omitted personal property schedules on parcel numbers 6758; 6883; 7440; and 7586. Chairman McGregor approved these schedules with his signature. Heikes then updated the board regarding the taxation of the county right of way along roads. Credit is given for 2 acres for each quarter section that the taxpayer is not taxed on.

Motion to enter Board of Equalization was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Assessor Heikes stated the nursing facility exemption is a new program allowing facilities to apply for a partial exemption based on the number of beds paid by Medicaid with a three year look-back period. Two facilities have applied for the exemption: Arbor Care in Hartington and Colonial Manor in Randolph. Motion to approve the partial exemptions was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Heikes then presented a personal property exemption for Sacred Heart Heath Services. Motion to approve the personal property exemption was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. A destroyed property application was presented by Heikes for parcel 5246. Motion to approve the destroyed property application was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit BOE was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:15, the public hearing for the road closure of 576 Avenue was opened as advertised. Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the results of the Dixon County public hearing. Their board considered closing the entire mile as well as only closing the south half. Dixon County stated closing the entire mile eliminated liability issues. Schmidt's recommendation was to close the south half and leave the north half open to provide access due to a waterway. Landowners in attendance included Lee Johnson and Ben Galvin. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to see the entire road closed and grant an easement for Mr. Galvin. Mr. Galvin would like the north half to stay open so he is guaranteed access year-round and for generations to come. Schmidt stated that whether the entire road gets closed or the south half only, the bridge abutments that remain from the dismantled bridge need to be removed. The board's formal recommendation to the Dixon County Board would be to keep the north half open and close the south half and remove the abutments. Schmidt will submit a report to Dixon County and an interlocal resolution will follow.

After the hearing, Mr. Johnson brought up issues on 870 road and the water being dumped onto the road in a couple of places making it unsafe. Commissioner Meier took note of his concerns and will address them.

Mark Van Der Hart, Chairman of the Tekamah Airport Joint Zoning Board came before the board to revisit the conditional use permit previously brought before the board for NE-IA Helicopter. He stated officials with Nebraska Department of Transportation Roads and Aeronautics Divisions are in favor of the air strip with no reservations. It would be available as an emergency landing for medi-vac. The NE-IA Helicopter group has previously offered training for local fire and rescue volunteers and would offer that for Laurel as well. Even though it is a private air strip, Van Der Hart, strongly felt this project is an improvement to our local infrastructure. Motion to table the discussion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 202,240.69; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 65,031.73; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 1,113.69; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,275.66; Retire Plans Div of Am. 23,225.88; Security Bank 13,428.95; Security Bank 30,390.20; Appeara 99.80; AT & T 93.69; Ben Beckman 145.60; BLK Hills Eng. 97.73; Bomgaars 49.77; Bound Tree Med. 83.89; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 142.80; Cedar Co. Court 34.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 93.13; Cedar Co. Treasurer 5000,000.00; CKPP 363.37; City of Hart 280.87; Culligan Water 415.00; Cummins Sales & Serv. 1,688.72; Das State Acct Cent Finance 584.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 1,270.00; Don Dendinger 33.60; Gene Dickes 50.70; Dixon Co. Sheriff's Office 36.54; Dodge Co. 4,089.84; Eakes Office Sol. 1,731.95; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 2,068.98; Elections Systems & Software 674.31; Elgin Pharmacy 10.07; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 109.62; Fischer Feed & Supply 45.00; Floor Maint, & Supply 185.09; Food Town 531.47; Forvis Mazards LLP 12,000.00; Freedom Rentals 1,500.00; Kevin Garvin 190.93; Gov. Connections 60.13; Great Plains Reporting 293.45; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Hartelco 1,825.85; NE Health & Human Serv. 168.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 64.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 2,086.80; Jamie Miller Legal Serv. 4,551.50; Kathleen Jorgensen 1,386.37; Kardell's Auto 81.74; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Austin Korth 78.00; Jim Kvols 28.00; Lake Mac Assessment 2,500.00; Landmark Surveying 1,424.00; Laquinta Inn 249.90; Leise Concrete 4,142.25; Steve Leise 51.40; Dan Lipp 87.20; Ron Lundahl 86.40; Lynn Peavey Co. 197.80; Matthew Bender & Co. 1,442.07; MIPS Inc 4,044.54; NACO 150.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 75.00; NE Assoc of Co Clerk 50.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 102.00; NPPD 3,228.26; Rick Noecker 51.40; Northeast NE News Co. 294.38; Olsons Pest Tech 121.15; Sally Opfer 84.48; Terry Pinkelman 136.40; Pomp's Tire 269.90; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Quill Corp. 411.22; Region IV Inc. 3,195.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health System 7,067.50; Riverside Tech. Inc. 9,785.97; Jessica Schmit 181.40; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Scott Stanton 291.20; Steffen Drug 103.98; Jackie Steffen 336.07; John Steffen 55.60; Patricia Steffen 29.19; Total Fire & Sec. 430.00; US Bank 672.92; US Cellular 427.77; Verizon 401.20; Visual Edge IT 21.22; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,487.90; Voyager Fleet Systems 138.13; Paul Wemhoff 14.70; Cara Wiebelhaus 60.20; Jean Wiebelhaus 70.00; Janey Wiechelman 365.52; Mick Wiepen 78.00; Marsha Wuebben 224.25; X-Pert Lawn 305.00; Yankton P&D 235.14; Zero 9 Holsters 409.50

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 9,5410.88; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 42,294.55; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,946.73; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,254.18; Sec. Bank 6,765.50; Sec. Bank 14,447.00; A-OX Welding 40.26; Appeara 438.99; Avera Med. Group 94.00; B's Enterprise 950.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 6,073.34; David Bathke 229.37; Blk Hills Eng. 946.09; Bomgaars 685.73; Campbell's Serv. 774.25; Carhart Lumber 887.81; Carlson Home & Auto 1,003.40; CNPP Dist. 347.63; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.79; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 219.33; City of Randolph 196.54; Coleridge Welding 58.10; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 291.24; Farmers Union 11,185.59; Filter Care of NE. 514.65; Fischer Feed & Supply 22,697.72; Folkers Bros Garage 2,883.86; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.11; Hansen Bro. Parts 421.02; Hartelco 257.59; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 267.46; Hefner Oil & Feed 6,252.27; Jerrys Service 4,820.16; Kimball Midwest 334.06; Alan Koch 60.00; Laurel True Value 39.56; Laurel Wleding 4,597.06; Leiting Auto 18.61; LG Everist 44,435.94; Mainelli Wagner & Associates 6,710.40; Medical Enterprise 108.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 7,067.93; Napa Auto Parts-Yankton 135.09; NE Assoc of Co. Eng Hwy Supt 160.00; NPPD 332.93; NMC Exchange 8,851.96; NMC Exchange 17,489.11; Peitz GMC 240.45; Pomp's Tire 119.90; Quill Corp 139.49; Randolph Farm Supply 5,255.46; Rath's Mini Mart 312.47; Stern Oil Co 494.98; The Dirt Man 11,594.50; Truck Trailer Sales 3,465.17; US Bank 346.95; Steven Uhing 60.00; US Cellular 296.45; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 132.49; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 5.11; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 6,312.94; Wynot Oil 8,462.72

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 36,361.83; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 833.52; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 3,981.59; Sec. Bank 1,426.47; Sec. Bank 5,442.38; Appeara 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 172.37; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 4,716.97; Folkers Bros Garage 1,639.49; Hartelco 103.33; Hartington ACE Hardware 127.94; Leise

Concrete 8,019.50; NPPD 99.98; NP Mart 667.49; Nikki Pinkelman 126.63; Nikki Pinkelman 271.71;
Randolph Farm Supply 101.53; US Bank 251.16; Verizon 874.92; X-Pert Lawn 308.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Phil Chalmers 10,000.00; Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 40,000.00; State of
NE Dept Correctional 2,663.62

E911 FUND: Equature 4,650.00; Fastwyre Broadband 167.84; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 443.65;
Motorola 46,313.00; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 130.48; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman