

May 13, 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 April 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Gary Wieseler 50x150' livestock barn, Brian Lange moving in a 9,000 bu bin, Kenneth Koch 48x72 shed, Marcus Papenhausen 48x56 shed, Larry Domina 60,000 bu grain bin, Larry Lange 72x40 shed. Gobel posed the question to the commissioners about changing the setback from the center of the road to 50' because he has one more variance in process which will make six already for 2025. He stated if you are giving multiple variances for the same reason it may be time to change the setbacks. No action was taken.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented accelerated tax statements for Arbor Care Center's personal property tax and two mobile homes that were moved. The statements were signed by Chairman McGregor.

Commissioner Donner stated the tractor bids for District 1 were awarded to Grossenburg Implement for a 2024 6R195 and a 2016 6155R. Commissioner Meier stated the tractor bid for District 2 was also awarded to Grossenburg Implement for a 2024 6195M.

Reports from officials were reviewed and approved.

Discussion was opened by highway Superintendent Carla Schmidt on rural water line changes that were made on previously granted right of way permits. In one particular spot, Scott Fiedler from Rural Water stated it was a mistake to not update a right of way permit and the line was installed. Fiedler was asking permission to keep the water line in place. Russell Schmidt, President of the Natural Resource District spoke on Scott's behalf and stated this is a big project and updating the right of way permit simply was overlooked. Terry Zavadil, NRD Board Member was also in attendance and asked if this has ever happened before where a project changed and permits got changed after the fact. Highway Superintendent Schmidt stated that it has definitely happened with crossings and occupying the right of way has been permitted after installation with fiberoptic lines. The landowners at the spot in question, Traci Mueller and her spouse, Robert, were in attendance to ask what the expense of redoing the line would be and stated the cost would be passed on to rural water customers. Commissioner Meier stated it probably isn't worth digging up and changing. Motion to approve the right of way change made by Donner was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Schmidt updated the board on the fiberoptic projects. Hartelco is complete and Great Plains is almost done with Cedar County. The road study on the Dixon/Cedar County line near Obert is in process. She has not heard any update on the road closure by Laurel. She then spoke about a CAT option for looking at parts online that the Wynot shop is utilizing. Discussion was also held about GPS for the motor graders for tracking maintenance on roads. From CAT it will cost \$20/month/machine and the newer machines already have the equipment installed. She then posed the question if we need to change the way the road crossing and right of way permits have been handled. Donner asked if the system is broken. Commissioners agreed to continue handling them as they have been.

At 10:00 AM, the public hearing for the Murdo's Liquor License was opened as advertised. With no one in attendance, the public hearing was held open for approximately ten minutes. Motion to approve the liquor license was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, opened discussion on the extension office IT equipment for internet access. They are using home-grade equipment that is near the end of its life. With the interlocal agreement with the university, some questions were raised as to interference with the University's IT department taking care of their computers. Kevin clarified what the needs are and what RTI is recommending. Updates would increase security to the courthouse network. The quote for updating the extension office only is \$2,540.73. The sheriff's office also has some equipment that needs to be updated. The quote from RTI for that equipment is \$1,955.70. Motion to approve the equipment upgrades from RTI was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with 3 to 0 vote.

At 11:30 AM a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 12:30 PM, 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.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 212,428.69; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 63,914.71; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 944.84; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,699.50; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,367.53; Security Bank 14,099.85; Security Bank 31,950.42; Appera 249.70; AT & T 115.11; B&B Locker 375.00; Josh Baurmeister 18.78; Ben Beckman 39.76; BLK Hills Eng. 94.71; Bomgaars 81.86; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Carhart 193.71; Cedar Co. Court 39.00; CKPP

347.73; City of Hart. 289.07; Coast to Coast 218.91; Maggie Cook 22,400.95; CVSOAN 60.0; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,210.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 1,426.89; Des Moines Stamp 135.20; Eakes Office Sol. 3,405.49; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland 1,382.21; Election Systems & Software 1,457.69; Fairfield Inn 259.90; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 161.30; Fischer Feed & Supply 65.34; Floor Maint. & Supply 161.75; Food Town 87.70; G Works 13,687.00; Dallas Graham 76.60; Groves Emergency Lighting 250.00; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Hartelco 1,830.48; Hartington Tree 1,200.00; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 81.76; Justin Heikes 98.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 109.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 238.35; Justice Data Solutions 3,450.00; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 3,041.13; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Steve Leise 51.40; Loffler 91.00; Ron Lundahl 86.40; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; Mobile Binders 1,086.22; Lori Moss 1,873.30; NACO 250.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 25.00; NE Public Power Dist. 2,371.48; Rick Noecker 51.40; Northeast NE Area on Aging 6,564.00; Northeast NE Economic Dev. 925.00; Northeast NE News Co. 1,534.19; NS/POAN Conference 200.00; Olsons Pest Tech 73.85; MAHKA 64.00; Pictometry International Corp. 58,309.87; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; Quadient 66.35; Randolph Farm Supply 111.50; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Jessica Schmit 191.80; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 180.00; Scott Stanton 260.55; Jackie Steffen 50.60; Thomas West 865.00; Tri-State Comm. 275.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 130.50; US Bank 3,785.47; US Cellular 484.24; Verizon 239.89; Visual Edge IT 19.93; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,419.32; Voyager Fleet Systems 224.36; Cara Wiebelhaus 28.70; Wintz Funeral Home 450.00; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 190.00

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 94,951.07; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 41,185.68; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,928.54; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,184.24; Sec. Bank 6,716.34; Sec. Bank 14,376.68; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appeara 441.74; Art Kathol Appliance 155.00; B's Enterprise 79,118.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 63,544.75; Blk Hills Eng. 109.00; Bomgaars 637.66; Boyer Ridge Manufacturing 1,043.65; Cap Gravel 18,960.26; Carlson Home & Auto 1,270.00; CNPP Dist. 689.20; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 123.90; City of Laurel 198.02; City of Randolph 138.92; CNH Industrial Accts. 1,762.03; Coleridge Welding 100.09; Richard Donner 844.00; Farmers Union 3,323.76; Filter Care of NE. 259.75; Folkers Bros Garage 1,038.29; Fordyce Auto Repair 80.96; Graham Tire Co. 1,400.48; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.43; Grossenburg Imp. 5,281.28; H&K Oil 423.50; Hansen Bro. Parts 781.16; Hartelco 257.59; Hart. Shopper 256.00; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 530.02; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,863.17; Jerrys Service 13,540.26; Kayton International 178.85; Laurel Feed & Grain 1,625.00; Laurel True Value 71.10; Lawson Products 105.16; Leiting Auto 464.14; LG Everist 60,164.53; Mainelli Wagner & Associates 25,712.36; NPPD 136.69; NMC Exchange 858.19; NMC Exchange 1,064.87; NMC Exchange 1,210.68; NE Glass 925.00; Northeast NE News Co. 365.71; Paul's Welding 32.60; Peitz GMC 38.10; Pomp's Tire 2,164.17; R&B Land tiling 772.00; Randolph Farm Supply 2,330.16; Rath's Mini Mart 176.26; Santee Sioux Nation-Shop EZ 85.60; Carla Schmidt 9.68; Shurco 257.41; US Bank 65.62; US Cellular 296.51; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 77.36; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 53.01; Wiebelhaus Serv. 79.15; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 160.79; Wynot Oil 14,033.89

COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND: Brooke Kleinschmidt 38.16; Jacie Burbach 25.00; Friends of Randolph, 1,000.00; Donna Noecker 37.60; Chris Rasmussen 46.00; Roar-Reaching Out Around Randolph 315.00

COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND: Hartington Creative Council 2,500.00

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 39,157.71.83; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 869.40; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,313.14; Sec. Bank 1,406.67; Sec. Bank 5,870.12; Appeara 141.18; BLK Hills Eng. 108.63; Bloomfield Tire & Oil 60.00; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 7,630.85; Feilmeier Electric 150.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 256.00; Folkers Bros Garage 6,454.03; Foodtown 23.54; Hartelco 103.33; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 205.73; NPPD 99.77; NP Mart 556.17; Nikki Pinkelman 150.95; Randolph Farm Supply 50.52; US Bank 201.07; Verizon 718.56; X-Pert Lawn 281.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Chartwells Dining Serv. 255.85; Optk Networks 802.12; Recon Robotics 34,980.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,950.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 5,557.87

Enhanced 911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 449.78; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 230.96; G Works 9,229.00; Holiday Inn 220.00; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman