

May 27, 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 Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was opened on a Sensaphone system from Hartelco for the transit building. With a price tag under \$1,000, the commissioners agreed it was a viable option. Clerk Schmit stated the unit can detect sound and McGregor will work on getting quotes from Dave Feilmeier on smoke alarms. All commissioners agreed there needs to be something in place.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Cheryl Holm 48x32' house, Tami Bargstadt 40x60 shed, Grant Rolfes 12x12 garden shed, Ryan Dohmen trailer house moved in. He then presented three variance permits: William Holck 10' variance for shed, Zach Thompson 20' variance for shed, Rod Tramp 23' variance for a lean-to on an existing building. Motion to approve all three variances was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened discussion with two right of way permits in districts one and three. She let the board know she is working on the gravel bid process and this will be done in this fiscal year. Schmidt then reported on the road study completed on the county line (576 Avenue) between 884 and 886 Road as directed by the commissioners. The study was completed with Commissioner Donner and the Dixon County Road Superintendent in attendance. She is proposing to close the south portion of the road where a bridge is out. She read her report to the board and will follow up with the public hearing as required by statute.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board proposing a weather station be installed at the new tower site. We have the weather station, it simply needs to be installed. Cedar-Knox would install a pole for \$800 and the weather station can be mounted directly to that. Commissioners gave the go ahead to get this installed. He also alerted the board that the offices in the old courthouse do not have a battery backup or surge protector on the IT equipment. He will get that fixed. Finally, he proposed a purchase of a drone for public safety mainly in search and rescue efforts. Garvin stated its use in tower inspections would be financially beneficial. We have two sheriff deputies and himself that are licensed to fly the drone. An entry level drone would be around \$6,000 and he is looking into grant funding for a more advanced drone. Motion to approve the drone purchase was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:30 AM, bids were opened as advertised for a dump truck in district 2. Bids were received from Peitz GMC for a Freightliner truck chassis for \$137,686 with a box to be mounted from Wiechelmann's for \$54,250; and RDO Truck Centers for a Mack truck with the box for \$217,552. Commissioner Meier stated he would consider the bids and award the bid at the next meeting.

At 11:00 AM, bids were opened as advertised for a box culvert in district 1. Bids were received from KEA Constructors for \$489,047.70 and A&R Construction Co for \$283,486.68. Motion to accept the A & R Construction Bid was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Adam with Mainelli Wagner & Associates was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the box culvert being bid. Discussion was opened on the Menominee bridge issue. He discussed a relaxation of standards process that will be sought for the roadway.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:45 AM.

The board convened at 1:00 PM. Discussion was opened on the county health insurance plan as presented by NACO. Options for a Health Savings Account Policy with a \$3,500 deductible were compared to the current \$2,600 deductible plan. Motion to accept the \$3500 HSA policy for January 1, 2026 enrollment with dual-option enrollment in the \$2,600 deductible plan was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman