

July 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 Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the June 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Howard Gubbels 16x16' house addition, Dale Jensen 12x18' deck, Jason Arens 61x114' guilt developing barn, Tom Lackas 280 sq ft deck.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the three year report of unpaid taxes. 2022 taxes are 99.99% paid, 2023 are 99.98% paid and 2024 is 69.04% collected with the second half not yet due. She also let the board know the DMV employee that has been here several years is retiring so there may be a few days examiners are not able to be here in August or September.

Clerk Schmit presented a Special Designated Liquor License for Bow Valley Park Association on August 16. Motion to approve the license was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Resolution 25-9 was presented confirming the wage increases as passed at the June 24 meeting with a 3 to 0 vote. The resolution was signed by commissioners as presented.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented Resolution 25-10 to set the public hearing date as August 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Motion to approve the resolution to set the hearing was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then presented a letter from NDOT stating Hwy 57 between Belden and Coleridge will be resurfaced in 2026. A summary of gravel and aggregate purchased in the prior fiscal year was reviewed by the commissioners.

Discussion was held on the gravel and aggregate bids opened at the previous meeting. Motion was made by McGregor to reject all the bids received. The motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Due to a couple of suppliers' bids being lost in the mail, gravel and aggregate will be bid again July 22. Discussion was then held on the bridge/box culvert project for the Menominee bridge and proceeding with efforts to get a relaxation of standards. Donner opened discussion regarding subcontractors for fiberoptic lines being installed that are not following the permit for Great Plains and causing issues with the roads in District 1.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, came before the board with a list of omitted personal property for parcels 2685, 4042, 4271, 5287, 6926, 6951, 7195, 7399, 7475, 7611, 7716, 7717, 7721, 7723, 7724, 7729, 7734, 7742, 7743, 7748, 7755, 7777. Motion to accept the omitted personal property statements as presented was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss the mutual aid agreement with Yankton and Knox Counties. This agreement is a formality for South Dakota and covers fire, EMS, and Emergency Management. It does not include law enforcement. The agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion was made by McGregor to approve the Yankton-Cedar-Knox Mutual Aid Agreement. This motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was then held on the extra cable spools stored at the tower site.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, came to discuss the two year budget that had been approved in February and the changes being required by the state for a new one year budget with a reduction of funds. Motion to approve Resolution 25-11 for the 5311 Program Agreement for the estimated budget of \$ 413,632 in Federal funds and \$120,788 in state funds leaving 120,787 for a local match was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was held on the county purchasing vehicles outside of the state contract.

At 11:00 AM, motion to enter the Board of Equalization was made by McGregor, seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Protests were heard on parcel numbers 5269, 2705, 6442, 6291 and 6054. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:00. Additional protests were heard on parcel numbers 802 and 3037.02. Motion to make no change based upon the Assessor's testimony and recommendation on parcels 5269; 2705; 6442; 6054; 6291; and 802 and reduce the value after testimony and evidence presented of ratios of recent sales on parcel 3037.02 was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier at 2:30 PM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Fee reports were reviewed by the board.

With no further business or agenda items the following claims were reviewed and approved for payment.

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 218,506.67; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 58,872.17; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 2,170.99; Lincoln Nat. Life Ins. 901.91; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 7,09.49; Retire Plans Div of Am. 25,100.10; Security Bank 15,216.50; Security Bank 32,877.54; Appera 102.98; Arts Garbage 229.50; AT & T 93.85; Avera Med. Grp. 694.00; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 128.43; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 409.10; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar

Co. Court 135.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 790.98; CKPP 332.10; Chaplin Tire Recycling 50,539.88; City of Hart. 532.59; Crary Huff Law 95.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 584.00; Don Dendinger 33.60; Gene Dickes 50.70; Dodge County 4,089.84; Double A Lawn Care 590.00; Eakes Office Sol. 2,554.10 Elgin Pharmacy 12.29; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 84.62; Floor Maint. & Supply 179.70; Food Town 781.88; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC 727.60; Megan Hanefeldt 190.40; Hartelco 1,841.98; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 96.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniform & Equip. 260.55; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 540.00; Austin Korth 78.00; Jim Kvols 28.00; Kathy Lammers 84.00; Dan Lipp 87.20; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 75.00; Northeast NE News Co. 272.62; Olsons Pest Tech 203.85; Peitz GMC 32.98; Mahaska 115.00; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Sanford Health 2,305.00; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 160.00; Justyce Sohl 57.80; Keaston Sohl 57.80; Ron Stapelman 72.40; Steffen Drug 59.61; Jackie Steffen 14.81; John Steffen 55.60; Tri-State Comm. 805.00; US Cellular 289.38; Verizon 160.04; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,333.11; Voyager Fleet Systems 91.22 Paul Wemhoff 14.70; Cara Wiebelhaus 32.90; Jean Wiebelhaus 231.00; Mich Wiepen 78.00; Winkelman Repair 508.72; Alan Wortmann 50.00; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 380.00; Yankton P&D 235.14, Joe Zimmerman 21.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 114,818.34; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 40,109.89; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,841.03; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,408.72; Sec. Bank 17,416.34; Sec. Bank 8,965.37; Appera 483.51; Avera Med. Group 94.00; B's Enterprise 23,352.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 82,661.50; Bomgaars 308.77; CKPP Dist. 390.64; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.79; City of Hart 127.80; City of Laurel 67.47; Cornhusker Int. Truck Inc. 179.70; Crowne Plaza 434.85; Dinkels 1,195.71; Farmers Union 5,452.72; Filter Care of NE. 180.00; Folkers Bros Garage 1,983.56; Graham Tire Yankton 91.95; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.19; Grossenburg Imp. 51,957.57; Hansen Bros Parts & Serv. 8,808.80; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Shopper 89.50; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,374.15; Jerrys Service 14,949.13; Kaiser Appliance 338.93; Kardells Auto 83.18; Kimball Midwest 254.34; Knife River 123,506.53; Laurel True Value 374.39; Lawson Products 2,017.93; Leiting Auto 16.30; LG Everist 43,536.37; Medical Enterprises 36.00; Menford Electric 211.41; Napa Auto Parts Yankton 26.97; NPPD 151.31; NMC Exchange 1,864.85; NMC Exchange 1,090.58; Northeast NE News Co. 495.58; NP Mart 84.21; Nutrien AG Solutions 330.00; Pearson Motor Co. 273.99; Peitz GMC 88.50; Pomp's Tire 2,234.19; Randolph Farm Supply 2,748.05; Rath's Mini Mart 451.68; Road Builders 2,284.47; Carla Schmidt 292.57; Stern Oil 817.30; Titan Machinery 358.90; Titan Machinery Yankton 59.50; Top Crop 1,600.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 38,737.04; US Cellular 393.55; Village of Wynot 109.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 84.19; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 19.99; Wiebelhaus Serv. 28.78; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 46,877.60; Wynot Oil 13,713.45

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 48,171.69; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 1,180.27; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 5,175.24; Sec. Bank 1,922.19; Sec. Bank 7,249.22; Appera 94.12; City of Hart. 201.48; Farmers Union 6,054.05; Folkers Bros Garage 435.77; Hartelco 103.22; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 40.92; NP Mart 564.47; Rath's Mini Mart 156.18; Verizon Wireless 832.20; X-Pert Lawn 550.00

**Diversion Program Fund:** Danko Emer. Equip. 1,335.00; My Medic Wholesale 1,070.69; United Tactical Systems 728.00

**Enhanced 911 FUND:** Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 442.36; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Tritech Software Systems 1,655.41

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman