

July 22, 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 Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the July 8, 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. Minutes from the July 15, 2025 Board of Equalization 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: EMR Ventures, LLC (Backroad Barbecue) 12x12 portable shed and 20x30 shelter for stage, Dan Fischer 40x60 machine shed, Michael Dowling 27.8x16' house addition, Richard Heikes 60,000 bu bin, Eric Becker 70x150' commodity shed.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license on behalf of Nisssen Winery for a private event on August 23. A motion to approve the SDL was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit stated the board needed to designate a printing service for the joint public hearing postcards. Motion to designate MIPS as the printer service was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented a list of changes since their March 19 deadline. After reviewing the list, a motion to approve the changes was made by Meier, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Heikes then presented damaged real property reports filed on July 15 on parcels 1113.00 and 3252.00. Motion to approve both updated assessed values due to damaged real property was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the establishment of sinking funds as a strategy to maintain budgets. Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-12 to establish a general sinking fund and road sinking fund. Motion to approve Resolution 25-12 as presented was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Bob Parsons, representative from the Laurel Public Library, presented information to the board regarding their operations for the past year. Data sheets were also presented by Clerk Schmit on behalf of the Hartington and Randolph libraries. These were reviewed by the board and will be considered as the budget is finalized.

NACO representative, Luke Bonkiewicz, presented an update from NACO.

At 10:30 AM, gravel and aggregate bids were opened as advertised. Bids were reviewed from Backus Sand & Gravel, Knife River, LG Everist, Spencer Quarries, and Cap Gravel. Motion to accept all gravel and aggregate bids was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a permit in District 1 for a short fiberoptic line addition that was approved by Commissioner Donner. Discussion was then held on how to invoice the contractors installing fiberoptic lines for gravel and/or damage done to roads. Billing the first gravel required on roads that have been plowed will be billed to the contractor without trucking cost.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

The board reviewed and approved a claim to the Treasurer for a \$250,000 transfer to the road fund.

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

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman