

August 12, 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 and County Attorney Ron Temple. 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 July 22, 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.

Clerk Schmit presented two special designated liquor licenses for Bow Valley Park Association for events hosted at Diane's Greenhouse on September 12 and November 14, respectively. Motion to approve the licenses was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Don Schulte 15,000 bu grain bin, Jason Heikes 60,000 bu grain bin, Paul Goeden 50x80 shouse, Dennis Kleinschmit 10x12 storage building, Jared Kvols replacement 72x96 shop, Mike Mauch 34,000 bu grain bin.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented omitted personal property for schedule numbers 7695, 7710, and 7778. These are all first time filers. Motion to approve the omitted schedules was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit reported on the scrap tire recycling event. The tires are cleaned up and 818.69 tons were recycled. Once the final bill for trucking is paid this month, Schmit will submit the expenditures to the state for reimbursement.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented one right of way permit to bore power in District 1. She reported that she has received nearly \$7,000 of the amount billed to Great Plains Communication for damage done to roads while plowing fiberoptic lines. There is another \$13,000 to come in. Schmidt then presented resolution 25-13 to give the board chairman authority to sign the certification of program compliance for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion to approve Resolution 25-13 was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then reported on the certification completed for the STP and BRO funds. Estimated deposits for the STP and BRO funds for 2026 are \$173,810.41 and \$258,437.01, respectively.

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

At 10:00 AM, the public hearing for the road closure of 576 Avenue was opened by Chairman McGregor. Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened discussion by reading her report on the road study. Ron Temple stated parcels 1662 and 1717 have been recently transferred and asked that the current landowner acknowledge that he waives the right of notice by registered or certified mail. Elmer Hoelsing, the current owner of those parcels, acknowledged that he had received notification from his mother and waived his right to new notification. Alfred Hoelsing stated that they need decent access to that property. Jerry Stewart spoke regarding the history of the road since his ownership of adjacent parcels in 2002. He had first contacted a Dixon County Commissioner regarding the road being closed. Stewart also questioned a couple portions of local road that need gravel, and which would be better use of taxpayer funds. He stated he found mail route roads that went back through Hoelsing's property into Cedar County and questioned if those roads were still open. Stewart went on to state that building a half mile of road back into a single property is not in the public's interest compared to maintaining roads that will be used every single day. Hoelsing brought up concern for fire trucks getting to the property. Stewart stated he has offered an easement to the Hoelsing family. Melinda Burbach stated the deed was transferred because the prior landowner is elderly and cannot attend these meetings. Austen Stewart asked the board if there has been a precedent set elsewhere in the county for similar situations. Schmidt gave several examples of roads that had been kept open in order to preserve access to a parcel. John Hines, a lawyer representing Jerry Stewart, stated the Hoelsing family has an implied easement out of necessity through their property in Dixon County and the private access being sought is not for public benefit. Hines further stated, the only way to eliminate liability to the county is to close the entire road. Steve Stewart spoke in favor of an easement because that would not be the taxpayer's expense. Hoelsing stated a county road access would be the only way to eliminate any problems down the road and that he would never have an easement with Stewart. Hines stated if the road was opened they would want to have a discussion about the work Stewart did to clear the right of way and level the grade. In conclusion, Temple commented on the practicality of easements and also some language regarding the terms and conditions that must be set forth in a closure. Chairman McGregor thanked everyone for their attendance and the conversation and stated the board would take everything into consideration. Conversations need to be held with Dixon County and then a resolution should be signed at the next meeting.

Motion to enter executive session 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.

Discussion was held with transit manager, Nikki Pinkelman, regarding the budget for 2025-2026.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:20 and reconvened at 1:20.

Further discussion was held regarding the budget and the tax request authority.

Chairman McGregor opened discussion on the purchase of the old firehall across the street.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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 218,506.67; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 61,418.75; Colonial Life 870.45; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 1,355.84; Lincoln Ntl. Life 889.60; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,973.81; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,796.70; Security Bank 14,986.68; Security Bank 32,605.96; Jury 15,178.30; Appera 102.98; Arts Garbage 13,564.36; Arts Garbage 242.50; AT & T 72.29; Avera Med. Grp. 264.00; Ben Beckman 81.90; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 389.25; BLK Hills Energy 109.67; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court 309.26; Cedar Co. Court 17.00; CKPP 345.51; Central Valley Ag 1,464.19; Chaplin Tire Recycling 83,725.28; City of Hart. 521.59; Maggie Cook 605.90; CVSOAN 60.00; D&J Variety 13.97; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Double A Lawn Care 850.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,327.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 5,406.85; Election Systems & Software Inc. 50.67; Elgin Pharmacy 27.29; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 486.21; Floor Maint. & Supply 221.10; Food Town 1,615.93; Gov Connections Inc. 1,613.42; Arianne Greiner 219.80; Guarantee Roofing/Siding Co. 625.00; Hartelco 2,086.74; Hartington Ace 24.99; Hartington Shopper 194.90; NE Health & Human Serv. 180.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 70.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniform & Equip. 1,884.45; Heather Jones 128.80; Kardell's Auto; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 720.00; Landmark Surveying 600.00; Loffler 91.00; Madison Co. Dist. Court 970.67; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; NACO 25.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 315.00; NPPD 2,994.73; Northeast NE News Co. 1,294.98; Olsons Pest Tech 203.85; Peitz GMC 126.43; Pip Marketing Signs Print 2,303.75; Vickie Prince 612.50; Quadient 248.90; Michele Quick 237.50; Randolph Far, Supply 65.50; Region IV Inc. 3,195.50; Patrick Reineke 109.60; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Monica Rotherham 361.00; Jenny Sage 31.78; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Spencer Quarries Inc. 2,519.53; Steffen Drug 39.74; Jackie Steffen 47.60; Stryker Sales Corp. 940.56; Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters 902.08; US Bank 4,504.34; US Cellular 374.37; Verizon 560.33; Visual Edge IT 36.69; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,052.66; Voyager Fleet Systems 135.95; Judith Wegner 237.50; Wintz Funeral Home 841.50; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 475.00; Yankton P&D 235.14

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 114,818.34; AFLAC 602.11; BCBS 42,345.79; Colonial Life 954.40; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 4,871.41; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 14,731.26; Sec. Bank 11,426.50; Sec. Bank 20,619.38; A-OX Welding 86.20; Appera 670.97; Avera Med. Group 25.00; B's Enterprise 9,226.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 47,574.25; BLK Hills Energy 106.55; Bomgaars 893.13; Cap Gravel 205.73; CKPP Dist. 417.33; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 54.38; City of Hart 125.10; City of Laurel 63.26; Coleridge Welding 273.86; Farmers Union 8,534.18; Filter Care of NE. 222.05.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 14.95; Folkers Bros Garage 7,605.82; Gothier Body Shop 40.00; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 4,941.42; H&K Oil 1,913.06; Hansen Bros Parts & Serv. 582.29; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Shopper 89.50; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 571.12; Hefner Oil & Feed 8,333.57; Janssen Construction 13,700.00; Jerrys Service 6,468.15; John Deere Financial 66,288.40; Kardell's Auto 25.00; Kayton International (Crofton) 69.30; Kimball Midwest 82.20; Knife River 83,368.68; Landmark Surveying 650.00; Laurel True Value 142.68; Lawson Products 100.86; Leiting Auto 108.64; LG Everist 62,461.32; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 15,957.90; David McGregor 159.88; Medical Enterprises 149.00; NPPD 185.86; NMC Exchange 370.30; NMC Exchange 2,514.72; NMC Exchange 1,103.43; Northeast NE News Co. 104.43; Paul's Welding 499.76; Peitz GMC Service 636.07; Pomp's Tire Service 414.30; Randolph Farm Supply 2,506.18; Rath's Mini Mart 272.54; Riverside Hydraulics 282.51; Road Builders 4,419.36; Santee Sioux Nation-Shop Ez 71.19; Jessica Schmit 35.00; Stern Oil 9,438.28; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 4,247.71; US Bank 155.00; US Cellular 393.35; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 123.78; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 73.54; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 1,189.38; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 1,036.33; Wynot Oil 14,087.81

**TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 48,171.69; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 510.00; NE Dept Of Rev. 948.04; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,319.54; Sec. Bank 1,546.38; Sec. Bank 6,117.20; Anderson Body Shop 657.91; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Energy 57.27; City of Hart. 217.75; Farmers Union 6,270.45; Folkers Bros Garage 1,843.04; Hartelco 50.07; Hartelco Computers 194.99; Holiday Inn 358.20; Cheri Morten 314.68; NPPD 192.96; NP Mart 299.21; Olsen Pest Tech 75.00; Pinkelman Radiator Repair 131.03; Nikki Pinkelman 45.00; Randolph Farm Supply 51.28; US Bank 1,205.82; Verizon Wireless 506.21; X-Pert Lawn 950.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** OPTK Networks 802.12; Stanton Co. 2,250.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co. Sheriff's Dept. 1,560.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 450,000.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,719.72

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 435.26; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; United Communications Group 2,300.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 260.96; OPTK Networks 836.66

**COURTHOUSE BOND FUND:** BOKF, NA 351,065.00

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

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