

August 26, 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 August 12, 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.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-14 to acknowledge the receipt of preliminary tax requests from political subdivisions granted levy authority from the board. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-14 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmit then presented Resolution 25-15 to establish a fund for Keno within the county. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-15 was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Jerald Stewart two 60,000 bu grain bins, Patrick Zavadil 21,000 bu grain bin, Greg Sudbeck moving in an 8,000 bu grain bin, Michael Schmitz 36x52 house. Gobel also presented information on Nelson's Brother's Second Subdivision for a partial road vacation. It is a dead-end road that two property owners have agreed to vacate. Motion to direct Road Superintendent Schmidt to complete a road study on the subdivision road adjacent to lots 1-3 of the subdivision was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the hazard mitigation plan that has been approved by FEMA that needs to be adopted by the board. Resolution 25-16 to adopt the hazard mitigation plan was read by Clerk Schmit. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-16 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was held on the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network which is a closed data circuit within the state. Cedar County had signed an agreement five years ago to be a part of this. The county currently uses Hartelco just as economically as the NRIN for public safety purposes. There is no clear advantage or disadvantage, as well as no cost to the county. The board agreed to renew the membership. Garvin then asked for board approval to provide assistance to Dixon County for the Ponca Expo in September. The board agreed this was mutually beneficial and granted approval.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a map with a very small portion of road on 889 road and a landowner that needs a 911 address. Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, stated we can't have a road running north and south as well as east and west so the best option would be to name this small portion 889.5 Road. Motion to approve the renaming of this section of road 889.5 Road was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then presented one right of way permit for District 3 and gave an update on the fiberoptic crews.

Clerk Schmit shared information on behalf of the transit system regarding the application process for new vans that is now available. Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, will bring her application for approval in September and plans to apply for the purchase of seven vans to replace the highest mileage vans.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented her report on the distress warrant listing. Of the forty warrants issued, there is only one that remains uncollected.

Steve Hassler, Deric Anderson, and Neil Blohm, supervisors from Dixon County were present to discuss the road closure on the Dixon County line. The supervisors shared what the consensus was from their board after their public hearing, that the road hadn't been used for fifty years so they didn't feel it was necessary to resurrect it. Discussion was held on what would be considered "open range." This would leave the road established, put a gate across it, and the road would remain open. County Attorney Ron Temple was consulted to ask questions about liability and gated roads. Motion to table the discussion to allow the attorneys from both counties time to discuss the matter was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote with Donner voting no.

Annual inventories were reviewed and signed by the board.

Monthly reports were reviewed by the board.

Discussion was then held on the budget, tax request, and joint public hearing requirements.

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

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman