

September 9, 2025

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:00 AM and opened the Budget Hearing for the Fiscal year 2025-2026 as advertised in the legal newspapers of the County. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and answer questions regarding the budget.

At 8:30 AM the regular board 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 Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the August 26, 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.

County Assessor, Janel Heikes, presented several things for the board to review and approve. Motion to approve an accelerated personal property on statement 5562 was made by Meier, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Next was a tax exemption for parcel 7456.01 was presented because that parcel had been sold. Motion to approve the exemption was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Finally, Heikes presented her three year plan of assessment for approval by the board. Motion to approve the plan was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license for the Bow Valley Park Association for an event hosted at Noecker's Acres on October 4. Motion to approve the license was made by Donner, seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Joe & Leonarda Arens 36x46 addition, Eagle Roost Resort 20x40 in-ground pool, Gary Bottolfsen 33,000 bu grain bin, Tom Wiebelhaus 12x12 and 16x16 addition.

Discussion was opened on the county line road closure. Ron Temple had updated the board that he has not heard from the Dixon County Attorney. Jane Hoelsing was in attendance and read a letter to the commissioners regarding the closure of the road. Brief discussion was held on opening the road from the south side to gain access to the Hoelsing property. Chairman McGregor stated we will wait for the attorneys to get in touch with one another.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on the county bridge match program. The state will award \$4 million to counties and are asking for project proposals by the middle of October. Commissioners agreed to re-submit the same proposal of the two box culverts bundled together that was submitted last year.

Clerk Schmit read Resolution 25-17 for administration of the cafeteria plan. Motion to accept the resolution was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:00 AM, a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Donner, seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 10:45 AM, a motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Official reports were reviewed, and the following claims were reviewed and approved for payment. With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 215,335.54; 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 925.67; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,938.97; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,790.16; Security Bank 14,843.92; Security Bank 32,531.24; Appera 102.98; Connie Arens 243.78; Arts Garbage 229.50; Bank of Hartington 29.95; Ben Beckman 505.40; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 124.95; BLK Hills Energy 253.73; Bruce Blatchford 810.00; Bomgaars 251.89; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 176.00; Cedar Co. Court 187.00; Cedar Co. Court 24.97; Cedar Co. Treasurer 400,000.00; CKPP 335.00; City of Hart. 545.59; City of Hartington 125.00; Climate Systems Inc. 1,195.50; Gail Curry 96.86; D&J Variety 24.97; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,612.80; Double A Lawn Care 700.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,523.03; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 880.15; Royce Fairley 97.00; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 117.12; Ryan Fettig 128.90; Floor Maint. & Supply 401.46; Food Town 1,178.82; Andrew Gothier 96.86; Gov Connections Inc. 48.14; Megan Hanefeldt 428.40; Hartelco 1,797.77; Hartelco Tele. 800.00; Hartington Ace 52.97; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 46.57; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 1,189.31; HWY 84 Auto Wash 108.50; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jamie Miller Legal Serv. 1,502.80; Janelle Gubbels 356.78; Jonathan Publishing 150.00; Kathleen Jorgensen 968.50; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 1,233.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 720.00; Larry Koranda 15.00; Madison Co. Sheriff 162.95; Paul Meier 80.36; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; Misty Miranda 89.86; NACO 300.00; NACO 55.00; NPPD 3,157.93; Northeast NE News Co. 506.34; Olsons Pest Tech 147.70; Sally Opfer 212.90; Peitz GMC 81.21; Diane Pieper 221.89; Pip Marketing Signs Print 61.18; Pumps Tire Serv. 74.57; Quill Corp. 210.87; Randolph Farm Supply 96.30; Jill Rasmussen 96.86; Region 4

Behavioral Health System 6,948.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Anthony Sattlefield 176.80; Jennifer Schaible 58.50; Jessica Schmit 177.30; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Steffen Drug 45.13; Jackie Steffen 347.41; Tri-State Communications 186.00; US Cellular 448.73; Verizon 241.42; Veterans Info Serv. 70.00; Visual Edge IT 17.74; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,868.72; Voyager Fleet Systems 47.65; Janet Wiechelman 182.46; Winkelbauer Repair 260.57; Marla Wortmann 487.76; Marsha Wuebben 22.46; X-Pert Lawn 380.00

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 111,047.96; AFLAC 602.11; BCBS 42,335.20; Colonial Life 954.40; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,657.99; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,252.38; Sec. Bank 8,076.27; Sec. Bank 16,793.24; A-OX Welding 382.00; Appeara 450.61; Avera Med. Group 25.00; B's Enterprise 2,393.75.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 64,785.25; BLK Hills Energy 111.14; Bomgaars 1,772.48; Cap Gravel 37,455.30; CKPP Dist. 170.75; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 65.89; CVA 1,967.28; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 64.31; Coleridge Welding 36.34; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 410.47; Dendinger Trucking 5,617.88; Detlefsen Construction 11,375.00; Dinkels 567.81; Faith Reg. Physician Serv. 140.00; Farmers Union 16,594.30; Filter Care of NE. 182.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 188.00; Folkers Bros Garage 3,269.87; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 5,006.58; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 330.09; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,820.32; Jerrys Service 8,175.92; Knife River 59,783.97; Lammers Trailer Repair 545.79; LG Everist 39,612.18; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 10,219.60; Medical Enterprises 36.00; Menford Electric 160.00; Mid-American Research Chemical 1,641.31; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 817.87; NPPD 185.79; NMC Exchange 1,157.04; NMC Exchange 3,389.65; NMC Exchange 1,097.98; Nutrien AG Solutions 54.15; Peitz GMC Service 156.58; Pomp's Tire Service 1,110.14; R&B Landtiling 17,338.36; Randolph Farm Supply 1,677.42; Rath's Mini Mart 221.66; Road Builders 1,069.41; Schmitt Construction 20,100.00; S2 Roll Offs LLC 52.50; Top Crop 895.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 2,318.45; US Bank 453.41; US Cellular 393.35; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 148.15; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wiebelhaus Serv. 166.65; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 7,951.52; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 669.44; Wynot Oil 33,857.40

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 39,479.21; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 510.00; NE Dept Of Rev. 908.13; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,276.06; Sec. Bank 1,549.37; Sec. Bank 5,945.74; Appeara 95.26; BLK Hills Energy 120.46; City of Hart. 211.12; Climate Systems Inc. 1,512.00; Farmers Union 6,879.21; Folkers Bros Garage 1,762.65; Hartelco 66.60; Hartington Post Office 106.00; NPPD 207.43; Northeast NE News Co. 53.00; NP Mart 445.95; Nikki Pinkelman 93.75; Randolph Farm Supply 47.95; Rath's Mini Mart 138.46; Verizon Wireless 1,348.74; X-Pert Lawn 910.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: OPTK Networks 802.12; South Sioux City Police Dept. 39,420.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Madison Co. Jail 1,200.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 3,093.62

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Batteries Plus Bulbs 384.19; Fastwyre Broadband 155.00; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 440.36; Lexipol 334.18; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; Sante Fe Dist. 576.68

E911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman