

January 13, 2026

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 am and the meeting was called to order by County Clerk Jessica Schmit per Statute 23-274 as advertised, with Mike Meier, David McGregor and Dick Donner answering roll call. Statement was made that open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Schmit called for a motion for Board Chairman. Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to appoint Dick Donner as chairman. Voting: Meier, yes; Donner, yes; McGregor, yes. Motion carried. Motion by Donner to nominate Meier as vice chairman was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve minutes for the December 23, 2025 meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Board member appointments were discussed as listed below with the only change being transit removed as an appointment. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the board appointments as discussed. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

District One: Region IV Northstar Disabilities, Missouri River Advisory Group, and National Scenic River.

District Two: Region IV Mental Health and Northeast Nebraska Public Health Board

District Three: Landfill and solid waste, Goldenrod Hills, HUD and Northeast Area on Aging.

The following appointments were read by Chairman Donner and then a motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to retain the appointments as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Carla Schmidt as Road Supt.

Kevin Garvin as Emergency Management and Communications Director

Justin Heikes as part-time Weed Supt.

Tim Gobel as Zoning Administrator

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to designate the Cedar County News, Laurel Advocate and Randolph Times and Cedar County Web Site as the legal newspapers for Cedar County. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to retain current time and days for meetings being the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:30 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the following depositories: Bank of Hartington; Citizens State Bank Belden; First State Bank of Randolph; Security Bank of Laurel, Coleridge, Hartington; Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Hartington; and Cedar Security Bank Hartington, Fordyce and Wynot. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the following legal holidays for 2026. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

January 1 st	New Years Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King Day
3 rd Monday in February	Presidents Day
1/2 Day April 3 rd	Good Friday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
June 19 th	Juneteenth
July 3 rd for July 4 th on Saturday	Independence Day
1 st Monday in September	Labor Day
2 nd Monday in October	Columbus Day
November 11 th	Veterans Day
4 th Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
4 th Friday in November	Day after Thanksgiving
1/2 Day December 24 th	Christmas Eve
December 25 th	Christmas

Motion was then made by Donner and seconded by Meier to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 72.5 cents per mile traveled doing county business as directed by the State Auditor's Office. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Y & Y Contract was discussed and signed as accepted.

Clerk Schmit presented an SDL from All Saints Church for a February 20 fish fry. Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the SDL. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the vehicle tax exemption applications from Cedar Catholic and East & West Catholic. The applications were approved and signed by Chairman Donner. She also presented letters from out of county institutions to be depositories and that was briefly discussed but it was agreed to keep all of the county's banking business within Cedar County.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Tim Nissen 50,000 bu grain bin, Bryan Kalin 18x60 cattle facility, Mark Folkers 30x30 honey kitchen.

Clerk Schmit presented the changes for the personnel handbook as discussed with the personnel handbook committee and approved by County Attorney, Ron Temple. The updated policies were discussed and motion to approve the changes was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Employees will receive a new handbook and will be asked to sign a receipt.

Road Supt., Carla Schmidt presented the board with a summary of the overtime hours worked by their respective crews in 2025. Discussion was held on the information Schmidt gathered on cameras for road equipment. The quote from Verizon was \$1,800 a month for all semi trucks and motor graders. It was decided to look for additional vendors. She also discussed the annual safety meeting for the road department scheduled for Wednesday, February 4. There is a LTAP bridge conference in April Schmidt will be attending. 1 & 6 year hearings will be held at the February 10 meeting as well as bidding gravel for 2026. Motor grader training was discussed. The box culvert in District 1 is ready for the road grading and they hope to have the road open later this week.

Resolution 26-1 was discussed and read by Clerk Schmit. Motion to approve Resolution 26-1 was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed from the various offices as presented to the board.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to enter executive session at 10:30 AM to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:38 AM a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to exit executive session. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

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

GENERAL FUND: AFLAC 1,616.70; BCBS 62,445.53; First Concord 2,015.84; Lincoln Nat. Life Inc. 923.41; Nationwide Retirement 50.00; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empowerment Retirement 3,955.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 9,971.55; Retirement Plans of Div. Ameritas 31,398.34; Security Bank 65,875.42; Security Bank/HSA 3,762.50; Air Data UAV Inc 240.00; Appeara 146.37; Art Kathol Appliance 170.00; AT & T 188.65; Batteries Plus Bulbs 135.34; BLK Hills Energy 160.06; Blue Media 205.53; Bomgaars 31.57; Bound Tree Medical 62.27; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 36.00; Cedar Co. Court 85.00; Cedar County Sheriff 259.51; Cedar County Treasurer 500,000.00; Cedar County Treasurer 6,500.00; CKPP 386.79; City of Hart. 301.39; Climate Systems 1,195.50; CVSOAN 100.00; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 537.60; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 657.00; Dell Marketing 61.58; Dodge Co. 3,824.00; Eakes Office Sol. 2,119.18; Faith Regional Health Serv. 286.71; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 35.0; Fischer Feed & Supply 514.00; Floor Maintenance & Supply 244.10; Food Town 1,887.00; Forvis Mazars 6,500.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC, LLO 1,181.60; Gov Connection 438.95; Hampton Inn-Kearney 124.95; Hanson Brothers Parts & Services 144.39; Hartelco 1,968.57; Hartelco Telecommunications 200.00; Hartington Ace 19.98; Hartington Chamber of Commerce 50.00; Hartington Public Library 13,500.00; Hartington Truck & Auto 54.47; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 234.25; Home 2 Suites – Kearney 2,623.95; Home for Funerals 3,436.63; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Incident Management Team Association 85.00; Jackie Steffen 274.40; Janet Wiechelman 389.20; Jean Wiebelhaus 364.00; Jenny Sage 100.00; Kardell's Auto 2,250.82; Kathy Uhl 92.32; Keith Sudbeck 39.20; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 1,365.26; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; Kevin Garvin 49.99; Lancaster Co. Sheriff 18.73; Laura White 21.00; Laurel Public Library 3,500.00; Laurel Hometown Market 225.00; Mahaska 148.00; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Mid State Pro Crime Info Center 100.00; MIPS 4,017.81; NACO 75.00;

NACVSO 50.00; National Sheriff's Assoc 125.00; NE Assoc of Clerk of Dist Court 50.00; NE Assoc of Co Assessors 100.00; NE Assoc of Emerg. Management 75.00; NE Dev Network-NE 75.00; NE Health and Human Serv. 180.00; NPPD 2,839.49; NE State Bar Assoc 280.00; NE Comm College 565.50; Northeast NE News Co. 211.69; NSA/POAN Conf. 30.00; Olson's Pest Tech 203.85; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Randolph Farm Supply 67.50; Randolph Public Library 7,500.00; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Ron Temple 388.00; Sanford Health 2,728.00; Steffen Drug 666.14; US Bank 112.46; US Postal Serv. 10,000.00; US Cellular 298.28; Verizon 578.52; Voyager Fleet Syst. 106.01; Voyager Fleet Systems 1,913.44; Wayne Sheriff Office 37.50; Winkelbauer Repair 92.68; Wintz Funeral Home 3,500.00; X-Pert Lawn 490.00

ROAD FUND: BCBS 46,325.20, Colonial Life 100.01, Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 6,546.99, Security Bank 7,611.97; A-OX Welding 42.53; Appeara 456.70; Avera Medical Grp. 150.00; B's Enterprises 233.00; \ BLK Hills Eng. 1,375.57; Bomgaars 1,145.76; Bow Creek Disel 30.00; Boyer Ridge Manufacturing 61,925.00; Cap Gravel 96,839.46; Carhart Lumber 39.88; Carlson Home & Auto 1,309.75; CKPP Dist. 1,358.93; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 68.87; City of Hart 129.60; City of Laurel 127.27; City of Randolph 120.99; CNH Industrial Acct. 209.53; Coleridge Welding 1,816.25; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 155.09; Cornhusker Inter. Truck 152.00; Dakota Alignment & Frame 757.34; Double C Inc. 1,137.50; Farmers Union 9,730.20; Filter Care of NE 316.85; Fischer Feed 573.00; Folkers Bros Garage 1,623.72; Gothier Body Shop 232.50; Gov Connection 105.64; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.51; Grossenburg Imp. 4,331.59; H&K Oil 1,904.50; Hansen Brothers Parts & Services 2,379.40; Hartelco 259.84; Hartington Ace Hardware 32.56; Hartington Truck & Suto Parts 687.83; Hefner Oil & Feed 5,447.86; Jennifer Suing 184.00; Jerry's Service 2,311.04; Kimball Midwest 315.90; Krain Creek Fabrication 370.38; Laurel True Value 160.18; Laurel Welding 2,355.57; Lawson Products 450.38; Leiting Auto Supply 612.78; LG Everist Inc. 64,352.10; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 15,682.40; MM Rentals 1,320.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 3,582.18; Napa Auto Parts of Yankton 267.95; NPPD 241.74; NMC Exchange 16,770.82; NMC Exchange 2,259.55; NMC Exchange 3,030.40; NE Glass 1,250.00; Pearson Motor Co. 1,474.53; Peitz GMC Service 1,818.95; Pomp's Tire Service 2,786.10; Randolph Farm Supply 2,499.86; Rath's Mini Mart 375.97; Riverside Hydraulics Inc. 261.63; Road Builders 1,428.12; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Spencer Quarries 5,492.61; Stern Oil 8,644.47; Truck Center Co-Norfolk 1,961.98; US Bank 133.50; US Cellular 415.84; Verizon 131.70; Village of Wynot 115.70; Voyager Fleet Syst. 65.41; Wattier True Value 108.89; Wiechelman Repair Inc 5,235.15; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 350.14; Wynot Oil 9,424.29

BRIDGE FEDERAL AID: A&R Construction 210,284.24

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: BCBS 7,058.84, Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 2,862.35, Security Bank 3,257.92; Security/ HSA 300.00; Anderson Body Shop 319.65; Appeara 98.26; BLK Hills Energy 443.63; City of Hartington 88.27; Farmers Union 5,519.42; Folkers Bros Garage 293.92; Hartelco 68.60; Leise Lawn Care 437.50; NPPD 106.10; Nikki Pinkelman 80.00; NP Mart 347.78; Olson's Pest Tech 75.00; Rath's Mini Mart 20.21; US Bank 229.22; Verizon Wireless 1,726.50

DIVERSION PROGRAM: Blue Media 407.34

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Madison Co. Jail 1,008.27; State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,719.21

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 441.72; NE NEB. Tele 353.26; Pierce Tele 291.70

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 130.48; Motorola 9,877.10; Trittech Software Syst. 5,633.84

ATTEST:


Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Richard Donner, Board Chairman