

January 27, 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 as advertised, with Mike Meier, David McGregor, and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also present, County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman Donner 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 January 13 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.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, discussed the option of receiving partial payments with the board. Motion to not allow the acceptance of partial payments was made by McGregor seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. She also alerted the board there was a bad check written to transit that they will have to write off.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permit for Ray Moser, a 24x48' cabin shed. Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

Clerk Schmit presented a SDL for American Legion Post 128 for a wedding reception at the Menominee Hall on April 25. Motion by Donner, second by McGregor to approve SDL. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, discussed the annual safety meeting will be held at the VFW. She is advertising for gravel bids to be opened February 10, 2026. The public hearing for the 1 & 6 year plan is also at that meeting. Schmidt then provided the commissioners with their bridge reports.

The extension office provided their annual update to the board.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, provided the board with an update on her budget and discussed potential grant opportunities she is exploring. She also presented the Title VI Federal Transit Administration Program that has been updated by the state. Motion to approve the Title VI for Transit was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Commissioner McGregor gave a report from the Area on Aging meeting he attended. The county's contribution to the Agency is not changing for this year.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation was made at 11:04 AM by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:43 AM 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. Chairman Donner stated the collection efforts on gravel for fiberoptic permits is in the hands of the County Attorney.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made at 11:46 AM by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made at 12:47 PM by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to align the payment of overtime with Fair Labor Standards Act for the Road Department was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:52 PM.

The board reconvened at 2:03 PM. Motion was made by Donner at 2:03 to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made at 2:49 PM by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken. With no further business or agenda items, the following claims were reviewed and approved for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL: Net Wages 170,557.23; Aflac 1,616.70; BCBS 62,445.53; First Concord 2,015.84; Lincoln National 909.10; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empower 4,752.85; NE Dept of Rev 10,342.81; Retirement Plans 33,157.78; EFTPS 69,647.66; HSA Contrib 3,762.50.

ROAD: Net Wages 77,839.18; BCBS 46,325.20; Retirement Plans 6,653.21; EFTPS 7,731.50.

TRANSIT: Net wages 26,878.57; BCBS 7,058.84; Retirement Plans 2,238.94; EFTPS 2,448.13, HSA Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner  
Richard Donner, Board Chairman