

March 10, 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 February 24, 2026 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.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed and approved by the board.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following conditional use permits: Vertical Bridge dba Towers, LLC for a wireless communication tower 315' tall with a 75' perimeter fence at the base. Motion to approve the conditional use permit was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Three other conditional use permits were presented to split acreages off as follows: Joey Tramp 7.19 acres, Roger Janssen 6.28 acres, Matt Potts 5.0 acres. Motion to approve these conditional use permits was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Building permits were presented as follows: Jacob Siebrandt moving in an accessory dwelling, Steve Noecker 36x84 hoop barn, Marvin Nordhues 60x80 shop, Larry Tweedy attached garage, Gary Kaiser replacement roof on a shed.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a summary from the safety meeting yesterday. Motor grader training was discussed. Schmidt then presented her report on the section of 562 Avenue she was directed to study. This road has been fenced for many years and has no vehicular use. Her recommendation is to vacate the road and the formal process to do that will begin with advertisement for the public hearing. Schmidt reported that the final payment for the 2019 bomb cyclone from FEMA and NEMA has been received. The final deposit was made into the bond fund.

Heidi Borg, Agricultural Liasson for Congressmen Adrian Smith's office provided an update to the board.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss updates and upgrades required to the emergency infrastructure. The most emergent is the paging system used for Fire and EMS but the dispatch console is also nearing end of life for tech support and parts. Discussion was held on how to start preparing for these purchases now and in the next budget year. Garvin then presented the idea to build a structure at the tower site to protect the extra coax cable in our inventory from the elements.

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

GENERAL FUND: Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empowerment Retirement 4,355.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 10,491.0; Retirement Plans of Div. Ameritas 32,263.08; Security Bank 68,010.96; Security Bank/HSA 3,762.50; AFLAC 1,616.70; BCBS 62,445.53; First Concord 2,015.84; Lincoln Nat. Life Inc. 906.17; Appeara 97.58; Art Kathol Appliance 188.40; AT & T 2.12; BLK Hills Energy 291.36; Bomgaars 450.97; Brite 7,879.00; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Carhart Lumber 172.06; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 75.00; Cedar Co. Court 34.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 500,000.00; CKPP 310.00; Chad Reiman 205.90; City of Hart. 301.62; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 582.00; Des Moines Stamp 42.65; Dixon Co. Sheriff's Office 37.25; Eakes Office Sol. 268.44; Farm & Home Publishers LTD 405.00 Farmers Union Gas & Oil 105.61; Feilmeier Elct. 5,793.28; Fischer Feed & Supply 73.50; Folkers Bros Garage 806.73; Food Town 1,545.57; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 872.95; Forvis Mazars 5,000.00; Gov Connection Inc 687.47; Hartelco 1,888.96; Hartington Ace Hardware 53.01; Hartington Tree 3,200.00; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 128.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jackie Steffen 63.60; Jan x 129.04; Janet Wiechelman 519.39; Jim's Food Center 175.00; Kardell's Auto 293.90; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 5,335.58; Kevin Garvin 86.87; Laurel Hometown Market 50.00; Leise Lawn Care 3,00.00; Lynn Peavey Company 37.97; MAHASKA 64.00; Megan Hanefeldt 170.18; Michelle Loecker 180.70; MIPS 11,735.87; Missouri Sedimentation Action COA 1,000.00; NACEB 100.00; NACO 270.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 100.00; NE Health and Human Serv. 186.00; NPPD 3,559.62; NE Sheriff's Association 200.00; NE Neb. RC&D 2,000.00; Northeast NE News Co. 1,325.28; Olson's Pest Tech 73.85; Peitz Serv. Inc 85.40; Pictometry Int. Corp 58,309.88; Rick Noecker 51.45; Riverside Tech. 4,234.88; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Ron Lundahl 87.70; Sally Opfer 36.25; Sanford Health 2,461.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 180.00; Steffen Drug 15.18; Terry Pinkelman 68.85; Thomas West 1,442.00; Total Fire & Sec. 580.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 325.00; US Bank 41.88; US Cellular 358.49; Verizon 241.64; Visual Edge IT Inc 42.55; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,664.04; Winkelbauer Repair 155.53; Wintz Funeral Home 720.00

ROAD FUND: Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 7,948.99; Security Bank 9,103.68; BCBS 46,325.20; A-OX Welding 44.99; Anderson Body Shop 757.99; Appeara 466.70; Art Kathol Appliance 226.97; B's Enterprises 9,861.25; Benjie Steffen 60.00; BLK Hills Energy 2,555.76; Bomgaars 1,392.86; Bow Valley Machine 165.00; Cap Gravel 21,641.59; Carlson Home & Auto 1,365.00; CKPP Dist. 885.61; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 61.59; City of Hart 135.20; City of Laurel 66.59; City of Randolph 54.52; Coleridge Welding 138.88; Dendinger Trucking Inc. 5,555.44; Faith Regional Health Serv. 105.00; Farmers Union 12,000.15; Filter Care of NE 486.65; Folkers Bros Garage 4,692.57; Food Town 50.57; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 340.60; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.39; Grossenburg Imp. 1,964.33; Hansen Bros Partys & Serv. 1,926.88; Hartelco 260.10; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 407.24; Hefner Oil & Feed 15,935.83; Jerry's Service 4,941.36; Kimball Midwest 297.12; Lammers Trailers 6,388.55; Laurel True Value 40.46; Lawson Products 771.30; Leiting Auto Supply 41.56; LG Everist Inc. 53,553.30; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 59,901.15; Mark Stratman 61.00; Menford Elect. 1,272.98; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 141.29; NPPD 383.63; NMC Exchange 9,427.06; NMC Exchange 15,703.10; NE Glass 518.00; Poms Tire Serv. 3,152.71; R&R Serv. 331.85; Randolph Farm Supply 1,874.74; Rath's Mini Mart 149.45; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Spencer Quarries 16,860.94; Titan Machinery-Yankton 764.43; Truck Center Co-Norfolk 6,565.77; Truck Trailer Sales & Serv. Inc 3,447.46; US Cellular 415.81; Village of Wynot 117.24; Voyager Fleet Systems 245.14; Waste Connections of NE 33.00; Wattier True Value 73.73; Wiebelhaus Serv. 65.43; Wiechelman Repair Inc 253.23; Wynot Oil 5,562.94

Diversion Program: Jacks Uniform & Equip. 293.90

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 2,543.55; Security Bank 2,862.18; Security/HSA 300.00; BCBS 7,058.84; Appeara 98.36; BLK Hills Eng. 1,525.21; City of Hartington 95.20; Farmers Union 4,947.29; Hartelco 68.60; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts Inc 373.64; NPPD 113.41; Nikki Pinkelman 46.31; NP Mart 24 74.30; Tri State Turf & Irr. 150.00; US Bank 129.67; Verizon Wireless 790.50

HOMELAND SECURITY: OPTK Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,809.45

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Equature 4,650.00; Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Gov. Connection 202.73; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 441.72; Kardell's Auto 327.91; Motorola 48,055.00; NE NEB. Tele 353.26; Tri-State Comm. 300.00

E911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman