

March 24, 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 McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the March 10, 2026 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, Janelle Heikes, presented an accelerated tax statement that was reviewed and approved.

After a brief discussion and nomination by the tourism board, a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to appoint Megan Wortmann to the Cedar County Tourism Board. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Commissioner McGregor gave a report on the Area on Aging and monthly reports were reviewed.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Joe Noecker 2,500 sq ft house and a 70x40' machine shed, Richard Junck 13,000 grain bin, Neil Feilmeier 12x30' greenhouse.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the resolution setting the public hearing date at April 28th at 10:15 AM for the closure of 562 Ave as reported on by Schmidt at the last meeting. Motion to pass the Resolution 26-4 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. She also gave an update on the portion of 576 Ave in precinct 21 discussed last year as we should be able to move forward with the closure of that road at the next meeting. Schmidt presented the board with the Federal Funds Purchase Program receipts from the state as well as current fund balance. Deposits were as follows: Bridge \$258,437.01 and STP \$173,810.41.

At 9:30 AM, the public hearing was opened for the Santee Sioux Nation at Shop EZ for a change from a Class B to a Class D liquor license. Discussion was held on the liquor excise tax. Motion to approve the change to the license for Shop EZ was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

John with NMC presented the new skid loader leases for districts 1 and 2. The new lease is for \$9,450.00. Skid loaders will be delivered in April.

At 10:00 AM, bids were opened for the chip-seal project for District 3. One bid was received from Midwest Coatings Company. Motion by McGregor to table the bid letting was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) with the main position open being Public Information Officer. Garvin asked the board to consider individuals to fulfill this role. Discussion was held on the Deputy Emergency Management Director being filled by mutual aid from neighboring counties.

Riverside Technologies, Inc. was present to do their annual business review. Discussion was held on the status of our technology infrastructure and what will need to be updated in the near-term.

Motion to enter executive motion to discuss personnel matters was made at 11:15 AM by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 12:08 PM, motion was made to recess for lunch by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 1:20 PM, the board reconvened into executive session to continue discussion with a motion by Donner and a second by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 2:55 PM, McGregor made a motion to exit executive session and was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the report of delinquent taxes, seeking approval to hold those parcels as county tax sales. She also reported that there were no properties sold the day of the tax sale. Finally, there was one parcel held as county tax sale she was requesting permission to turn over to the county attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings.

Motion to enter executive session was made at 3:10 PM by McGregor and seconded by Donner to finish discussing personnel matters. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier at 3:36 PM 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 reviewed and approved for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL: Net Wages 157,151.09; Aflac 1,616.70; BCBS 60,217.80; First Concord 2,015.84; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empower 4,355.00; NE Dept of Rev 9,653.11; Retirement Plans 30,733.70; EFTPS 63,900.54; HSA Contrib 3,762.50.

ROAD: Net Wages 80,982.90; BCBS 44,097.47; Retirement Plans 6,974.75; EFTPS 8,050.96.

TRANSIT: Net wages 26,429.49; BCBS 7,058.84; Retirement Plans 2,210.95; EFTPS 2,485.25, HSA Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman