

April 14, 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 March 24, 2026 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented an accelerated tax statement for parcel 7463. Motion to approve the tax correction was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Heikes also presented 16 tax corrections due to the state auditing homestead exemptions. Motion to approve all 16 corrections was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license on behalf of Nissen Wine for a wine tasting on June 23 in conjunction with the bike ride coming through Hartington. Motion to approve the SDL was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Fee reports were reviewed by the board.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on the chip-seal bid opened at the last meeting. After a brief discussion, motion to reject the bid from Midwest Coatings was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt had received notice that the township in Dixon County did not want to take the section of 576 Ave proposed to be closed in Precinct 21. Therefore, the county is able to move forward with the road closure. Schmidt presented resolution 26-05 to formally close that section of road. Motion to approve Resolution 26-05 was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then opened discussion on the 562 road closure as she received a written request to close more of that road than previously discussed. The process for a constituent to start the road closure process was discussed and will be communicated by Schmidt.

Discussion was held on 891 Road going east from the Wynot spur towards the county shop and on towards St. James. Terry Pinkelman was in attendance to discuss this road and the standing agreement in place. He was asking if the county would be willing to change the agreement and split the cost with the Village of Wynot. Donner stated he would like to visit with the asphalt company doing the work in Wynot before any change to the agreement is made.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Matt Lundahl 167,500 bu bin, Duane Schantz 40x60 pole building, Troy Young 40x100' pole building, Scott Becker 1,500 sq ft house, Matthew Pinkelman 30x40 steel frame shop, Tim Bearens 10x21 canopy. The following conditional use permits were presented: Ryan Lammers split 5.79 acres for a new house, Craig & Tina Sharpe split 5 acres for a house, Eileen Kusel splitting off existing house with 5 acres, Riley Drahota split 5 acres for a house. Motion to approve all of the conditional use permits was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelmann, came before the board to discuss the current contract with Maximus for reimbursing indirect costs associated with the district court. Discussion was then held on purchasing a printer and camera to take photos for passports.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented Resolution 26-06 to establish the emergency management department to include in the county's disaster plan. Motion to pass the resolution was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. RTI Quotes for Spam and Phishing Security as well as security awareness training were considered. It was agreed to deploy the Titan Email filter at this time.

Motion to enter executive motion to discuss personnel matters was made at 10:52 AM by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 11:46 AM, motion was made to recess for lunch by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 12:35 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 2:20 PM, McGregor made a motion to exit executive session and was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. After exiting executive session, Chairman Donner called for a motion to appoint Ashley Gowery as Transit Manager. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier.

Brief discussion was held with the road superintendent about the part-time sign tech position.

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. 9,653.11; Retirement Plans of Div. Ameritas 30,733.70; Security Bank 63,900.54; Security Bank/HSA 3,762.50; AFLAC 1,616.70; BCBS 60,217.80; First Concord 2,015.84; Appera 146.37; AT & T 1.05; B&B Locker 625.00; Ben Boeckman 23.93; BLK Hills Energy 135.44; Bomgaars 100.20; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cara Wiebelhaus 116.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 72.00; Cedar Co. Court 34.00; CKPP 304.93; Cen Tec Cast Metal Products 1,438.11; City of Hart. 394.65; Creamer Auctions 5,500.00; Cummins Sales & Serv. 4,302.18; CVSOAN 60.00; Dan Lipp 90.60; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 1,285.00; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 1,075.20; Dodge Co. 3,824.00; Don Dendinger 34.80; Eakes Office Sol. 2,024.56; Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, LLC 2,168.50; Election Software 758.16; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 292.56; Feilmeier Elct. 125.00; Food Town 1,448.23; Freedom Rentals 1,500.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC 869.40; Gene Dickes 50.73; Gov Connection Inc 324.71; Groves Emergency Lighting 3,351.45; Hansen Brothers Parts & Serv. 18,332.67; Hartelco 1,854.58; Hartington Ace Hardware 49.95; Hartington Post Office 3,080.00; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 8.49; Heartland Radar 270.00; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 199.25; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniform & Equip. 131.90; Jackie Steffen 199.69; Jan x 484.08; Janelle Heikes 106.16; Janet Wiechelmann 110.68; Jean Wiebelhaus 72.50; Jessica Schmit 213.15; Jim Kvolts 29.00; Jim's Food Center 25.00; Joe Zimmerman 21.75; John Steffen 55.80; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 5,335.58; Landmark Surveying 1,890.00; Madison Co. Sheriff 39.84; MAHASKA 56.00; Martin's Flag Co. 1,750.54; Megan Hanefeldt 98.60; Mick Wiepen 79.00; MIPS 4,873.01; NE Assoc of Clerks of Dist. Court 75.00; NE Health and Human Serv. 186.00; NPPD 2,853.51; NE Sheriff's Association 200.00; NE Neb. Economic Dev. Dis 930.00; Northeast NE News Co. 2,499.34; NE Weed Man. 100.00; Olson's Pest Tech 73.85; Physicians Lab PC 2,000.00; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Randolph Farm Supply 885.40; Region 4 Behavioral Health Syst. 6,948.50; Region IV 3,195.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Stand Becker 52.18; Steffen Drug 5.82; Terry Pinkelman 68.85; Tri-State Comm. 1,464.67; Tyler Tech. 951.88; US Bank 1,972.99; US Cellular 360.13; Verizon 342.07; Visual Edge IT Inc 18.14; Voyager Fleet Syst. 49.15; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,226.76; E-Pert Lawn 200.00

ROAD FUND: Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 6,974.75, Security Bank 8,050.96; BCBS 44,097.47; A-OX Welding 41.46; A&R Cpnst. 31,326.70; Appera 489.08; Avera Med. Grp. 95.00; B's Enterprises 27,575.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 3,066.28; BLK Hills Energy 693.09; Bomgaars 1,807.02; Cap Gravel 19,170.29; Carhart Lumber 57.99; Carla Schmidt 513.25; CKPP Dist. 680.93; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 68.87; City of Hart 135.80; City of Laurel 68.21; City of Randolph 73.30; Coleridge Welding 23.42; Cornhusker Int. Truck 5,894.92; Dendinger Trucking Inc. 6,800.50; Farmers Union 260.09; Filter Care of NE 46.35; Folkers Bros Garage 19,095.34; Great Plains Comm. 353.39; Grossenburg Imp. 1,480.92; Hansen Bros Partys & Serv.

833.32; Hartelco 259.77; Hefner Oil & Feed 14,653.21; Jerry's Service 10,151.84; Kayton Int. Crofton 64.30; Lammers Trailers 7,230.81; Laurel True Value 161.51; Laurel Welding 2,640.82; Leiting Auto Supply 280.43; LG Everist Inc. 27,337.88; Medical Enterprises 18.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 1,352.82; NAPA Auto Parts Yankton 100.15; NPPD 166.99; NMC Exchange 413.96; NMC Exchange 6,437.65; NE Glass 1,938.00; Paul's Welding 40.92; Peitz GMC Serv. 1,494.63; P&E 19.50; Randolph Farm Supply 6,564.32; Raths Mini Mart 333.27; Riverside Hydraulics 3,877.65; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Signature Sewer Pumping 300.00; Stern Oil 2,440.20; The Dirt Man 8,320.50; US Bank 935.46; US Cellular 409.15; Verizon 240.06; Village of Wynot 117.00; Voyager Fleet Systems 157.69; Waste Connections of NE 32.00; Wattier True Value 4.36; Wiebelhaus Serv. 324.65; Wiechelmann Repair Inc 3,750.78; Wynot Oil 17,237.75
CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 2,210.95; Security Bank 2,485.25; Security/HSA 300.00; BCBS 7,058.84; Appeara 147.29; City of Hartington 95.20; Farmers Union 5,669.88; Folkers Bros Garage 1,042.80; Hansen Locksmithing 353.00; Hartelco 68.60; Hefner Oil & Feed 48.30; Leise Lawn Care 125.00; NPPD 106.65; NP Mart 24 92.00; Randolph Farm Supply 58.00; Rath's Mini Mart 73.72; Verizon Wireless 927.30; X-Pert Lawn 308.00
DIVSERION PROGRAM: Hartelco 657.89
HOMELAND SECURITY: OPTK Networks 802.12
INHERITANCE TAX FUND: State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,560.30
ENHANCED 911 FUND: Electronic Engineering 1,660.00; Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Gov. Connection 427.01; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 444.45; Hartington Truck & Auto 96.68; Kardell's Auto 327.90; NE NEB. Tele 353.26; Platte Valley Comm. 240.00; Tri-State Comm. 210.00; US Bank 116.75
E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 391.44; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman

