

April 28, 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 April 14, 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 personal property tax statement for parcel 5047. Motion to approve the tax correction was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented a report on behalf of the tourism board. Grants were approved by the board for the Tour de Nebraska, Whispering Prairie Pine Cabins, LLC, and Bow Valley Scheutzenfest for \$1,000 each for advertising efforts. A brick & mortar grant was awarded to Logan Creek Vintage & Thrift for new signage in the amount of \$2,204.55. Schmit stated these grants would be included in the claims to be paid at the first meeting in May.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Darvin Johnson 50x50 pole barn, Roger Hahne 30x24 commodity shed addition, Todd Hahne 50x31 shop and 50x33 shouse, Haymaker Farms 48x24 horse barn, Robert Brummels 7x36' bin replacement, Jason Harmelink 40x48 storage shed.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on upcoming NDOT projects impacting the county's gravel roads. Mowing responsibilities at Brooky Bottom, Wiseman Monument, and Wynot road shop was discussed. Donner will follow up.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the county's life insurance and short term disability benefit currently offered and options moving forward. The board asked Schmit to get more information on options for better coverage without increasing premiums.

Committee reports were given by McGregor on Northeast Nebraska Area on Aging, Meier on the Public Health Board, and Donner on NorthStar/Region IV.

Clerk Schmit presented the option of offering NACO's group dental and vision options at the cost of the employee. After a brief discussion, a motion to offer the group vision and dental policies at the employee's cost was made by McGregor, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 9:30 AM, bids were opened on the payloaders for District 1. Four bids were received. Chairman Donner stated he would consider all bids.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the draft of the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) to the board. Discussion was held on tower inspections coming due on the three towers owned by the county. Obert, Brooky Bottom, Bow Valley, and Magnet are the four outdoor sirens that are operated by the county. These are due for preventative maintenance this year.

At 10:17 AM, the public hearing was opened for the road closure on 562 Ave. Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the road closure again for those in attendance. After a brief discussion, a motion to pass Resolution 26-7 to formally close the road as proposed was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

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 164,444.39; Aflac 1,458.85; BCBS 62,766.48; First Concord 1,733.34; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empower 3,455.00; NE Dept of Rev 10,508.05; Retirement Plans 32,262.45; EFTPS 68,326.93; HSA Contrib 3,762.50.

ROAD: Net Wages 85,292.93; BCBS 41,869.74; Retirement Plans 7,261.39; EFTPS 8,489.33.

TRANSIT: Net wages 33,264.99; BCBS 1,961.48; Retirement Plans 2,783.12; EFTPS 3,154.74, HSA
Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman