

May 12, 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 April 28, 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.

Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes, came before the board to discuss issues in District 1 with brush in the road right-of-way, which will become a snow trap. The issue is not well-controlled currently because of concern for organic row crops. Discussion was held on how to notify constituents about the issue. The right of way is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain. Heikes will get an ad in the paper to help spread the word.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the group dental plan that was approved at the previous meeting, there are two options. The employee does not get to choose, the board needs to choose with option the county will offer. After a brief discussion on the differences in the plans, a motion to offer plan A for group dental was made by McGregor, seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Unfinished business pertaining to the life/disability policy currently paid by the county was then discussed with no action taken.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Donna Burbach enclosed porch and attached garage, Mike Pratt 16x12 front foyer and 16x16 storm shelter, Jason Arens 50,000 bu grain bin.

Commissioner Donner stated he is accepting the bid for the payloader from Murphy Tractor.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on 576 Ave between 884 and 885 Road. She presented Resolution 26-8 to close the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of road as presented. Motion to approve Resolution 26-8 was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. She then presented the gravel route for the bike ride BRAN coming up in June. Discussion was held on a plan submitted from Viaero Wireless for fiberoptic line south of Randolph. Box culvert projects are being worked on by the engineers, and the reclassification of standards for the Menominee bridge will be reviewed at their July meeting.

Clerk of District Court, Janet Wiechelman, presented information to the board about the passport photo service. She is hoping to have the service available by June 1. Commissioners suggested charging at least \$15. Discussion was held on the County having a social media page for communication purposes and ultimately was decided not to start that.

Motion to enter as Board of Equalization was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Assessor Janelle Heikes presented a late permissive exemption application from Building Blocks Early Childhood and Development Center. The commissioners had some questions that Heikes wanted to look into. She then presented the nursing facility exemptions based on the number of Medicaid beds for Randolph and Hartington. Motion to approve the nursing facility exemptions was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit board of equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the final draft of the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) to the board. Resolution 26-9 was presented to formally adopt the plan. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion to re-enter board of equalization was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Upon their questions being answered by Heikes, motion to approve the permissive exemption for Building Blocks was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit the board of equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. 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 FUND: Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empowerment Retirement 4,355.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 10,508.05; Retirement Plans of Div. Ameritas 32,262.45; Security Bank 68,326.93; Security Bank/HSA 3,762.50; AFLAC 1,458.85; BCBS 62,766.48; First Concord 1,733.34; Appera 97.58; AT & T 165.05; Austin Korth 79.00; Bank of Hartington 60.00; BLK Hills Energy 137.61; Bomgaars 68.20; Brogan Lamli Law 907.60; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cara Wiebelhaus 590.99; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 656.70; Cedar Co. Court 23.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 1,000,000.00; CKPP 280.00; Cen Tec Cast Metal Products 581.46; City of Hart. 293.97; Comfort Inn 404.85; Cummins Sales & Serv. 2,706.57; D&J 52.91; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 108.00; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 537.60; Des Moines Stamp 87.00; Double Lawn Care 100.00; Eakes Office Sol. 3,787.07; Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott 2,824.50; Egley, Fullner, Montah, Morland, Easlan 5, 767.82; Elections Systems; 5,662.27; Fairfield Inn 279.90; Farmers Union 156.77; Food Town 1,652.58; G Works 13,687.00; Gene Dickes 50.73; Gov Connection Inc 324.71372.73; Great Plains Reporting 185.00; Hartelco 1,962.34; Hartington Ace Hardware 59.95; Hartington Shopper 1,029.00; Heather Jones 147.29; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 136.00; Holiday Inn 389.85; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jackie Steffen 72.50; James Egley 100.00; Jan x 372.97; Janelle Heikes 1,308.39; Janet Wiechelmann 202.98; Jenny Sage 49.34; Joe Stiller 139.20; Josh Bauermeister 18.18; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 3,659.06; Kathleen Rockey 100.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 5,335.58; Loffler 91.00; Madison Co. Dist Court 100.00; Madison Co. Sheriff 30.84; Marcy Brown 100.00; Mark Albin 725.00; Martin's Flag Co. 90.29; Mary Leise 62.33; Maximus 1,111.49; Michele McGowan-Brennan 59.58; Mick Wiepen 79.00; MIPS 4,177.73; Mobile Binders 1,478.23; NE Health and Human Serv. 186.00; NPPD 2,590.78; NE Neb. Area agency on Aging 6,564.00; NE Neb. News Co. 4,563.09; Olson's Pest Tech 203.85; Peitz GMC Serv. 93.24; Pierce Co. Sheriff's Dept. 48.66; Providence Med Center 221.00; Randolph Farm Supply 102.99; Region 4 Behavioral Health Syst. 6,948.50; Region IV 3,195.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Ron Stepleman 73.20; Ron Temple 282.59; Sally Opfer 408.26; Scott Stanton 427.13; Security Bank 30.55; Security Shredding Serv. 120.00; Steffen Drug 5.14; Sunbelt Rentals 2,115.64; T&R Butcher Block 725.00; Terry Pinkelman 68.85; Tessco 245.13; Tina Stiller 20.00; Tri-State Turf 79.15; US Cellular 532.27; Verizon 520.54; Voyager Fleet Syst. 212.22; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,729.45; X-Pert Lawn 488.00; Yankton P&D 235.14

ROAD FUND: Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 7,261.39, Security Bank 8,489.33; BCBS 41,869.74; A-OX Welding 44.99; Appera 699.59; B's Enterprises 17,159.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 76,478.08; BLK Hills Energy 372.28; Bomgaars 674.60; Bow Creek Diesel 21,775.05; Cap Gravel 4,806.76; CKPP Dist. 511.53; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 76.41; City of Hart 134.00; City of Laurel 68.32; City of Randolph 53.61; CNH Ind. Accts 36.15; Coleridge Welding 148.98; Dendinger Trucking Inc. 4,147.00; Double Lawn Care 200.00; Farmers Union 20,293.88; Fastenal Co. 23.74; Filter Care of NE 90.75; Fischer Feed 468.00; Folkers Bros Garage 4,532.33; Fordyce Auto Repair 1,676.06; Great Plains Comm. 353.39; Grossenburg Imp. 2,706.98; Hansen Bros Partys & Serv. 2,557.57; Hartelco 259.77; Hartington Shopper 269.10; Hefner Oil & Feed 18,643.53; Jerry's Service 12,905.50; Kayton Int. Crofton 357.48; Kimball Midwest 191.71; Knife River 8,721.32; Laurel True Value 84.99; Lawson Products 112.96; Leiting Auto Supply 47.23; LG Everist Inc. 5,114.31; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 17,495.62; Medical Enterprises 5.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 344,744.52; NPPD 179.27; NMC Exchange

10,665.78; NMC Exchange 10,693.39; NMC Exchange 1,548.11; NE Glass 2,130.00; Peitz GMC Serv. 138.52; Randolph Farm Supply 4,954.88; Raths Mini Mart 224.04; Riverside Hydraulics 394.76; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Titan Machinery- Yankton 314.69; Top Crop 1,349.00; Truck Trailer Serv. 1,209.76; US Cellular 414.07; Verizon 120.03; Village of Wynot 121.66; Voyager Fleet Systems 67.09; Waste Connections of NE 32.00; Wattier True Value 5.99; Wiechelman Repair Inc 1,446.68; Wynot Oil 9,940.24

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 2,783.12; Security Bank 3,154.74; Security/HSA 300.00; BCBS 1,961.48; Anderson Body Shop 320.20; Appera 98.26; Ashley Gowery 70.00; City of Hartington 190.40; Farmers Union 8,096.68; Fischer Feed & Supply 59.00; Folkers Bros Garage 2,338.04; Foxters POCO 800.00; Gov. Connection Inc. 101.46; Hartelco 68.60; Hefner Oil & Feed 116.60; NPPD 101.59; NP Mart 25.80; Olsen's Pest Tech 205.00; Rath's Mini Mart 54.86; Verizon Wireless 2,008.82; Wynot Oil 44.75; X-Pert Lawn 440.00

COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND: Bow Valley Schuetzenfest 100.00; Brooke Kleinschmit 25.00; Dawn Casey 58.35; Donna Noecker 25.00; Hartington Chamber of Commerce 1,000.00; Josh Rayford 59.80; Whispering Prairie Pine Cabins 1,000.00

COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND: Logan Creek Vintage & Thrift 2,204.55

HOMELAND SECURITY: OPTK Networks 802.12; Wayne State College 637.50

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,808.89

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Gov. Connection 316.36; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 438.45; Hartington Telecommunications 584.78; NE NEB. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: G Works 9,229.00; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman

