

January 14, 2025

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 am and the meeting was called to order by County Clerk per Statute 23-274 as advertised, with Mike Meier, David McGregor and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also, present County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Statement was made that open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

County Clerk asked for a motion for chairman. Motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to appoint David McGregor as chairman. Voting Meier, yes; Donner, yes; McGregor, yes. Motion carried. Motion by McGregor to nominate Donner as vice chairman was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve minutes for the December 23 meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Board member appointments were read by Chairman McGregor and discussed as listed below and then a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to make the board appointments as discussed. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

District One: Region IV Northstar Disabilities, Missouri River Advisory Group, and National Scenic River.

District Two: Region IV Mental Health and Northeast Nebraska Public Health Board

District Three: Landfill and solid waste, Transit System, Goldenrod Hills, HUD and Northeast Area on Aging.

The following appointments were read by Chairman McGregor and then a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to retain the appointments as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Carla Schmidt as Road Supt. and also County Road Overseer; Manager;

Kevin Garvin as Emergency Management and Communications Director

Justin Heikes as part-time Weed Supt.

Tim Gobel as Zoning Administrator

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to designate the Cedar County News, Laurel Advocate and Randolph Times and Cedar County Web Site as the legal newspapers for Cedar County. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to retain current time and days for meeting dates being the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:30 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on following Federal and State declared holidays and adding that policy to our handbook. Commissioners decided not Motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the following legal holidays for 2025. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

#### LEGAL HOLIDAYS

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February	Presidents Day
1/2 Day	Good Friday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Juneteenth
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day
1st Monday in September	Labor Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in October	Columbus Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in November	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas

Motion was then made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 70 cents per mile traveled doing county business as directed by the State Auditor's Office. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the following depositories: Bank of Hartington; Citizens State Bank Belden; First State Bank of Randolph; Security Bank of Laurel, Coleridge,

Hartington; Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Hartington; Cedar Security Bank Hartington, Fordyce and Wynot, and Brunswick State Bank of Magnet. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to approve pledged securities presented from the Bank of Hartington was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Supt., Carla Schmidt updated the board on the NIRMA assist grants that we received last week. Total amount received was \$250 and \$2,728.35. This money was used to purchase new first aid kits and type 3 barricades. She is still working on the annual safety meeting and waiting for NIRMA to get available dates. She reminded them to be finishing their one and six year road plan for 2025 with hearing to be held February 11. With the two open positions posted, she has gotten several applicants. Safety committee change.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Andrew Dennis 30x40 pole building, Nicholas Schmit grain bin, John Brandow 28x48 pole building. He then discussed with the board the research he had done on zoning with and for villages. The resolution accepting zoning for the county does not mention anything about interlocal agreements.

Question was raised if anyone was coming to the meeting regarding the Magnet zoning issue and county attorney Ron Temple said according to the emails he had received the day prior, no one was coming. The comprehensive plan for zoning was never adopted by the villages. County attorney Ron Temple stated he assumed the comprehensive plan excluded villages. Zoning administrator Gobel stated he agreed with this, that there was nothing in writing but he has been helping a few villages with their building permits. After a brief discussion, zoning administrator and county attorney agreed to have a discussion about taking care of these villages moving forward.

Clerk Schmit presented the lawn service bid from Y & Y Lawn Service for the courthouse and tower site. Commissioners agreed the tower site does not require a four application service.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to enter executive session at 9:40 AM to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 10:28 AM a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to exit executive session. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Bank of Hartington representatives Scott Schrempp and Brett Wiedenfeld came before the board to discuss the banking relationship with the county. Scott stated he appreciated the opportunity to work with the county all of these years and discussed different services they provide and explained how they watch the pledged securities.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed from the various offices as presented to the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 191,474.07; Aflac 1,081.54; BCBS 57,712.68; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 852.11; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 5,988.64; Retire Plans Div of Am 21,100.24; Security Bank 13,631.16; Security Bank 28,732.66; Washington Ntl. Ins 27.35; All hazard Inc. MGT Team 75.00; Nicole Allvin 134.00; Appera 99.80; AT & T 93.85; Avera Medic. Grp. 23.00; Axon Enterprise 39.90; BLK Hills Eng. 104.03; Bomgaars 90.52; Candlewood Suites 2,124.15; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Carhart 58.20; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 36.00; Cedar Co. Court 75.00; Cedar Co. Court 139.10; CNPP. Dist. 372.23; City of Hart 286.07; CVSOAN 100.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Don Dendinger 32.16; Des Moines Stamp 145.65; Dodge Co. 4,089.84; Drivers Lic. Guide Co. 33.95; Eakes Off Sol. 2,556.50; Elgin Pharmacy 49.36; farmers Union 105.52; Fischer Feed 136.50; Floor Maint, & Supply 310.17; Food Town 2,352.83; Glass Edge 179.00; Tim Gobel 130.65; Go. Forms & Supplies 292.50; Arianne Greiner 134.00; Megan Henefeldt 114.57; Hansen Locksmith 250.00; Hartelco 1,833.91; Hartelco 600.00; Hartington Shopper 1,118.73; NE Health & Human Servs. 180.00; Janelle Heikes 84.88; Justin Heikes 1,245.90; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 28.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniforms & Equip. 408.24; Jamie Miller Legal Servs. 10,264.13; Kathleen Jorgensen 1,733.59; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Kruse True Value 56.99; Jim Kvols 26.80; Laurels Hometown Market 200.00; Lynn Peavey Co. 78.29; Matthew Bender & Co. 476.61; Miller Painting 250.00; MIPS Inc 4,309.45; NACVSO 50.00; NE Assoc of Clerk Dist. Court 50.00; NE Assoc Emergency Manag. 50.00; NPPD 3,029.31; NMC 1,523.08; NE Neb. News Co. 419.22; Olsons Pest Tech 203.85; Sally Opfer 70.54; Quadient Inc. 33.00; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Quill Corp. 43.52; Region IV 3,195.50; Region 4 Behav. Health Syst. 7,085.75; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,249.50; Sante Fe Dist. 708.28; Jane Sayler 32.00; Jessica Schmit

291.81; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 220.00; Jackie Steffen 35.17; Kathy Uhl 69.24; US Cellular 215.94; Verizon 399.21; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,021.25; Voyager fleet Syst. 32.58; Paul Wemhoff 14.07; Jean Wiebelhaus 281.40; Janet Wiechelman 424.07; Gary Wieseler 52.26; Winkelbauer Repair 85.15; Xpert Lawn 500.00; Jo Zimmerman 20.10

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 113,095.34; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 42,294.55; Colonial Life 746.51; Empower Retirement 475.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,822.89; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,543.25; Sec. Bank 9,001.99; Sec. Bank 17,137.24; A-OX Welding 42.53; Appeara 387.54; Davis Ford 116.86; Art Kathol Appliance 145.82; Avera Med. Grp. 94.00; B's Enterprise 8,836.70; Blk Hills Eng. 1,403.90; Bobs Bolt Bin 134.10; Bomgaars 1,413.36; BV Auto 100.15; Campbells Srv. 565.35; Candlewood Suits 374.85; Cap Gravel 6,080.07; Carlson Home & Auto 1,030.32; CNPP Dist. 727.76; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.79; City of Hart 125.40; City of Laurel 229.73; City of Randolph 118.98; CNH Industries 17,067.83; Coleridge Welding 510.12; Cornhusker Int. Truck 105.62; Dendinger Trucking 5,919.28; Farmers Union 390.73; Fischer Feed & Supply 432.35; Folkers Bros Garage 282.01; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 662.99; Grossenburg Imp. 13,437.15; H & K Oil 1,001.00; Hansen Bro. Parts 3,281.55; Hartelco 257.43; Hart. Shopper 358.00; Hart. Truck & Auto Parts INC. 1,385.30; Hefner Oil & Feed 6,349.93; Janssen Const. 600.00; Jerrys Service 11,300.81; Knife River 2,507.59; Kruse True Value 208.96; Laurel True Value 102.73; Lawson Products 139.33; Leiting Auto 116.22; LG Everist 48,302.35; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 10,816.00; David McGregor 281.40; Medical Enterprise 105.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 3,500.22; NPPD 204.14; NMC Exchange 80.59; NMC Exchange 1,671.97; NMC Exchange 900.82; Norfolk Motor Co. 15,035.00; Northeast Glass 279.90; NE News Co. 715.36; Peitz GMC 885.38; Pomp's Tire 160.00; R & R Servs. 86.34; Randolph Farm Supply 1,982.88; Raths Mini Mart 207.11; Riverside Hydraulics 405.84; Spencer Quarries 8,050.92; Mark Stratman 150.00; Jennifer Suing 180.00; Truck Trailer Sales 207.62; Steven Uhing 10.00; US Cellular 294.80; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 49.00; Wattier True Value 51.83; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 49,054.59; Wynot Oil 10,070.12

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 45,438.17; Cross/Blue Shield 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 1,177.53; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 5,009.01; Sec. Bank 2,087.68; Sec. Bank 6,831.04; Appeara 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 483.22; Bomgaars 27.16; City of Hart 78.83; Farmers Union 4,782.24; Folkers Bros Garage 4,258.99; Hartelco 246.57; Hefner Oil 91.50; Kruse True Value 62.39; NPPD 97.61; NP Mart 1,275.17; Olsons Pest Tech 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 110.01; Randolph Farm Supply 43.45; Raths Mini Mart 128.56; US Bank 178.66; Verizon 387.96; Wynot Oil 36.43

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Optk Networks 802.12; Thermo Scientific Port Analytical 38,633.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,717.06

**E911 FUND:** Batteries Plus Bulbs 232.44; Fastwyre Broadband 176.56; Gov. Connection 109.85; Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 432.66; Hyper Reach 5,000.00; ; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; Rapidsos 4,441.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 298.24; OPTK Networks 836.66; Tritech Software Systems 4,492.51

ATTEST:

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Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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David McGregor, Board Chairman

January 28, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Chairman McGregor updated the board on the contract with Y & Y Lawn Service for the tower site.

Scrap Tire recycling collection was discussed because the company that will be hauling the tires away called and wanted to schedule when they could start. The collection event will be held June 11 and 12.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented motor vehicle tax exemptions to the board for East and West Catholic, Cedar Catholic, and Hillcrest Care Center. She also presented applications for depositories from Security Bank, Citizens State Bank, First State Bank, and Brunswick State Bank of Magnet. She reminded the board the tax sale is March 3 and state statute mandates unpaid parcels will be printed with names in the paper.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented three conditional use permits to the board for approval. The first is from NEIA Helicopter, LLC for a private landing strip southeast of Laurel. With concerns regarding the use and approval by residents affected, a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to table the approval of this permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Next permit is for Kevin Becker to split off his farm place of 5.53 acres with an existing house. Motion to approve the Becker permit was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Final permit is for Richard Donner for development and extraction of raw materials southwest of Hartington. Motion to approve the permit was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote with commissioner Donner abstaining from the vote.

Highway Superintendent Carla Schmidt, let the commissioners know she got the bridge inspection reports but did not have them ready to present to the board. Next meeting is the one and six year hearing. She also let the board know she received a letter from Dixon County regarding a road between 870 and 869 roads on the county line that they would like to close. Commissioner Meier will contact land owners and at the next meeting the process will get started to consider vacating this section of road. The annual safety meeting is being planned for Thursday February 20.

Clerk Schmit presented the following special designated liquor licenses to the board for approval: Bow Valley Park Association for an event at Diane's Greenhouse 2-28-25 and All Saints Parish in Fordyce for a fundraiser on 3-7-25. A motion to approve the SDL's was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the interlocal agreement with Nebraska Cooperative Government for the purpose of conducting a joint keno lottery. After a brief discussion on what the agreement entails the following action was taken.

A motion to pass resolution 25-01 to join the Nebraska Cooperative Government (NCG) Interlocal Agreement was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion by Donner to approve Backroad BBQ as a lottery sales location was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion to authorize clerk Schmit to open a separate lottery proceeds bank account at Security Bank made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion by Donner to appoint clerk Schmit as the NCG audit clerk was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion authorizing the lottery application fee of \$100.00 to NCG was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A motion by Meier to authorize Chairman McGregor to sign Form 33CG-Power of Attorney was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

After a brief discussion on designation of a Community Day for purposes of the lottery, McGregor made a motion to table the designation of a Community Day. This motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

McGregor reported on his Area on Aging meeting. He stated Cedar County's annual assessment will go up to \$6,564, an increase of \$317.

Meier reported on the new board member training he attended in Kearney.

A motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 10:13 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:40 AM, a motion was made to exit executive session by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to let them know President Trump had temporarily put a pause on federal financial assistance and he was unsure of the impact to his EPMG grant funds.

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

GENERAL FUND: County Treasurer (Transfer to Road Fund) \$500,000. NE Dept of Rev \$100.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

February 11, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the January 28, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was opened by Clerk Schmit that the treasurer needed board action taken on not allowing partial payments for 2025. A motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the treasurer not taking partial payments. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened her discussion making the board aware of a price increase from Spencer Quarries on  $\frac{3}{4}$ " rock from \$13.60/ton to \$15.85/ton effective April 1. She then presented a resubmitted right of way permit for fiberoptic lines in District 2 from Eastern Nebraska Telephone. It was resubmitted because the contractor had changed. Brief discussion was held on the road being considered being vacated on the Dixon/Cedar County line. Schmidt discussed the process. Meier made the motion to pass resolution 25-02 and this motion was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Bridge inspection reports were presented to the commissioners by Schmidt and she explained how she had compiled the information to make it easier for them to understand. Annual safety meeting will be held at the meeting room in the Cobblestone Hotel.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Tobel presented the following building permits to the board: Greg Lackas 49,000 bu grain bin, Ryan Schieffer 46x68 machine shed. Discussion was opened on the NE-IA conditional use permit and the NE-IA Aviation representative, Tyler Brummond was in attendance to answer questions. After lengthy discussion and several questions asked regarding liability, Motion to approve the conditional use permit was made by McGregor. The motion to approve was made three times and with no second made, the motion failed.

At 10:00 AM, the public hearing for the Road Department's One & Six Year Plan. Highway Superintendent Schmidt gave a summary of projects completed in the past year and the final costs of those projects. Brief discussion was held on the bridge in Menominee and what the steps would be to get a variance on the standards for that bridge. The only project in the works for the current calendar year is a box culvert in District 1. Motion by Meier was seconded by McGregor to pass Resolution 25-03 to adopt the One & Six Year Plan for 2025. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit then presented a service maintenance contract from Climate systems for a three-year term. After a brief discussion, the commissioners asked Clerk Schmit to get more information about what is included with the contract. No action was taken.

The agreement for assistance for burials was discussed briefly with Clerk Schmit letting the board know neighboring counties had circulated emails amongst the clerks and what their respective counties allow for assistance. With Cedar County's amount set at \$1,300, this is quite low compared to other counties. The commissioners agreed they need to raise the amount and sked Clerk Schmit to get more information from Wintz Funeral Home. No action was taken.

Finally, Clerk Schmit let the board know the City of Randolph was considering an interlocal agreement with the county to allow keno within their city limits. The board was not opposed to this idea but the City of Randolph had to agree to it first and they have a council meeting Wed Feb 12. No action was taken.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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

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Sedimentation Action 1,000.00; NE Assoc. of County Assessors 100.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 75.00; NPPD 4,088.39; NE Neb. News Co. 1,057.45; Olsons Pest Tech 213.85; Pip Marketing Signs 311.44; Randolph Pub. Library 7,500.00; Chad Reiman 55.00; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Sanford Health 2,391.00; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Security Bank 26.75; Thomson West 558.00; Tyler Technologies 898.00; US Cellular 240.11; Verizon 560.43; Visual Edge IT 42.65; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,348.80; Y&Y Lawn Serv. 1,368.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 111,044.79; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 42,294.55; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,816.06; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,312.53; Sec. Bank 8,826.10; Sec. Bank 16,839.04; A-OX Welding 43.67; Anderson Body Shop 245.00; Appera 427.30; Avera Med. Group 150.00; B's Enterprise 40,434.55; Blk Hills Eng. 1,426.16; Bomgaars 2,715.44; Boyer Ridge Man. 1,765.00; Carhart Lumber 279.54; Carlson Home & Auto 2,341.14; CNPP Dist. 809.73; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 125.70; City of Laurel 247.34; City of Randolph 210.15; CNH Industries 2,007.23; Coleridge Welding 10.00; Cornhusker Int. Truck 1,410.41; Crowne Plaza 149.95; Dendinger Trucking 7,158.52; Detlefsen Const. 13,812.50; Farmers Union 7,020.12; Filter Care of NE. 322.40; Fischer Feed & Supply 19.78; Folkers Bros Garage 3,103.52; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 57.26; Great Plains Com. Inc 231.66; Grossenburg Imp. 3,390.04; H & K Oil 115.00; Hansen Bro. Parts 5,581.86; Hartelco 257.43; Hartington Ace Hardware 12.99; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 1,349.97; Hefner Oil & Feed 7,316.46; Jerrys Service 10,454.99; Kayton International Inc. (Crofton) 285.31; Kimball Midwest 254.36; Kruse True Value 1,152.99; Lammers Trailer Repair 504.99; Laurel True Value 44.33; Leiting Auto 219.88; LG Everist 135,749.33; Medical Enterprise 36.00; Menford Elec. 11,816.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 3,750.00; Napa Auto Parts 14.99; NPPD 394.69; NMC Exchange 2,351.45; NMC Exchange 1,529.44; Paul's Welding 35.96; Peitz GMC 4,900.72; Pomp's Tire 89.50; Randolph Farm Supply 2,414.31; Raths Mini Mart 223.88; Riverside Hydraulics 3,308.94; Jessica Schmit 15.00; Spencer Quarries 18,063.54; Truck Trailer Sales 820.58; Steven Uhing 300.00; US Cellular 296.45; Village of Wynot 114.64; Voyager Fleet Syst. 195.86; Waste Connections of NE 28.93; Wayne Herald 252.00; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 6,622.53; Wynot Oil 6,214.60

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 41,943.44; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 1,074.59; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 4,628.68; Sec. Bank 1,993.17; Sec. Bank 6,296.34; Anderson Body Shop 577.90; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 575.68; Bomgaars 7.88; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 5,161.24; Folkers Bros Garage 2,136.35; Hanson Bros Parts & Serv. 17.68; Hartelco 103.28; Hartington Ace Hardware 37.90; Hefner Oil 46.00; Lisa Kruse 200.00; NPPD 113.47; NP Mart 1,145.47; Olsons Pest Tech 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 38.80; Raths Mini Mart 191.16; Verizon 465.51

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Optk Networks 802.12

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,806.58

**E911 FUND:** Gov. Connection 525.86; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 437.80; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; Tri-State Comm. 250.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** OPTK Networks 836.66

**COURTHOUSE BOND FUND:** BOKF, NA 46,065.00

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 David McGregor, Board Chairman

February 25, 2025

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A motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the February 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Brief discussion was held on the Climate Systems maintenance contract. It is for monitoring the thermostat system throughout the courthouse and will need to continue. Motion to accept the contract was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit stated she needed formal action by the board to approve the .25% Keno proceeds directed to the audit clerk to be redirected to the county. Motion to redirect the audit clerk's stipend to the county was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented a variance permit for Curtis Klug in the Brooky Bottom area. Motion by McGregor was seconded by Donner to approve the 10' variance. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Gobel then let the board know he has gotten the notice to remonument the highways that were asphalted last summer and will work on that this spring. Gobel then presented the following building permits: Curtis Klug, 18 x 24 garage addition, Richard Feilmeier 61,000 bu grain bin, Chris Steffen 36x45 shop, Ebberson Farms 90x175 storage building, Rick Wiesseler 360' fenceline feed bunks.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, recapped the annual meeting she held last week for the road department. A brief discussion was held on a specific stop sign that has been questioned by a constituent. She updated the board on the bridge at Menominee and the box culvert project in District 1. The engineers are working on both projects and the box culvert has moved into the design phase. She has been working on submitting a bridge for a discretionary Federal grant. This process would take a couple of years. She would have to submit a bridge and then the State decides if the bridge fits the specifications of bundling with other bridges to receive the funding.

Extension Educators Jackie Steffen, Ben Beckman, Cara Wiebelhaus and UNL representative Amy Topp came before the board to give an annual presentation on their programs and outreach. Amy Topp thanked the board for the collaboration with the University. Commissioner McGregor thanked the group for all of their work and the willingness to work together is reciprocated.

Hartelco Representative, Tom Noecker, came before the board to discuss fiberoptic lines being installed in District 1. Commissioner Donner had stopped by his office last week to request Hartelco stockpile gravel at his shops to install back on the roads after lines have been installed. Noecker stated he was ok with that as long as every company installing fiberoptic lines is held to the same standard. Commissioner Donner stated his issue is compaction and the equipment being used. Noecker suggested before work is done this spring that he and county representatives assess the condition of the road and how much gravel was on them so everybody was in agreement. Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, clarified what the permit says and referred to the Nebraska standards on how compaction equipment is defined: sheeps foot, multiple wheel pneumatic roller, or alternate equipment that would do the same job or better than the equipment listed above. Donner would like a sheep's foot to compact the trench. Benji Steffen, a county road maintenance employee, agreed with Donner and said the compaction equipment currently being used is not sufficient. Ron Temple, County Attorney, weighed in on the permit/contract in place. The language of the permit is subject to different interpretations. There is no breach of contract at this time. Until the work is complete, the board can not dictate what the contractor does. When the work is done, if the board is not satisfied, they can address what the contractor needs to do to restore the road to its original condition. Motion to table the discussion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:40 AM, the public budget hearing was opened. NDOT requires a two year budget from the transit system. This is the 2025-2027 budget. Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, went through the proposed budget in detail. There has been no concern regarding funding at the Federal level. She updated the board on the entire transit system and how the system has expanded. Motion to approve the county's share of the budget at \$394,827 was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Brief discussion was then held on purchasing new vans. Motion to approve the purchase of two ADA accessible vans for \$154,000 total was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Jerry Wintz was in attendance to discuss the county burial assistance policy. Immediate cremation costs \$4,165. Grave opening and closing is \$350 if hired done and a grave space is \$250. Jerry's request is to increase to \$3,500 to match the Nebraska Veterans Aid and allow the \$350 for grave opening and \$250 for a grave space, if necessary. Discussion was held on what some neighboring counties do and how Jerry makes the determination to ask for county

assistance. Motion to table the discussion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Great Plains Communication representative Jon Strom came before the board to discuss their project in the northern part of the county. He presented maps to the commissioners for the proposed project. They will use the same equipment they have used over the last several years. Discussion was held on how their company handles restoring the road back to its original condition. Carla Schmidt will get the permits started.

Commissioner Donner asked the board to consider the utility policy to specifically state the compaction equipment to be used. The board will seek input from the county attorney on any policy and permit changes. No additional discussion was held.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the board with updated figures from NEMA for the tower project and proposed figures show the county is to be reimbursed over \$850,000. He updated the board on the mass communication system from HyperReach. County employees involved in its implementation will need to undergo training before the system can be rolled out to the public. He also let the board know Cedar County had a winner for the Severe Weather Safety Poster contest. Finally, he encourage the board to attend the annual training for severe weather on March 24 at 6:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

The board took a recess at 12:15 for lunch. At 1:15 Donner made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 3:45 PM, a motion was made by Donner to exit executive session and this motion was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

March 11, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the February 25, 2025 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.

Public Comment was opened by Chairman McGregor. Several individuals were in attendance regarding a conditional use permit approved by the zoning board the night before. Individuals speaking included Aaron Burbach, Adam Heimes, Chuck Burbach, Heather Heimes, Jalen Wieseler, Steve Wieseler, and Kevin Klug.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, spoke on the regulations and permitting process for the conditional use permit for Heimes Brothers discussed in public comment. The permit for Heimes brothers was then formally presented as a 1,000-3,499 unit open livestock feeding operation. Motion to approve the permit was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Chairman McGregor called for a roll call vote. Meier yes, McGregor, no, Donner yes. Motion passed. Gobel then presented the following conditional use permits: Eric Pick splitting off five acres, Eric Heimes splitting off five acres, Ray Keiser splitting off 11.78 acres. Motion to approve all three of these conditional use permits was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. The following building permits were presented by Gobel: Brandon Sudbeck 24x28 garage replacing an existing garage, Anthony Arens 40x60 machine shop, Brent Arens 60x64 shouse.

Discussion was opened by county attorney, Ron Temple regarding the permit to occupy the right of way. Road superintendent, Carla Schmidt explained the permit process and the how each permit is subject to the utility policy. Commissioner Donner would like to specify which equipment contractors are able to use. The policy currently refers to the Nebraska Highway Standards for highway construction. If we specify equipment to be used, it would conflict with the state standards. If we have a complaint after the work is done, the policy currently allows us to seek remediation if we are not satisfied with the condition of the road. Keeping the policy terms broad is in the best interest of the county, in Temple's opinion. No motion was made but will be considered for the next meeting.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner at 10:38 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:27 AM, a motion was made by Donner 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 three county sale certificates to the board to be turned over to the county attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings. She then presented the return of sale proceedings from the public auction for delinquent real estate taxes. Nobody attended the public auction and no parcels were sold. Finally, she turned over the listing of delinquent parcels that were offered for public auction and were not sold. By signing, the board gave the treasurer authority to print the county tax sales on parcels 3172.01, 6660.00, and 7101.00.

Road superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented her road report on 576 Avenue in Precinct 21 on the Cedar/Dixon county line. In summary, the entire mile was being considered for vacation but upon inspection, she found that due to a bridge being removed in the south half of the mile, the northeast corner of the southeast quarter would be landlocked and therefore only the south half of the mile can be vacated. Motion to proceed with the vacation as presented was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then updated the board on the status of the FEMA reimbursement from the 2019 bomb cyclone. If they can get the issues and errors resolved, there is still \$400,000 coming from FEMA and \$38,000 coming from NEMA. Schmidt then presented the right of way permits from Great Plains Communications for the nine phases of their fiberoptic project in Districts 1 and 3 as discussed at the February 25 meeting. Their permits were signed and approved as presented. Discussion was held on taking pictures before the contractor starts to have a record of the condition of the road.

Recess was taken at 12:05 for lunch.

At 1:15 PM, the meeting was re-opened for the review and approval of the following claims. Monthly fee reports were also reviewed by the board during this time. With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 203,162.36; Aflac 1014.59; BCBS 65673.11; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 848.52; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,290.74; Retire Plans Div of Am. 23,122.91; Security Bank 13,626.06; Security Bank 30,528.21; Appera 99.80; AT & T 93.74BLK Hills Eng.97.74; Bomgaars 64.90; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 38.00; Cedar Co. Court 51.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 48.80; CKPP 386.46; City of Hart 284.27; Cray Huff Law Firm 19.00; D&J 58.44; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,583.84; Elgin

Pharmacy 30.86; Elite Court Rep. Serv. 542.45; Farm 8 Home Pub. LTD 390.00; Farmers Union 239.59; Floor Maint, & Supply 287.00; Folkers Bros Garage 2,666.34; Food Town 915.40; Forvis LLP 5,000.00; Gov. Connections 334.34; Megan Hanefeldt 264.35; Hartelco 1,858.62; Hart. Ace 9.99; Hart. Shopper 732.90; NE Health & Human Servs. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 169.42; HWY 84 Auto Wash 164.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jims Food Center 175.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Laurel Hometown Market 100.00; Leise Lawn Care 250.00; Beky Mcracken 134.60; Mid State Org Crime Info Center 100.00; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NACEB 100.00; NACO 300.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 175.00; NE Assoc of Emrg. Man. 135.00; NPPD 3,909.46; NE State Patrol 465.50; NE Weed Control Assoc. 150.00; NE Neb. News Co. 742.96; NE Week Man. 100.00; Olsons Pest Tech 241.55; Sally Opfer 39.19; Pender Comm. Hospital 314.00; Pip Marketing Signs 149.75; Quill Corp. 760.21; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Security Shredding 80.00; Jackie Steffen 131.77; Thomson West 813.00; Tri State Turf & Irr. 320.00; USPS 15,000.00; UNL 1,207.17; US Cellular 305.83; Verizon 561.47; Visual Edge IT 27.72; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,430.18; Voyager Fleet Systems 39.19; Cara Wiebelhaus 75.13

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**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 36,168.54; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 826.74; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 3,956.98; Sec. Bank 1,399.06; Sec. Bank 5,412.80; Anderson Body Shop 915.90; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 569.76; Casey's Auto 3,384.64; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 6,018.51; Folkers Bros Garage 1,645.06; Hartelco 103.28; Hartington Truck & Auto 40.92; Hefner Oil 54.10; Leise Lawn Care 250.00; NPPD 111.33; NE Neb. News Co. 19.88; NP Mart 908.28; Nikki Pinkelman 126.63; Nikki Pinkelman 38.80; Raths Mini Mart 81.16; Tri State Turf & Irrigation 147.00; US Bank 418.72; Verizon 687.99

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Optk Networks 802.12

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,820.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,807.52

**E911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 320.78; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 453.02; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

March 25, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the March 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented one building permit for Jason Harmelink for a 24x72 barn remodel.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a bid from Backus Sand & Gravel effective April 1. The gravel price per ton will increase to \$18.50. Then, right of way permits were presented for tiling projects in District 2. Both permits were accepted as presented. Next, Schmidt went over the bidding process and specs for tractors in Districts 1 and 2. A resolution was presented for setting the public hearing date and time for the closure of a portion of 576 Avenue as discussed at the March 11 meeting. Motion to pass Resolution 25-04 was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Resolution 25-05 was presented stating that the Leise bridge project is complete. Upon this resolution, the state will provide a \$200,000 reimbursement. A motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to pass Resolution 25-05. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmidt went over the 2019 projects yet to be reimbursed by FEMA and how the errors in submission will prevent the county from getting all the reimbursement we thought we would receive. The county still has over \$200,000 which should be reimbursed this fiscal year for those 2019 flood claims. Schmidt also let the board know the deposits were received as anticipated for the STP and BRO funds for \$168,632.40 and 240,548.76, respectively. Schmidt presented a spreadsheet to the board detailing the balance of these funds and the history of how and where these funds have been spent.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-06 to increase the county burial assistance to \$3,500. A motion to pass resolution 25-06 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessment from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture was presented to the board on behalf of Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes. The board reviewed the assessment.

On behalf of Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, Clerk Schmit let the board know pursuant to statute 86-438 the board needs to take formal action on the phone surcharge rate for 911. Garvin had stated this rate has not changed for several years and he recommends that it remain at \$1.00. McGregor made a motion to maintain the surcharge rate of \$1.00. This motion was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

John with NMC went over the new lease agreements for the skid steers in Districts 1 and 2 as well as some new features on the machines. The new lease is for \$8,600 for 250 hours. Machines were swapped out the same day.

Motion was made to enter executive session at 9:45 AM by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:40 AM a motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, came back before the board to discuss wages for the part time sign technician for the road department. Commissioners took it under advisement and did not take any action.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:54 AM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

April 8, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the March 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes with a correction. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Chris Edwards 30x60 house with 30x30 attached garage, Nathan Tramp 30x60 shop, Ryan Marsh 110,000 bushel bin, Jeremy Stevens 16x36 addition, Val Christensen Clements 40x52 house with 30x32 attached garage.

Heidi Borg, Agricultural Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith gave an update from the Congressional District and Washington D.C.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on some changes for Spencer Quarries. One right of way permit was presented for District One and approved by Commissioner Donner as presented. She then presented the board with the results of the safety committee audit done by NIRMA. One suggestion was maintenance checklists to be done on an annual or quarterly basis for each road shop building as well as the courthouse. An annual driving record check is to be performed for anyone driving a county vehicle. The county bridge match funds have been received for the bridge completed in 2024. Advertisements for tractor bids will be in the paper this week.

NEMA/FEMA is coming the week of the 28<sup>th</sup> to do a close-out on the 2019 bomb cyclone projects. Twelve disaster sites netted reimbursements of \$506,148.09 with \$222,160 yet to be received. Another Dixon/Cedar county line road is being questioned for closure and that process will begin at the next meeting. Schmidt went out yesterday and drove some of the roads that have had fiberoptic lines installed and updated the board on the status of the projects.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented omitted personal property schedules on parcel numbers 6758; 6883; 7440; and 7586. Chairman McGregor approved these schedules with his signature. Heikes then updated the board regarding the taxation of the county right of way along roads. Credit is given for 2 acres for each quarter section that the taxpayer is not taxed on.

Motion to enter Board of Equalization was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Assessor Heikes stated the nursing facility exemption is a new program allowing facilities to apply for a partial exemption based on the number of beds paid by Medicaid with a three year look-back period. Two facilities have applied for the exemption: Arbor Care in Hartington and Colonial Manor in Randolph. Motion to approve the partial exemptions was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Heikes then presented a personal property exemption for Sacred Heart Health Services. Motion to approve the personal property exemption was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. A destroyed property application was presented by Heikes for parcel 5246. Motion to approve the destroyed property application was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit BOE was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:15, the public hearing for the road closure of 576 Avenue was opened as advertised. Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the results of the Dixon County public hearing. Their board considered closing the entire mile as well as only closing the south half. Dixon County stated closing the entire mile eliminated liability issues. Schmidt's recommendation was to close the south half and leave the north half open to provide access due to a waterway. Landowners in attendance included Lee Johnson and Ben Galvin. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to see the entire road closed and grant an easement for Mr. Galvin. Mr. Galvin would like the north half to stay open so he is guaranteed access year-round and for generations to come. Schmidt stated that whether the entire road gets closed or the south half only, the bridge abutments that remain from the dismantled bridge need to be removed. The board's formal recommendation to the Dixon County Board would be to keep the north half open and close the south half and remove the abutments. Schmidt will submit a report to Dixon County and an interlocal resolution will follow.

After the hearing, Mr. Johnson brought up issues on 870 road and the water being dumped onto the road in a couple of places making it unsafe. Commissioner Meier took note of his concerns and will address them.

Mark Van Der Hart, Chairman of the Tekamah Airport Joint Zoning Board came before the board to revisit the conditional use permit previously brought before the board for NE-IA Helicopter. He stated officials with Nebraska Department of Transportation Roads and Aeronautics Divisions are in favor of the air strip with no reservations. It would be available as an emergency landing for medi-vac. The NE-IA Helicopter group has previously offered training for local fire and rescue volunteers and would offer that for Laurel as well. Even though it is a private air strip, Van Der Hart, strongly felt this project is an improvement to our local infrastructure. Motion to table the discussion 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 for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 202,240.69; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 65,031.73; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 1,113.69; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,275.66; Retire Plans Div of Am. 23,225.88; Security Bank 13,428.95; Security Bank 30,390.20; Appera 99.80; AT & T 93.69; Ben Beckman 145.60; BLK Hills Eng. 97.73; Bomgaars 49.77; Bound Tree Med. 83.89; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 142.80; Cedar Co. Court 34.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 93.13; Cedar Co. Treasurer 5000,000.00; CKPP 363.37; City of Hart 280.87; Culligan Water 415.00; Cummins Sales & Serv. 1,688.72; Das State Acct Cent Finance 584.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 1,270.00; Don Dendinger 33.60; Gene Dickes 50.70; Dixon Co. Sheriff's Office 36.54; Dodge Co. 4,089.84; Eakes Office Sol. 1,731.95; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 2,068.98; Elections Systems & Software 674.31; Elgin Pharmacy 10.07; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 109.62; Fischer Feed & Supply 45.00; Floor Maint, & Supply 185.09; Food Town 531.47; Forvis Mazards LLP 12,000.00; Freedom Rentals 1,500.00; Kevin Garvin 190.93; Gov. Connections 60.13; Great Plains Reporting 293.45; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Hartelco 1,825.85; NE Health & Human Serv. 168.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 64.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 2,086.80; Jamie Miller Legal Serv. 4,551.50; Kathleen Jorgensen 1,386.37; Kardell's Auto 81.74; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Austin Korth 78.00; Jim Kvoles 28.00; Lake Mac Assessment 2,500.00; Landmark Surveying 1,424.00; Laquinta Inn 249.90; Leise Concrete 4,142.25; Steve Leise 51.40; Dan Lipp 87.20; Ron Lundahl 86.40; Lynn Peavey Co. 197.80; Matthew Bender & Co. 1,442.07; MIPS Inc 4,044.54; NACO 150.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 75.00; NE Assoc of Co Clerk 50.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 102.00; NPPD 3,228.26; Rick Noecker 51.40; Northeast NE News Co. 294.38; Olsons Pest Tech 121.15; Sally Opfer 84.48; Terry Pinkelman 136.40; Pomp's Tire 269.90; Quadiant Leasing 525.30; Quill Corp. 411.22; Region IV Inc. 3,195.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health System 7,067.50; Riverside Tech. Inc. 9,785.97; Jessica Schmit 181.40; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Scott Stanton 291.20; Steffen Drug 103.98; Jackie Steffen 336.07; John Steffen 55.60; Patricia Steffen 29.19; Total Fire & Sec. 430.00; US Bank 672.92; US Cellular 427.77; Verizon 401.20; Visual Edge IT 21.22; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,487.90; Voyager Fleet Systems 138.13; Paul Wemhoff 14.70; Cara Wiebelhaus 60.20; Jean Wiebelhaus 70.00; Janey Wiechelmann 365.52; Mick Wiepen 78.00; Marsha Wuebben 224.25; X-Pert Lawn 305.00; Yankton P&D 235.14; Zero 9 Holsters 409.50

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 9,5410.88; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 42,294.55; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,946.73; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,254.18; Sec. Bank 6,765.50; Sec. Bank 14,447.00; A-OX Welding 40.26; Appera 438.99; Avera Med. Group 94.00; B's Enterprise 950.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 6,073.34; David Bathke 229.37; Blk Hills Eng. 946.09; Bomgaars 685.73; Campbell's Serv. 774.25; Carhart Lumber 887.81; Carlson Home & Auto 1,003.40; CNPP Dist. 347.63; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.79; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 219.33; City of Randolph 196.54; Coleridge Welding 58.10; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 291.24; Farmers Union 11,185.59; Filter Care of NE. 514.65; Fischer Feed & Supply 22,697.72; Folkers Bros Garage 2,883.86; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.11; Hansen Bro. Parts 421.02; Hartelco 257.59; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 267.46; Hefner Oil & Feed 6,252.27; Jerrys Service 4,820.16; Kimball Midwest 334.06; Alan Koch 60.00; Laurel True Value 39.56; Laurel Wleding 4,597.06; Leiting Auto 18.61; LG Everist 44,435.94; Mainelli Wagner & Associates 6,710.40; Medical Enterprise 108.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 7,067.93; Napa Auto Parts-Yankton 135.09; NE Assoc of Co. Eng Hwy Supt 160.00; NPPD 332.93; NMC Exchange 8,851.96; NMC Exchange 17,489.11; Peitz GMC 240.45; Pomp's Tire 119.90; Quill Corp 139.49; Randolph Farm Supply 5,255.46; Rath's Mini Mart 312.47; Stern Oil Co 494.98; The Dirt Man 11,594.50; Truck Trailer Sales 3,465.17; US Bank 346.95; Steven Uhing 60.00; US Cellular 296.45; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 132.49; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 5.11; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 6,312.94; Wynot Oil 8,462.72

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 36,361.83; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 833.52; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 3,981.59; Sec. Bank 1,426.47; Sec. Bank 5,442.38; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 172.37; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 4,716.97; Folkers Bros Garage 1,639.49; Hartelco 103.33; Hartington ACE Hardware 127.94; Leise

Concrete 8,019.50; NPPD 99.98; NP Mart 667.49; Nikki Pinkelman 126.63; Nikki Pinkelman 271.71;  
Randolph Farm Supply 101.53; US Bank 251.16; Verizon 874.92; X-Pert Lawn 308.00  
**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Phil Chalmers 10,000.00; Optk Networks 802.12  
**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 40,000.00; State of  
NE Dept Correctional 2,663.62  
**E911 FUND:** Equature 4,650.00; Fastwyre Broadband 167.84; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 443.65;  
Motorola 46,313.00; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26  
**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 130.48; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

April 22, 2025

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 McGregor 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 8, 2025 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.

Northeast Nebraska Public Health Board Directors Jill Belt and Peggy Triggs came before the board to introduce themselves and make sure the board did not have any questions for them. They asked the commissioners if they knew of any homeless individuals in the county, specifically along the river.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, brought the maintenance support contract from Motorola for the 911 system to the board which is due to be renewed. Kevin has supported the system for any on-site needs with over the phone support from Motorola for many years. Anything he is unable to fix has been billed by Motorola for time and materials. This updated annual contract is \$7,792. Another option is to add onsite maintenance for \$6,854. Motion to accept the contract without onsite maintenance was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Another contract with Motorola was presented for the 911 system upgrade to I3 technology from RFAI. Due to maintaining our equipment contract for several years, this upgrade is being offered at no charge. Motion to approve the RFAI to I3 proposal was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Garvin then opened discussion on the Homeland Security 12 county region and explained how Cedar County is the fiscal agent for this region. South Sioux City Police Department was awarded a grant for a robot and this purchase and grant proceeds will flow through Cedar County. Motion to approve the Recon Robotics purchase was made by McGregor was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A mutual aid agreement has been proposed by the city of Yankton with Cedar and Knox counties. The agreement has been signed by Knox County and is under review by the Cedar County Attorney. Garvin shared that South Dakota has some strange laws about providing mutual aid and that Yankton discovered they probably should not be providing mutual aid on the south side of the river as they have done for years without a formal agreement. Garvin asked the board to review the agreement before formal action is required, pending the county attorney's recommendation.

Finally, Garvin presented the quotes for a fire alarm system for the transit building. Chairman McGregor asked Clerk Schmit to share what she had learned from NIRMA. NIRMA had no requirements for a fire alarm/alert system and recommended precautions for good fire prevention. Schmit also called Hartelco and is waiting for a quote for a Sensaphone system for heat detection. No action was taken.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Ty Dybdal 1,913 sq ft house, Erica & Alex Langseth 2,600 sq ft house, Tony Gubbels 2,300 sq ft house, Brian Gould 26x27' addition. Larry Lange is seeking a variance of 15' in the front and 12' in the rear in the Brooky Bottom area. This was approved by the zoning board. Terry Jueden is seeking a 15' variance so he can be 68' from the center of the road for a shed. Motion to approve both variances for Larry Lange and Terry Jueden was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented four right of way permits for District 1 and one for District 2. All permits were approved as presented. She let the board know the culvert damage that was billed to Hartelco had been paid in full. She also shared with the board that the bridge bundle applied for was not selected because it was not in poor enough condition. Schmidt opened discussion on 576 Avenue on the Cedar/Dixon county line in District One. Resolution 25-7 was presented to direct the road superintendent to complete a study on the road and submit a report within thirty days. Motion to pass the resolution was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

As discussed at a previous meeting, Schmidt prepared first report of injury instruction booklets and forms for each shop to be completed after going to the doctor, if needed. She also had the courthouse and shop inspection checklists discussed at a previous meeting to be done periodically, no less than once a year. She then let the board know the fiberoptic line installation in District 1 is nearly complete.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 2025-8 from Randolph (2025-02) for the interlocal agreement to allow establishments within the City of Randolph to participate in the joint keno lottery that the county has entered. A motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve Resolution 2025-8. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit stated she had paperwork from the Liquor Control Commission for a managerial change at Backroad Barbecue. This change did not require a public hearing but Schmit was seeking no opposition from the board before giving approval to the state for the change.

Two special designated liquor licenses were presented by Clerk Schmit for receptions at Nissen Winery on May 17-18 and June 27-28, respectively. A motion to approve the SDL's was made by McGregor, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At the request of the county attorney, a motion to table the conditional use permit for NE-IA Helicopter was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A brief discussion as held on the Xpert Lawn & Landscaping quote for landscaping repair and mowing at the transit building outside of the irrigated area. No action was taken as the quote was not received in time for the agenda.

At 10:30 AM, District 1 Bids for new or used tractors were opened. 13 bids were received. Four from Kayton International and nine from Grossenburg Implement. Commissioner Donner will award the bid at the next meeting.

At 11:00 AM, District 2 Bids for new or used tractors were opened. 2 bids were received. One from Titan Machinery and one from Grossenburg Implement. Commissioner Meier will award the bid at the next meeting.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:20 AM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

May 13, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the April 22, 2025 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.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Gary Wieseler 50x150' livestock barn, Brian Lange moving in a 9,000 bu bin, Kenneth Koch 48x72 shed, Marcus Papenhausen 48x56 shed, Larry Domina 60,000 bu grain bin, Larry Lange 72x40 shed. Gobel posed the question to the commissioners about changing the setback from the center of the road to 50' because he has one more variance in process which will make six already for 2025. He stated if you are giving multiple variances for the same reason it may be time to change the setbacks. No action was taken.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented accelerated tax statements for Arbor Care Center's personal property tax and two mobile homes that were moved. The statements were signed by Chairman McGregor.

Commissioner Donner stated the tractor bids for District 1 were awarded to Grossenburg Implement for a 2024 6R195 and a 2016 6155R. Commissioner Meier stated the tractor bid for District 2 was also awarded to Grossenburg Implement for a 2024 6195M.

Reports from officials were reviewed and approved.

Discussion was opened by highway Superintendent Carla Schmidt on rural water line changes that were made on previously granted right of way permits. In one particular spot, Scott Fiedler from Rural Water stated it was a mistake to not update a right of way permit and the line was installed. Fiedler was asking permission to keep the water line in place. Russell Schmidt, President of the Natural Resource District spoke on Scott's behalf and stated this is a big project and updating the right of way permit simply was overlooked. Terry Zavadil, NRD Board Member was also in attendance and asked if this has ever happened before where a project changed and permits got changed after the fact. Highway Superintendent Schmidt stated that it has definitely happened with crossings and occupying the right of way has been permitted after installation with fiberoptic lines. The landowners at the spot in question, Traci Mueller and her spouse, Robert, were in attendance to ask what the expense of redoing the line would be and stated the cost would be passed on to rural water customers. Commissioner Meier stated it probably isn't worth digging up and changing. Motion to approve the right of way change made by Donner was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent Schmidt updated the board on the fiberoptic projects. Hartelco is complete and Great Plains is almost done with Cedar County. The road study on the Dixon/Cedar County line near Obert is in process. She has not heard any update on the road closure by Laurel. She then spoke about a CAT option for looking at parts online that the Wynot shop is utilizing. Discussion was also held about GPS for the motor graders for tracking maintenance on roads. From CAT it will cost \$20/month/machine and the newer machines already have the equipment installed. She then posed the question if we need to change the way the road crossing and right of way permits have been handled. Donner asked if the system is broken. Commissioners agreed to continue handling them as they have been.

At 10:00 AM, the public hearing for the Murdo's Liquor License was opened as advertised. With no one in attendance, the public hearing was held open for approximately ten minutes. Motion to approve the liquor license was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, opened discussion on the extension office IT equipment for internet access. They are using home-grade equipment that is near the end of its life. With the interlocal agreement with the university, some questions were raised as to interference with the University's IT department taking care of their computers. Kevin clarified what the needs are and what RTI is recommending. Updates would increase security to the courthouse network. The quote for updating the extension office only is \$2,540.73. The sheriff's office also has some equipment that needs to be updated. The quote from RTI for that equipment is \$1,955.70. Motion to approve the equipment upgrades from RTI was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with 3 to 0 vote.

At 11:30 AM a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 12:30 PM, a motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. 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 FUND:** Total Salaries 212,428.69; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 63,914.71; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 944.84; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,699.50; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,367.53; Security Bank 14,099.85; Security Bank 31,950.42; Appera 249.70; AT & T 115.11; B&B Locker 375.00; Josh Baurmeister 18.78; Ben Beckman 39.76; BLK Hills Eng. 94.71; Bomgaars 81.86; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Carhart 193.71; Cedar Co. Court 39.00; CKPP

347.73; City of Hart. 289.07; Coast to Coast 218.91; Maggie Cook 22,400.95; CVSOAN 60.0; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,210.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 1,426.89; Des Moines Stamp 135.20; Eakes Office Sol. 3,405.49; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland 1,382.21; Election Systems & Software 1,457.69; Fairfield Inn 259.90; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 161.30; Fischer Feed & Supply 65.34; Floor Maint. & Supply 161.75; Food Town 87.70; G Works 13,687.00; Dallas Graham 76.60; Groves Emergency Lighting 250.00; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Hartelco 1,830.48; Hartington Tree 1,200.00; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 81.76; Justin Heikes 98.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 109.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 238.35; Justice Data Solutions 3,450.00; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 3,041.13; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,185.22; Steve Leise 51.40; Loffler 91.00; Ron Lundahl 86.40; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; Mobile Binders 1,086.22; Lori Moss 1,873.30; NACO 250.00; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers 25.00; NE Public Power Dist. 2,371.48; Rick Noecker 51.40; Northeast NE Area on Aging 6,564.00; Northeast NE Economic Dev. 925.00; Northeast NE News Co. 1,534.19; NS/POAN Conference 200.00; Olsons Pest Tech 73.85; MAHKA 64.00; Pictometry International Corp. 58,309.87; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; Quadient 66.35; Randolph Farm Supply 111.50; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Jessica Schmit 191.80; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 180.00; Scott Stanton 260.55; Jackie Steffen 50.60; Thomas West 865.00; Tri-State Comm. 275.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 130.50; US Bank 3,785.47; US Cellular 484.24; Verizon 239.89; Visual Edge IT 19.93; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,419.32; Voyager Fleet Systems 224.36; Cara Wiebelhaus 28.70; Wintz Funeral Home 450.00; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 190.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 94,951.07; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 41,185.68; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,928.54; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,184.24; Sec. Bank 6,716.34; Sec. Bank 14,376.68; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appera 441.74; Art Kathol Appliance 155.00; B's Enterprise 79,118.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 63,544.75; Blk Hills Eng. 109.00; Bomgaars 637.66; Boyer Ridge Manufacturing 1,043.65; Cap Gravel 18,960.26; Carlson Home & Auto 1,270.00; CNPP Dist. 689.20; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 123.90; City of Laurel 198.02; City of Randolph 138.92; CNH Industrial Accts. 1,762.03; Coleridge Welding 100.09; Richard Donner 844.00; Farmers Union 3,323.76; Filter Care of NE. 259.75; Folkers Bros Garage 1,038.29; Fordyce Auto Repair 80.96; Graham Tire Co. 1,400.48; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.43; Grossenburg Imp. 5,281.28; H&K Oil 423.50; Hansen Bro. Parts 781.16; Hartelco 257.59; Hart. Shopper 256.00; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 530.02; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,863.17; Jerrys Service 13,540.26; Kayton International 178.85; Laurel Feed & Grain 1,625.00; Laurel True Value 71.10; Lawson Products 105.16; Leiting Auto 464.14; LG Everist 60,164.53; Mainelli Wagner & Associates 25,712.36; NPPD 136.69; NMC Exchange 858.19; NMC Exchange 1,064.87; NMC Exchange 1,210.68; NE Glass 925.00; Northeast NE News Co. 365.71; Paul's Welding 32.60; Peitz GMC 38.10; Pomp's Tire 2,164.17; R&B Land tiling 772.00; Randolph Farm Supply 2,330.16; Rath's Mini Mart 176.26; Santee Sioux Nation-Shop EZ 85.60; Carla Schmidt 9.68; Shurco 257.41; US Bank 65.62; US Cellular 296.51; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 77.36; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 53.01; Wiebelhaus Serv. 79.15; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 160.79; Wynot Oil 14,033.89

**COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND:** Brooke Kleinschmidt 38.16; Jacie Burbach 25.00; Friends of Randolph, 1,000.00; Donna Noecker 37.60; Chris Rasmussen 46.00; Roar-Reaching Out Around Randolph 315.00

**COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Hartington Creative Council 2,500.00

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 39,157.71.83; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 869.40; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,313.14; Sec. Bank 1,406.67; Sec. Bank 5,870.12; Appera 141.18; BLK Hills Eng. 108.63; Bloomfield Tire & Oil 60.00; City of Hart. 78.83; Farmers Union 7,630.85; Feilmeier Electric 150.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 256.00; Folkers Bros Garage 6,454.03; Foodtown 23.54; Hartelco 103.33; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 205.73; NPPD 99.77; NP Mart 556.17; Nikki Pinkelman 150.95; Randolph Farm Supply 50.52; US Bank 201.07; Verizon 718.56; X-Pert Lawn 281.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Chartwells Dining Serv. 255.85; Optk Networks 802.12; Recon Robotics 34,980.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,950.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 5,557.87

**Enhanced 911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 449.78; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 230.96; G Works 9,229.00; Holiday Inn 220.00; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

May 27, 2025

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 McGregor 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 May 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was opened on a Sensaphone system from Hartelco for the transit building. With a price tag under \$1,000, the commissioners agreed it was a viable option. Clerk Schmit stated the unit can detect sound and McGregor will work on getting quotes from Dave Feilmeier on smoke alarms. All commissioners agreed there needs to be something in place.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Cheryl Holm 48x32' house, Tami Bargstadt 40x60 shed, Grant Rolfes 12x12 garden shed, Ryan Dohmen trailer house moved in. He then presented three variance permits: William Holck 10' variance for shed, Zach Thompson 20' variance for shed, Rod Tramp 23' variance for a lean-to on an existing building. Motion to approve all three variances was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened discussion with two right of way permits in districts one and three. She let the board know she is working on the gravel bid process and this will be done in this fiscal year. Schmidt then reported on the road study completed on the county line (576 Avenue) between 884 and 886 Road as directed by the commissioners. The study was completed with Commissioner Donner and the Dixon County Road Superintendent in attendance. She is proposing to close the south portion of the road where a bridge is out. She read her report to the board and will follow up with the public hearing as required by statute.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board proposing a weather station be installed at the new tower site. We have the weather station, it simply needs to be installed. Cedar-Knox would install a pole for \$800 and the weather station can be mounted directly to that. Commissioners gave the go ahead to get this installed. He also alerted the board that the offices in the old courthouse do not have a battery backup or surge protector on the IT equipment. He will get that fixed. Finally, he proposed a purchase of a drone for public safety mainly in search and rescue efforts. Garvin stated its use in tower inspections would be financially beneficial. We have two sheriff deputies and himself that are licensed to fly the drone. An entry level drone would be around \$6,000 and he is looking into grant funding for a more advanced drone. Motion to approve the drone purchase was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:30 AM, bids were opened as advertised for a dump truck in district 2. Bids were received from Peitz GMC for a Freightliner truck chassis for \$137,686 with a box to be mounted from Wiechelma's for \$54,250; and RDO Truck Centers for a Mack truck with the box for \$217,552. Commissioner Meier stated he would consider the bids and award the bid at the next meeting.

At 11:00 AM, bids were opened as advertised for a box culvert in district 1. Bids were received from KEA Constructors for \$489,047.70 and A&R Construction Co for \$283,486.68. Motion to accept the A & R Construction Bid was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Adam with Mainelli Wagner & Associates was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the box culvert being bid. Discussion was opened on the Menominee bridge issue. He discussed a relaxation of standards process that will be sought for the roadway.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:45 AM.

The board convened at 1:00 PM. Discussion was opened on the county health insurance plan as presented by NACO. Options for a Health Savings Account Policy with a \$3,500 deductible were compared to the current \$2,600 deductible plan. Motion to accept the \$3500 HSA policy for January 1, 2026 enrollment with dual-option enrollment in the \$2,600 deductible plan was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

June 10, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the May 27, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Russ Flaming represented the Cedar County Ag Society in asking for the special designated liquor licenses for the Cedar County Fair rode and concerts July 17-20. Motion by McGregor was seconded by Donner to approve the licenses. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: William & Mary Jane Holk 32x40 storage building, Matt Weinandt 16,000 bu bin moved in, and Vic Paltz 8x12x8 shed.

Clerk Schmit updated the board on the transit system fire alarm quote. We have a formal quote from Hartelco for a Sensaphone but are still waiting for a smoke alarm quote from Dave Feilmeier.

Clerk Schmit asked for board approval for a journal entry necessary for the Jail Function as the salary line is over budget. A \$5,000 entry between the Sheriff and Jail functions was approved with a motion by Donner and second by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

On behalf of Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, Schmit presented a letter from the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the funding allocation for Next Generation 911. The allocation for the upcoming fiscal year is \$54,525.98. Chairman McGregor then asked Clerk Schmit to read a letter he had received from Ervin Portis with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency in appreciation for Garvin's efforts at fire school.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened discussion with two right of way permits in districts 2. She presented labor law posters to each commissioner to post in their respective shops. Gravel bid process is in the paper this week and next and we will be opening bids on June 24. We will repeat this process in February to work more on the supplier's production year. Also being bid at the June 24 meeting is a semi tractor for District Two as Commissioner Meier decided to reject all bids received at the May 27 meeting and go a different direction with a tractor trailer. She updated the board on the county line road closures. They are in Dixon County's hands to deal with their townships. She also let the board know Gerry Thoene is working on the new bridge weight limit signs required by the state. Schmidt sent another letter to the constituent needing to move personal property out of the right of way.

Discussion was held on the insurance renewal from NIRMA with a 10.55% increase. Brief discussion was held on increasing the deductible amount to save on premium but the savings do not warrant a change.

Clerk Schmit then asked the board to review the memo to employees as recommended by county attorney Ron Temple in response to the letter published by the State Auditor's office. Approval was given to email employees.

Chairman McGregor reported on the Area on Aging Board Meeting.

Discussion was opened on the tire collection event. Commissioners agreed to get a few weights of trailers and vehicles of various sizes so we can have an estimate of how many tons we have. It was decided not to turn anyone away even if we meet the 1,000 ton grant allowance and possibly advertising it that way the next time we are awarded grant funds.

At 10:00 AM, bids were opened for a motor grader for District 3. Two bids were received from Murphy Tractor and one from NMC Cat. Chairman McGregor stated he would consider the bids and make the award at the next meeting.

At 10:30 AM, a public hearing was opened for the application of a Class C Liquor License by the Dam Fish Shack, LLC. No opponents were present for the hearing. Motion by Donner to approve the application was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Officer reports were reviewed.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 209,299.69; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 63,914.71; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 930.53; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,548.74; NPPD 650.00; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,015.55; Security Bank 13,751.86; Security Bank 31,470.00; Anderson Body Shop 725.69; Appera 102.98; Arts Garbage 344.26; AT & T 115.19; Axon Enterprise Inc. 6,361.10; Bank of Hartington 114.00; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 690.30; BLK Hills Eng. 105.13; Blue Valley Pub. Safety Ins. 1,975.00; Bomgaars 57.68; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court of Dist. Court 104.41; Cedar Co. Court 106.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 1,000,000.00; Cedar Title & Escrow 125.00; CKPP 1,054.12; Central Valley Ag 3,139.68; City of Hart. 483.99; D & J Variety 73.12; Das State Acct Cent Finance 112.00; Dell Marketing 4,820.52; Double A Lawn Care 590.00; David Dowling 125.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,561.15; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland 3,979.94; Elgin Pharmacy 61.01; Elite Court Reporting Serv. 256.85; Fairfield Inn 265.90; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 38.53; Feilmeier Electric 150.00;

Floor Maint. & Supply 397.67; Folkers Bros Garage 1,386.81; Food Town 238.15; Gov Connections 623.97; Gov Forms & Supplies 1,796.71; Dallas Graham 76.60; Groves Emergency Lighting 7,431.30; Megan Hanefeldt 95.20; Hartelco 1,866.27; Hartington Ace Hardware 17.50; Hartington Shopper 1,761.40; NE Health & Human Serv. 180.00; Janelle Heikes 198.80; Justin Heikes 90.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 70.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jan Jansen 150.80; Johnsons Plumbing & Heating 357.50; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 3,207.63; Kardell's Auto 182.23; Karl Automotive Group 52,464.20; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,485.94; David Koch 737.00; Larry Koranda 22.00; Steve Leise 51.40; Ron Lundahl 86.40; Maximus 718.60; Midwest Card & ID Sol. 1,750.00; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NACO 2,825.46; NE Co. Attorneys 550.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 199.90; NPPD 2,021.17; NIRMA 94,305.00; Rick Noecker 51.40; Northeast NE News Co. 489.84; Olsons Pest Tech 73.85; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; Quality 1 Graphics & Signs 1,600.00; Quill Corp 105.26; Randolph Farm Supply 64.00; Randy Kathol 20,329.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health System 6,948.50; Riverside Tech. Inc. 10,156.93; Jessica Schmit 259.96; Roger Schwarts 12.00; SDS Weather 286.00; Cherine Specht 125.00; Steffen Drug 21.30; Jackie Steffen 63.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 24,103.02; Keith G Sudbeck 39.20; Ronald Temple 263.54; Tri-State Comm. 1,979.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 181.57; Unmanned Vehicle Tech. 5,839.17; US Cellular 418.52; Verizon 239.83; Visual Edge IT 29.91; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,176.18; Voyager Fleet Systems 87.97; Cara Wiebelhaus 47.60; Winkelman Repair 160.04; Marsha Wuebben 314.89; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 2,970.00; Yankton P&D 235.14

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 129,251.66; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 41,185.68; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 4,565.24; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 14,011.64; Sec. Bank 10,942.48; Sec. Bank 19,624.66; A-OX Welding 42.53; Appera 663.33; B's Enterprise 131,821.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 151,728.75; Blk Hills Eng. 54.28; Bomgaars 1,443.32; Boyer Ridge Manufacturing 152.48; Cap Gravel 11,608.35; CNPP Dist. 384.29; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 123.80; City of Laurel 63.26; Coleridge Welding 338.96; D&J Variety 2.48; Dkota Alignment & Frame 1,375.38; Farmers Union 9,744.43; Filter Care of NE. 122.45; Fischer Feed 307.50; Folkers Bros Garage 2,116.84; Gerhold Concrete 894.12; Gothier Body Shop 493.37; Great Plains Com. Inc 353.19; Grossenburg Imp. 344,858.54; H&K Oil 969.62; Hansen Bro. Parts 2,020.97; Hartelco 257.59; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 58.86; Hefner Oil & Feed 11,590.69; Jerrys Service 9,038.17; Kayton International 446.50; Knife River 63,017.19; Laurel Welding 4,636.24; Leiting Auto 114.37; LG Everist 61,116.55; Mayer Signs 129.00; NPPD 117.77; NIRMA 137,522.00; NMC Exchange 1,592.35; NMC Exchange 807.95; North American Truck & Trailer 167.20; Northeast Glass 1,320.00; Northeast NE News Co. 402.27; Paul's Welding 178.24; Peitz GMC 434.69; Pomp's Tire 17,588.90; Randolph Farm Supply 7,129.72; Rath's Mini Mart 377.63; Riverside Hydraulics 162.58; Carla Schmidt 9.68; Shurco 256.51; Titan Machinery 121,696.23; US Cellular 426.36; Village of Wynot 121.28; Voyager Fleet Syst. 99.98; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 435.17; Wynot Oil 20,626.84

**COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND:** Brooke Kleinschmidt 38.16; Jacie Burbach 25.00; Friends of Randolph, 1,000.00; Donna Noecker 37.60; Chris Rasmussen 46.00; Roar-Reaching Out Around Randolph 315.00

**COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Hartington Creative Council 2,500.00

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 40,312.20; BCBS 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 872.76; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,402.61; Sec. Bank 1,389.93; Sec. Bank 6,046.74; Anderson Body Shop 852.00; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Eng. 69.79; City of Hart. 181.79; D&J 44.77; Farmers Union 6,726.85; Folkers Bros Garage 404.80; Foodtown 23.54; Hartelco 103.33; Hefner Oil & Feed 49.70; NATP 125.00; NPPD 116.79; NIRMA 25,597.00; NP Mart 812.47; Olsen Pest Tech 75.00; Dave Owens 287.69; Addison Pinkelman 47.94; Nikki Pinkelman 657.21; Randolph Farm Supply 100.12; Rath's Mini Mart 92.80; Verizon 448.00; Wynot Oil 25.00; X-Pert Lawn 685.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Midwest Card & ID Solutions 9,750.00; Northeast Community College 340.00; Optk Networks 802.12

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00

**Enhanced 911 FUND:** Electronic Engineering 2,687.50; Fastwyre Broadband 331.56; Gov Connection 583.30; Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 439.65; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; United Communications Group 420.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 130.48; OPTK Networks 836.66; Trittech Software Systems 1,655.41

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

June 24, 2025

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 McGregor 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 June 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, came before the board with an issue on the previously approved 451NF for Arbor Care Nursing Facility. With the recent sale of the facility, the 451NF for Arbor Care needed to be denied and a new form for the new owner, Accura, was presented. Chairman McGregor signed the forms as presented.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Lyle Lammers 60x120 shop with living quarters, Terry Korth 40x60 pole barn addition, Rick Wieseler 50x60 farm building, Rodney Tramp 24x60 lean-to, Lynette Penlerick 32x40 machine shed. Conditional use permits were presented for Tony Gubbels and Nathan Hans, both to split off five acres for a house. Motion to approve the conditional use permits for Gubbels and Hans was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on a fiberoptic line in District 2 that was permitted a year ago that is going to get started soon. The contracts for the box culvert in District 1 were presented and signed by Commissioner Donner. Schmidt presented on her road superintendent's conference. Anticipated STP & BRO funds for the new fiscal year are \$173,810.41 and 258,437.01, respectively. Discussion was held on possibly asking fiberoptic companies to reimburse a set amount per mile for maintenance of the road after plowing.

Commissioner McGregor awarded the bid for the District 1 motor grader to NMC CAT.

At 9:30 AM, bids were opened for gravel/aggregate as advertised. There were three bids received from Cap Gravel, Spencer Quarries, and Backus Sand & Gravel. Motion to table the award was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 9:45 AM, bids were opened for the district 2 new truck tractor/day cab. There were seven bids received from RDO, West Point Truck Center, Cornhusker International (4 bids) and Peitz GMC. Commissioner Meier stated he is going to look over the quotes and make a decision.

At 10:00 AM motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made at 11:25 AM by Donner and was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. A motion to raise the base starting wage \$1.50/hr to \$20.50 was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:30 AM and reconvened at 12:30 PM.

Discussion was held on the city building available for sale.

Commissioner Meier stated he awarded the District 2 truck bid to West Point Auto & Truck Center for the 2025 Kenworth.

Department reports were reviewed.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Cedar County Treasurer 750,000.00; Comfort Inn 404.85; Das State Accounting 231.00; Das State Accounting 1,075.20; Eakes Office Sol. 575.08; Kaiser Heating/Cooling 166.50; Madison Pub. School Dist. 300.00; MIPS 4,478.34; NPPD 2,108.33; NE Neb. RC&D 1,500.00; NE Neb, News Co. 24.72; US Bank 335.26; Verizon 239.02; Janet Wiechelman 243.68; X-Pert Lawn 1,842.50

**ROAD FUND:** B's Enterprises 43,810.00; Cap Gravel 8,977.00; Custom Body Co. 179,900.00; Gothier Body Shop 341.84; Grossenburg Imp. 88,000.00; Hanson Bros. Parts/Serv. 19,323.20; Knoepfler Chevy Co. 38,993.00; NMC Exchange 331,000.00; SD Dept. of Transportation 464.61; The Dirt Man 3,078.50; US Bank 81.30; Wynot Oil 2,757.30

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** NPPD 127.06; US Bank 6,023.61

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,950.00; State of NE Dept. Correctional 2,932.03

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

July 8, 2025

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 McGregor 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 June 24, 2025 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.

Zoning Administrator Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Howard Gubbels 16x16' house addition, Dale Jensen 12x18' deck, Jason Arens 61x114' guilt developing barn, Tom Lackas 280 sq ft deck.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the three year report of unpaid taxes. 2022 taxes are 99.99% paid, 2023 are 99.98% paid and 2024 is 69.04% collected with the second half not yet due. She also let the board know the DMV employee that has been here several years is retiring so there may be a few days examiners are not able to be here in August or September.

Clerk Schmit presented a Special Designated Liquor License for Bow Valley Park Association on August 16. Motion to approve the license was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Resolution 25-9 was presented confirming the wage increases as passed at the June 24 meeting with a 3 to 0 vote. The resolution was signed by commissioners as presented.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented Resolution 25-10 to set the public hearing date as August 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Motion to approve the resolution to set the hearing was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then presented a letter from NDOT stating Hwy 57 between Belden and Coleridge will be resurfaced in 2026. A summary of gravel and aggregate purchased in the prior fiscal year was reviewed by the commissioners.

Discussion was held on the gravel and aggregate bids opened at the previous meeting. Motion was made by McGregor to reject all the bids received. The motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Due to a couple of suppliers' bids being lost in the mail, gravel and aggregate will be bid again July 22. Discussion was then held on the bridge/box culvert project for the Menominee bridge and proceeding with efforts to get a relaxation of standards. Donner opened discussion regarding subcontractors for fiberoptic lines being installed that are not following the permit for Great Plains and causing issues with the roads in District 1.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, came before the board with a list of omitted personal property for parcels 2685, 4042, 4271, 5287, 6926, 6951, 7195, 7399, 7475, 7611, 7716, 7717, 7721, 7723, 7724, 7729, 7734, 7742, 7743, 7748, 7755, 7777. Motion to accept the omitted personal property statements as presented was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss the mutual aid agreement with Yankton and Knox Counties. This agreement is a formality for South Dakota and covers fire, EMS, and Emergency Management. It does not include law enforcement. The agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Motion was made by McGregor to approve the Yankton-Cedar-Knox Mutual Aid Agreement. This motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was then held on the extra cable spools stored at the tower site.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, came to discuss the two year budget that had been approved in February and the changes being required by the state for a new one year budget with a reduction of funds. Motion to approve Resolution 25-11 for the 5311 Program Agreement for the estimated budget of \$ 413,632 in Federal funds and \$120,788 in state funds leaving 120,787 for a local match was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was held on the county purchasing vehicles outside of the state contract.

At 11:00 AM, motion to enter the Board of Equalization was made by McGregor, seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Protests were heard on parcel numbers 5269, 2705, 6442, 6291 and 6054. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:00. Additional protests were heard on parcel numbers 802 and 3037.02. Motion to make no change based upon the Assessor's testimony and recommendation on parcels 5269; 2705; 6442; 6054; 6291; and 802 and reduce the value after testimony and evidence presented of ratios of recent sales on parcel 3037.02 was made by Donner 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 at 2:30 PM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Fee reports were reviewed by the board.

With no further business or agenda items the following claims were reviewed and approved for payment.  
**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 218,506.67; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 58,872.17; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 2,170.99; Lincoln Nat. Life Ins. 901.91; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 7,09.49; Retire Plans Div of Am. 25,100.10; Security Bank 15,216.50; Security Bank 32,877.54; Appera 102.98; Arts Garbage 229.50; AT & T 93.85; Avera Med. Grp. 694.00; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 128.43; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 409.10; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar

Co. Court 135.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 790.98; CKPP 332.10; Chaplin Tire Recycling 50,539.88; City of Hart. 532.59; Crary Huff Law 95.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 584.00; Don Dendinger 33.60; Gene Dickes 50.70; Dodge County 4,089.84; Double A Lawn Care 590.00; Eakes Office Sol. 2,554.10 Elgin Pharmacy 12.29; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 84.62; Floor Maint. & Supply 179.70; Food Town 781.88; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC 727.60; Megan Hanefeldt 190.40; Hartelco 1,841.98; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 96.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniform & Equip. 260.55; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 540.00; Austin Korth 78.00; Jim Kvoles 28.00; Kathy Lammers 84.00; Dan Lipp 87.20; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 75.00; Northeast NE News Co. 272.62; Olsons Pest Tech 203.85; Peitz GMC 32.98; Mahaska 115.00; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Sanford Health 2,305.00; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 160.00; Justyce Sohl 57.80; Keaston Sohl 57.80; Ron Stapelman 72.40; Steffen Drug 59.61; Jackie Steffen 14.81; John Steffen 55.60; Tri-State Comm. 805.00; US Cellular 289.38; Verizon 160.04; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,333.11; Voyager Fleet Systems 91.22 Paul Wemhoff 14.70; Cara Wiebelhaus 32.90; Jean Wiebelhaus 231.00; Mich Wiepen 78.00; Winkelman Repair 508.72; Alan Wortmann 50.00; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 380.00; Yankton P&D 235.14, Joe Zimmerman 21.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 114,818.34; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 40,109.89; Colonial Life 596.22; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,841.03; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,408.72; Sec. Bank 17,416.34; Sec. Bank 8,965.37; Appera 483.51; Avera Med. Group 94.00; B's Enterprise 23,352.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 82,661.50; Bomgaars 308.77; CKPP Dist. 390.64; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.79; City of Hart 127.80; City of Laurel 67.47; Cornhusker Int. Truck Inc. 179.70; Crowne Plaza 434.85; Dinkels 1,195.71; Farmers Union 5,452.72; Filter Care of NE. 180.00; Folkers Bros Garage 1,983.56; Graham Tire Yankton 91.95; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.19; Grossenburg Imp. 51,957.57; Hansen Bros Parts & Serv. 8,808.80; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Shopper 89.50; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,374.15; Jerrys Service 14,949.13; Kaiser Appliance 338.93; Kardells Auto 83.18; Kimball Midwest 254.34; Knife River 123,506.53; Laurel True Value 374.39; Lawson Products 2,017.93; Leiting Auto 16.30; LG Everist 43,536.37; Medical Enterprises 36.00; Menford Electric 211.41; Napa Auto Parts Yankton 26.97; NPPD 151.31; NMC Exchange 1,864.85; NMC Exchange 1,090.58; Northeast NE News Co. 495.58; NP Mart 84.21; Nutrien AG Solutions 330.00; Pearson Motor Co. 273.99; Peitz GMC 88.50; Pomp's Tire 2,234.19; Randolph Farm Supply 2,748.05; Raths Mini Mart 451.68; Road Builders 2,284.47; Carla Schmidt 292.57; Stern Oil 817.30; Titan Machinery 358.90; Titan Machinery Yankton 59.50; Top Crop 1,600.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 38,737.04; US Cellular 393.55; Village of Wynot 109.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 84.19; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 19.99; Wiebelhaus Serv. 28.78; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 46,877.60; Wynot Oil 13,713.45

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 48,171.69; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 1,180.27; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 5,175.24; Sec. Bank 1,922.19; Sec. Bank 7,249.22; Appera 94.12; City of Hart. 201.48; Farmers Union 6,054.05; Folkers Bros Garage 435.77; Hartelco 103.22; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 40.92; NP Mart 564.47; Rath's Mini Mart 156.18; Verizon Wireless 832.20; X-Pert Lawn 550.00

**Diversion Program Fund:** Danko Emer. Equip. 1,335.00; My Medic Wholesale 1,070.69; United Tactical Systems 728.00

**Enhanced 911 FUND:** Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 442.36; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** Trittech Software Systems 1,655.41

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

July 22, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the July 8, 2025 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. Minutes from the July 15, 2025 Board of Equalization 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.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: EMR Ventures, LLC (Backroad Barbecue) 12x12 portable shed and 20x30 shelter for stage, Dan Fischer 40x60 machine shed, Michael Dowling 27.8x16' house addition, Richard Heikes 60,000 bu bin, Eric Becker 70x150' commodity shed.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license on behalf of Nisssen Winery for a private event on August 23. A motion to approve the SDL was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit stated the board needed to designate a printing service for the joint public hearing postcards. Motion to designate MIPS as the printer service was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented a list of changes since their March 19 deadline. After reviewing the list, a motion to approve the changes was made by Meier, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Heikes then presented damaged real property reports filed on July 15 on parcels 1113.00 and 3252.00. Motion to approve both updated assessed values due to damaged real property was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the establishment of sinking funds as a strategy to maintain budgets. Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-12 to establish a general sinking fund and road sinking fund. Motion to approve Resolution 25-12 as presented was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Bob Parsons, representative from the Laurel Public Library, presented information to the board regarding their operations for the past year. Data sheets were also presented by Clerk Schmit on behalf of the Hartington and Randolph libraries. These were reviewed by the board and will be considered as the budget is finalized.

NACO representative, Luke Bonkiewicz, presented an update from NACO.

At 10:30 AM, gravel and aggregate bids were opened as advertised. Bids were reviewed from Backus Sand & Gravel, Knife River, LG Everist, Spencer Quarries, and Cap Gravel. Motion to accept all gravel and aggregate bids was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a permit in District 1 for a short fiberoptic line addition that was approved by Commissioner Donner. Discussion was then held on how to invoice the contractors installing fiberoptic lines for gravel and/or damage done to roads. Billing the first gravel required on roads that have been plowed will be billed to the contractor without trucking cost.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

The board reviewed and approved a claim to the Treasurer for a \$250,000 transfer to the road fund.

With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

August 12, 2025

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 and County Attorney Ron Temple. Chairman McGregor 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 July 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented two special designated liquor licenses for Bow Valley Park Association for events hosted at Diane's Greenhouse on September 12 and November 14, respectively. Motion to approve the licenses was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Don Schulte 15,000 bu grain bin, Jason Heikes 60,000 bu grain bin, Paul Goeden 50x80 shouse, Dennis Kleinschmit 10x12 storage building, Jared Kvolts replacement 72x96 shop, Mike Mauch 34,000 bu grain bin.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented omitted personal property for schedule numbers 7695, 7710, and 7778. These are all first time filers. Motion to approve the omitted schedules was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit reported on the scrap tire recycling event. The tires are cleaned up and 818.69 tons were recycled. Once the final bill for trucking is paid this month, Schmit will submit the expenditures to the state for reimbursement.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented one right of way permit to bore power in District 1. She reported that she has received nearly \$7,000 of the amount billed to Great Plains Communication for damage done to roads while plowing fiberoptic lines. There is another \$13,000 to come in. Schmidt then presented resolution 25-13 to give the board chairman authority to sign the certification of program compliance for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion to approve Resolution 25-13 was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then reported on the certification completed for the STP and BRO funds. Estimated deposits for the STP and BRO funds for 2026 are \$173,810.41 and \$258,437.01, respectively.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

At 10:00 AM, the public hearing for the road closure of 576 Avenue was opened by Chairman McGregor. Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened discussion by reading her report on the road study. Ron Temple stated parcels 1662 and 1717 have been recently transferred and asked that the current landowner acknowledge that he waives the right of notice by registered or certified mail. Elmer Hoelsing, the current owner of those parcels, acknowledged that he had received notification from his mother and waived his right to new notification. Alfred Hoelsing stated that they need decent access to that property. Jerry Stewart spoke regarding the history of the road since his ownership of adjacent parcels in 2002. He had first contacted a Dixon County Commissioner regarding the road being closed. Stewart also questioned a couple portions of local road that need gravel, and which would be better use of taxpayer funds. He stated he found mail route roads that went back through Hoelsing's property into Cedar County and questioned if those roads were still open. Stewart went on to state that building a half mile of road back into a single property is not in the public's interest compared to maintaining roads that will be used every single day. Hoelsing's brought up concern for fire trucks getting to the property. Stewart stated he has offered an easement to the Hoelsing family. Melinda Burbach stated the deed was transferred because the prior landowner is elderly and cannot attend these meetings. Austen Stewart asked the board if there has been a precedent set elsewhere in the county for similar situations. Schmidt gave several examples of roads that had been kept open in order to preserve access to a parcel. John Hines, a lawyer representing Jerry Stewart, stated the Hoelsing family has an implied easement out of necessity through their property in Dixon County and the private access being sought is not for public benefit. Hines further stated, the only way to eliminate liability to the county is to close the entire road. Steve Stewart spoke in favor of an easement because that would not be the taxpayer's expense. Hoelsing stated a county road access would be the only way to eliminate any problems down the road and that he would never have an easement with Stewart. Hines stated if the road was opened they would want to have a discussion about the work Stewart did to clear the right of way and level the grade. In conclusion, Temple commented on the practicality of easements and also some language regarding the terms and conditions that must be set forth in a closure. Chairman McGregor thanked everyone for their attendance and the conversation and stated the board would take everything into consideration. Conversations need to be held with Dixon County and then a resolution should be signed at the next meeting.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Discussion was held with transit manager, Nikki Pinkelman, regarding the budget for 2025-2026.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:20 and reconvened at 1:20.

Further discussion was held regarding the budget and the tax request authority.

Chairman McGregor opened discussion on the purchase of the old firehall across the street.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 218,506.67; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 61,418.75; Colonial Life 870.45; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 1,355.84; Lincoln Ntl. Life 889.60; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,973.81; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,796.70; Security Bank 14,986.68; Security Bank 32,605.96; Jury 15,178.30; Appera 102.98; Arts Garbage 13,564.36; Arts Garbage 242.50; AT & T 72.29; Avera Med. Grp. 264.00; Ben Beckman 81.90; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 389.25; BLK Hills Energy 109.67; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Court 309.26; Cedar Co. Court 17.00; CKPP 345.51; Central Valley Ag 1,464.19; Chaplin Tire Recycling 83,725.28; City of Hart. 521.59; Maggie Cook 605.90; CVSOAN 60.00; D&J Variety 13.97; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Double A Lawn Care 850.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,327.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 5,406.85; Election Systems & Software Inc. 50.67; Elgin Pharmacy 27.29; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 486.21; Floor Maint. & Supply 221.10; Food Town 1,615.93; Gov Connections Inc. 1,613.42; Arianne Greiner 219.80; Guarantee Roofing/Siding Co. 625.00; Hartelco 2,086.74; Hartington Ace 24.99; Hartington Shopper 194.90; NE Health & Human Serv. 180.00; HWY 84 Auto Wash 70.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jacks Uniform & Equip. 1,884.45; Heather Jones 128.80; Kardell's Auto; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 720.00; Landmark Surveying 600.00; Loffler 91.00; Madison Co. Dist. Court 970.67; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; NACO 25.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 315.00; NPPD 2,994.73; Northeast NE News Co. 1,294.98; Olsons Pest Tech 203.85; Peitz GMC 126.43; Pip Marketing Signs Print 2,303.75; Vickie Prince 612.50; Quadiant 248.90; Michele Quick 237.50; Randolph Far, Supply 65.50; Region IV Inc. 3,195.50; Patrick Reineke 109.60; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Monica Rotherham 361.00; Jenny Sage 31.78; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Spencer Quarries Inc. 2,519.53; Steffen Drug 39.74; Jackie Steffen 47.60; Stryker Sales Corp. 940.56; Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters 902.08; US Bank 4,504.34; US Cellular 374.37; Verizon 560.33; Visual Edge IT 36.69; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,052.66; Voyager Fleet Systems 135.95; Judith Wegner 237.50; Wintz Funeral Home 841.50; X-Pert Lawn & Landscaping 475.00; Yankton P&D 235.14

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 114,818.34; AFLAC 602.11; BCBS 42,345.79; Colonial Life 954.40; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 4,871.41; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 14,731.26; Sec. Bank 11,426.50; Sec. Bank 20,619.38; A-OX Welding 86.20; Appera 670.97; Avera Med. Group 25.00; B's Enterprise 9,226.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 47,574.25; BLK Hills Energy 106.55; Bomgaars 893.13; Cap Gravel 205.73; CKPP Dist. 417.33; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 54.38; City of Hart 125.10; City of Laurel 63.26; Coleridge Welding 273.86; Farmers Union 8,534.18; Filter Care of NE. 222.05.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 14.95; Folkers Bros Garage 7,605.82; Gothier Body Shop 40.00; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 4,941.42; H&K Oil 1,913.06; Hansen Bros Parts & Serv. 582.29; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Shopper 89.50; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 571.12; Hefner Oil & Feed 8,333.57; Janssen Construction 13,700.00; Jerrys Service 6,468.15; John Deere Financial 66,288.40; Kardell's Auto 25.00; Kayton International (Crofton) 69.30; Kimball Midwest 82.20; Knife River 83,368.68; Landmark Surveying 650.00; Laurel True Value 142.68; Lawson Products 100.86; Leiting Auto 108.64; LG Everist 62,461.32; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 15,957.90; David McGregor 159.88; Medical Enterprises 149.00; NPPD 185.86; NMC Exchange 370.30; NMC Exchange 2,514.72; NMC Exchange 1,103.43; Northeast NE News Co. 104.43; Paul's Welding 499.76; Peitz GMC Service 636.07; Pomp's Tire Service 414.30; Randolph Farm Supply 2,506.18; Raths Mini Mart 272.54; Riverside Hydraulics 282.51; Road Builders 4,419.36; Santee Sioux Nation-Shop Ez 71.19; Jessica Schmit 35.00; Stern Oil 9,438.28; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 4,247.71; US Bank 155.00; US Cellular 393.35; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 123.78; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 73.54; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 1,189.38; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 1,036.33; Wynot Oil 14,087.81

**TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 48,171.69; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 510.00; NE Dept Of Rev. 948.04; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,319.54; Sec. Bank 1,546.38; Sec. Bank 6,117.20; Anderson Body Shop 657.91; Appera 94.12; BLK Hills Energy 57.27; City of Hart. 217.75; Farmers Union 6,270.45; Folkers Bros Garage 1,843.04; Hartelco 50.07; Hartelco Computers 194.99; Holiday Inn 358.20; Cheri Morten 314.68; NPPD 192.96; NP Mart 299.21; Olsen Pest Tech 75.00; Pinkelman Radiator Repair 131.03; Nikki Pinkelman 45.00; Randolph Farm Supply 51.28; US Bank 1,205.82; Verizon Wireless 506.21; X-Pert Lawn 950.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** OPTK Networks 802.12; Stanton Co. 2,250.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Boone Co. Sheriff's Dept. 1,560.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 450,000.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,719.72

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 435.26; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; United Communications Group 2,300.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 260.96; OPTK Networks 836.66

**COURTHOUSE BOND FUND:** BOKF, NA 351,065.00

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

August 26, 2025

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 McGregor 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 August 12, 2025 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.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-14 to acknowledge the receipt of preliminary tax requests from political subdivisions granted levy authority from the board. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-14 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmit then presented Resolution 25-15 to establish a fund for Keno within the county. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-15 was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Jerald Stewart two 60,000 bu grain bins, Patrick Zavadil 21,000 bu grain bin, Greg Sudbeck moving in an 8,000 bu grain bin, Michael Schmitz 36x52 house. Gobel also presented information on Nelson's Brother's Second Subdivision for a partial road vacation. It is a dead-end road that two property owners have agreed to vacate. Motion to direct Road Superintendent Schmidt to complete a road study on the subdivision road adjacent to lots 1-3 of the subdivision was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the hazard mitigation plan that has been approved by FEMA that needs to be adopted by the board. Resolution 25-16 to adopt the hazard mitigation plan was read by Clerk Schmit. Motion to adopt Resolution 25-16 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was held on the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network which is a closed data circuit within the state. Cedar County had signed an agreement five years ago to be a part of this. The county currently uses Hartelco just as economically as the NRIN for public safety purposes. There is no clear advantage or disadvantage, as well as no cost to the county. The board agreed to renew the membership. Garvin then asked for board approval to provide assistance to Dixon County for the Ponca Expo in September. The board agreed this was mutually beneficial and granted approval.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a map with a very small portion of road on 889 road and a landowner that needs a 911 address. Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, stated we can't have a road running north and south as well as east and west so the best option would be to name this small portion 889.5 Road. Motion to approve the renaming of this section of road 889.5 Road was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt then presented one right of way permit for District 3 and gave an update on the fiberoptic crews.

Clerk Schmit shared information on behalf of the transit system regarding the application process for new vans that is now available. Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, will bring her application for approval in September and plans to apply for the purchase of seven vans to replace the highest mileage vans.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented her report on the distress warrant listing. Of the forty warrants issued, there is only one that remains uncollected.

Steve Hassler, Deric Anderson, and Neil Blohm, supervisors from Dixon County were present to discuss the road closure on the Dixon County line. The supervisors shared what the consensus was from their board after their public hearing, that the road hadn't been used for fifty years so they didn't feel it was necessary to resurrect it. Discussion was held on what would be considered "open range." This would leave the road established, put a gate across it, and the road would remain open. County Attorney Ron Temple was consulted to ask questions about liability and gated roads. Motion to table the discussion to allow the attorneys from both counties time to discuss the matter was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 1 vote with Donner voting no.

Annual inventories were reviewed and signed by the board.

Monthly reports were reviewed by the board.

Discussion was then held on the budget, tax request, and joint public hearing requirements.

With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

September 9, 2025

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:00 AM and opened the Budget Hearing for the Fiscal year 2025-2026 as advertised in the legal newspapers of the County. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and answer questions regarding the budget.

At 8:30 AM the regular board 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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the August 26, 2025 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, Janel Heikes, presented several things for the board to review and approve. Motion to approve an accelerated personal property on statement 5562 was made by Meier, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Next was a tax exemption for parcel 7456.01 was presented because that parcel had been sold. Motion to approve the exemption was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Finally, Heikes presented her three year plan of assessment for approval by the board. Motion to approve the plan was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license for the Bow Valley Park Association for an event hosted at Noecker's Acres on October 4. Motion to approve the license was made by Donner, seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Joe & Leonarda Arens 36x46 addition, Eagle Roost Resort 20x40 in-ground pool, Gary Bottolfsen 33,000 bu grain bin, Tom Wiebelhaus 12x12 and 16x16 addition.

Discussion was opened on the county line road closure. Ron Temple had updated the board that he has not heard from the Dixon County Attorney. Jane Hoelsing was in attendance and read a letter to the commissioners regarding the closure of the road. Brief discussion was held on opening the road from the south side to gain access to the Hoelsing property. Chairman McGregor stated we will wait for the attorneys to get in touch with one another.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion on the county bridge match program. The state will award \$4 million to counties and are asking for project proposals by the middle of October. Commissioners agreed to re-submit the same proposal of the two box culverts bundled together that was submitted last year.

Clerk Schmit read Resolution 25-17 for administration of the cafeteria plan. Motion to accept the resolution was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:00 AM, a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Donner, seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 10:45 AM, a motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 215,335.54; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 61,418.75; Colonial Life 870.45; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 1,355.84; Lincoln Ntl. Life 925.67; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,938.97; Retire Plans Div of Am. 24,790.16; Security Bank 14,843.92; Security Bank 32,531.24; Appera 102.98; Connie Arens 243.78; Arts Garbage 229.50; Bank of Hartington 29.95; Ben Beckman 505.40; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 124.95; BLK Hills Energy 253.73; Bruce Blatchford 810.00; Bomgaars 251.89; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 176.00; Cedar Co. Court 187.00; Cedar Co. Court 24.97; Cedar Co. Treasurer 400,000.00; CKPP 335.00; City of Hart. 545.59; City of Hartington 125.00; Climate Systems Inc. 1,195.50; Gail Curry 96.86; D&J Variety 24.97; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,612.80; Double A Lawn Care 700.00; Eakes Office Sol. 1,523.03; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 880.15; Royce Fairley 97.00; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 117.12; Ryan Fettig 128.90; Floor Maint. & Supply 401.46; Food Town 1,178.82; Andrew Gothier 96.86; Gov Connections Inc. 48.14; Megan Hanefeldt 428.40; Hartelco 1,797.77; Hartelco Tele. 800.00; Hartington Ace 52.97; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 46.57; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 1,189.31; HWY 84 Auto Wash 108.50; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jamie Miller Legal Serv. 1,502.80; Janelle Gubbels 356.78; Jonathan Publishing 150.00; Kathleen Jorgensen 968.50; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 1,233.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 720.00; Larry Koranda 15.00; Madison Co. Sheriff 162.95; Paul Meier 80.36; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; Misty Miranda 89.86; NACO 300.00; NACO 55.00; NPPD 3,157.93; Northeast NE News Co. 506.34; Olsons Pest Tech 147.70; Sally Opfer 212.90; Peitz GMC 81.21; Diane Pieper 221.89; Pip Marketing Signs Print 61.18; Poms Tire Serv. 74.57; Quill Corp. 210.87; Randolph Farm Supply 96.30; Jill Rasmussen 96.86; Region 4

Behavioral Health System 6,948.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Anthony Sattlefield 176.80; Jennifer Schaible 58.50; Jessica Schmit 177.30; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Steffen Drug 45.13; Jackie Steffen 347.41; Tri-State Communications 186.00; US Cellular 448.73; Verizon 241.42; Veterans Info Serv. 70.00; Visual Edge IT 17.74; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,868.72; Voyager Fleet Systems 47.65; Janet Wiechelman 182.46; Winkelbauer Repair 260.57; Marla Wortmann 487.76; Marsha Wuebben 22.46; X-Pert Lawn 380.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 111,047.96; AFLAC 602.11; BCBS 42,335.20; Colonial Life 954.40; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,657.99; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 12,252.38; Sec. Bank 8,076.27; Sec. Bank 16,793.24; A-OX Welding 382.00; Appera 450.61; Avera Med. Group 25.00; B's Enterprise 2,393.75.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 64,785.25; BLK Hills Energy 111.14; Bomgaars 1,772.48; Cap Gravel 37,455.30; CKPP Dist. 170.75; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 65.89; CVA 1,967.28; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 64.31; Coleridge Welding 36.34; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 410.47; Dendinger Trucking 5,617.88; Detlefsen Construction 11,375.00; Dinkels 567.81; Faith Reg. Physician Serv. 140.00; Farmers Union 16,594.30; Filter Care of NE. 182.00; Fischer Feed & Supply 188.00; Folkers Bros Garage 3,269.87; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 5,006.58; Hartelco 257.25; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 330.09; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,820.32; Jerrys Service 8,175.92; Knife River 59,783.97; Lammers Trailer Repair 545.79; LG Everist 39,612.18; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 10,219.60; Medical Enterprises 36.00; Menford Electric 160.00; Mid-American Research Chemical 1,641.31; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 817.87; NPPD 185.79; NMC Exchange 1,157.04; NMC Exchange 3,389.65; NMC Exchange 1,097.98; Nutrien AG Solutions 54.15; Peitz GMC Service 156.58; Pomp's Tire Service 1,110.14; R&B Landtiling 17,338.36; Randolph Farm Supply 1,677.42; Raths Mini Mart 221.66; Road Builders 1,069.41; Schmitt Construction 20,100.00; S2 Roll Offs LLC 52.50; Top Crop 895.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 2,318.45; US Bank 453.41; US Cellular 393.35; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 148.15; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wiebelhaus Serv. 166.65; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 7,951.52; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 669.44; Wynot Oil 33,857.40

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 39,479.21; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 510.00; NE Dept Of Rev. 908.13; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,276.06; Sec. Bank 1,549.37; Sec. Bank 5,945.74; Appera 95.26; BLK Hills Energy 120.46; City of Hart. 211.12; Climate Systems Inc. 1,512.00; Farmers Union 6,879.21; Folkers Bros Garage 1,762.65; Hartelco 66.60; Hartington Post Office 106.00; NPPD 207.43; Northeast NE News Co. 53.00; NP Mart 445.95; Nikki Pinkelman 93.75; Randolph Farm Supply 47.95; Raths Mini Mart 138.46; Verizon Wireless 1,348.74; X-Pert Lawn 910.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** OPTK Networks 802.12; South Sioux City Police Dept. 39,420.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Madison Co. Jail 1,200.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 3,093.62

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** Batteries Plus Bulbs 384.19; Fastwyre Broadband 155.00; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 440.36; Lexipol 334.18; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; Sante Fe Dist. 576.68

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

September 23, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the September 9, 2025 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.

Clerk Schmit presented a special designated liquor license for All Saints Church for a fundraiser event at St. Boniface Parish Center in Menominee on October 18. Motion to approve the license was made by Meier, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on moving the first meeting of November because it falls on Veteran's Day. The board agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 12 at 8:30 AM.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a sign permit to the board. Discussion was held on safety standards for storing acetylene and oxygen. She then presented her report from the study she completed on the road in Nelson Brothers Second Subdivision. The report was accepted, and the road vacation process will move forward. Finally, she let the board know the results of the traffic study done on the fairgrounds road.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following conditional use permits: Logan Buschkamp/Mike Hans split off 5 acres, Randy Koch splitting two lots in Bow Valley, Dave Klanderud splitting off 21.6 acres, Roman Steffen split off an acreage and another bare 5 acres, Mark Wortmann split off five acres. Motion to accept all the conditional use permits was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. The following building permits were presented by Gobel: Galen Foxhoven 48x72 machine shed, Allen Kleinschmit 16,000 bu grain bin, Mitchell Sudbeck replacement building, Dan Kollars 20x40 pole shed, Joe Lammers 50x40 machine and hay storage, Raleigh Burbach moving in a 40x50 building, Terry Jueden 80x50 pole shed, Troy Norman 24x56 garage.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, came before the board to discuss the application for non-ADA vans for the transit system. She is seeking approval for seven vans to replace all of those that she is using with over 200,000 miles. Each van would cost \$48,229 and the county's portion is 10%. The total cost to Cedar County for all seven vans would be \$33,760.30. Motion to approve the application for vehicles was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. The Ford Transit that was paid for with CARES Act Funding during COVID is finally available and will be picked up on Thursday.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made at 10:30 AM by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

At 11:00 AM, the special hearing was opened to set the final tax request. The total tax request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$8,466,677.07, setting the county levy at \$.216948. Motion to approve this tax request and levy setting was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 11:30 AM, Great Plains Communications representative Colin Lodil was in attendance to discuss the amounts billed to their company for gravel due to fiberoptic cable installation and damage to roads. The current application to occupy the right-of-way and the county's utility policy were reviewed and discussed.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST:   
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:   
David McGregor, Board Chairman

October 14, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the September 23, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit updated the board on the recent activity from the Cedar County Tourism meeting. She also informed the Board that the chair of that advisory committee, Chris Rasmussen, had decided to step down from that position. Josh Rayford from Randolph has taken on that role. They are seeking three individuals for the committee.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a press release regarding the importance of the County Bridge Match Program to be published in the paper. With no objections, commissioners agreed to having it printed. Discussion was held on the practice of putting product on the road for dust control. County Attorney Ron Temple joined the meeting and gave his opinion agreeing with not allowing dust control products on the roads unless the taxpayer is willing to sign an indemnification agreement. NIRMA has recommended not allowing these products to be placed on the roads. Brief discussion was held on the ongoing fiberoptic installation.

At 10:00 AM, a motion to enter Board of Equalization was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. 2025 tax levies were reviewed by the commissioners. Motion to approve the 2025 tax levies was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit then presented Resolution 25-18 to approve the ongoing use of a cash fund in county court in the amount of \$60.00. Motion to pass Resolution 25-18 was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the special open enrollment period starting soon for the new option for health insurance to county employees. The motion by McGregor to approve a \$75.00 HSA contribution per deductible for the new health policy effective 1/1/26 was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Jerry Stewart was in attendance and had a letter to present for open comment regarding the county line road closure.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Dennis Schumacher moving in a 24x28 garage, Randy Papenhausen replacing a wind-damaged bin, Tom Kuchta moving in a small tin building, Scott Labs moving in a 28x54 manufactured home, Tim Kuchta 80x90 shop. Gobel presented an 18' variance for Rollie Burbach to put a shop along the road. Motion to approve the variance was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 217,694.51; Aflac 1,014.59; BCBS 61,418.75; Colonial Life 870.45; Empower Retire 3,555.00; 1st Concord 1,755.84; Lincoln Ntl. Life 854.12; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 7,051.10; Retire Plans Div of Am. 25,225.54; Security Bank 15,140.48; Security Bank 32,892.96; Appera 104.24; Arts Garbage 270.50; At & T Mobility 93.74; Stan Becker 52.10; Ben Beckman 100.10; Benchmark Govt. Sol. 27.90; BLK Hills Energy 139.77; Bomgaars 319.99; Bound Tree Medical LLC 50.56; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 18.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 50.12; Cedar Co. Treasurer 500,000.00; CKPP 319.49; City of Hart. 574.19; Comfort Inn 134.95; Das State Acct Cent Finance 661.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing LP 385.39; Des Moines Stamp 78.15; Dodge Co. 3,824.00; Double A Lawn Care 590.00; Krista Dybdal 69.60; Eakes Office Sol. 1,397.80; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 386.43; Floor Maint. 553.58; Food Town 1,197.84; Arianne Greiner 439.60; Megan Hanefeldt 47.60; Hartelco 1,824.08; Hartington Ace 140.68; Hartington Shopper 1,411.90; NE Health & Human Serv. 366.00; Janelle Heikes 3,329.37; HWY 84 Auto Wash 99.25; Holiday Inn Express 124.91; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 95.85; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 13,700.00; Kardell's Auto 906.34; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; David Koch 570.00; Landmark Surveying 1,050.00; Dan Lipp 89.20; Michelle Loecker 163.32; Lynn Peavey Co. 55.81; Madison Co. Jail 13.32; Maximus, INC 750.00; MIPS Inc 3,789.56; NACO 1,760.00; NEB St. Fire Marchall Agency 120.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Center 250.00; NPPD 2,770.73; Northeast NE News Co. 2,496.22; Olsons Pest Tech 130.00; Sally Opfer 45.01; P.O.A.N 80.00; Mahaska 111.00; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Quill Corp. 91.17; Randolph Farm Supply 25.00;

Region 4 Behavioral Health System 3,195.50; Riverside Tech. 4,454.02; Sanford Health 5,133.00; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec. of State -Elections Div. 60.00; Scott Stanton 672.82; Ron Stapelman 72.40; Steffen Drug 1,184.29; Jackie Steffen 122.71; John Steffen 55.60; Stryker Sales Corp. 1,050.00; Charlene Sudbeck 299.60; Diane Sudbeck 62.49; The Bat Experts 18,556.00; Total Fire & Sec. 460.00; US Bank 2,428.77; US Cellular 436.33; Verizon 462.05; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,629.47; Voyager Fleet Systems 172.83; Cara Wiebelhaus 207.45; Ron Wieseler 1,700.00; X-Pert Lawn 380.00

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 105,065.55; AFLAC 602.11; BCBS 48,231.98; Colonial Life 954.40; Empower Retirement 400.00; 1<sup>st</sup> Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,464.81 Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 11,423.23; Sec. Bank 7,667.65; Sec. Bank 15,877.92; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appeara 489.69; Avera Med. Group 120.00; B's Enterprise 25,459.92; Backus Sand & Gravel 59,021.25; BLK Hills Energy 61.39; Bomgaars 402.07; Cap Gravel 5,253.51; Carlson Home & Auto 882.56; CKPP Dist. 624.32; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 73.16; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 65.99; Coleridge Welding 925.22; Cornhusker International Truck Inc. 5,563.92; Dendinger Trucking 2,508.63; Faith Reg. Physician Serv. 45.00; Farmers Union 186.28; Filter Care of NE. 225.10; Folkers Bros Garage 1,229.59; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 3,760.60; H&K Oil 40.00; Hansen Brothers Parts & Services 2,085.57; Hartelco 258.37; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 138.96; Hefner Oil & Feed 14,787.28; Jerrys Service 9,172.41; Kimball Midwest 89.88; Knife River 55,796.00; Koletzky Imp. 875.00; Lammers Trailer Repair 527.72; Laurel True Value 30.72; Lawson Products Inc. 257.96; Leiting Auto Supply 534.12; LG Everist 10,618.16; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. 418.60; Medical Enterprises 186.25; Murphy Tractor & Equip. 5,901.15; Napa Auto Parts of Yankton 25.99; NPPD 154.69; NMC Exchange 443.63; NMC Exchange 352.56; NMC Exchange 6,949.99; Peitz GMC Service 898.46; Pomp's Tire Service 314.98; Randolph Farm Supply 3,639.95; Raths Mini Mart 192.43; Riverside Hydraulics Inc. 322.63; Road Builders 539.73; Schmitt Construction 1,200.00; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 7.29; US Bank 341.88; US Cellular 420.57; Village of Wynot 114.22; Voyager Fleet Syst. 220.59; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wayne Herald 92.00 Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 412.17; Winkelbauer Repair 654.64; Wynot Oil 17,764.85

**CEDAR COUNTY VISITOS PROMOTION FUND:** Brooke Kleinschmit 25.00; Jacie Burbach 39.00; Dawn Casey 58.60; Mark Kober 1,000.00; Donna Noecker 60.00; Chris Rasmussen 58.60; Josh Rayford 58.60

**CEDAR COUNTY VISITOS IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Randolph Beautification Comm 2,430.00; City of Laurel 2,500.00; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Middle School 2,214.00

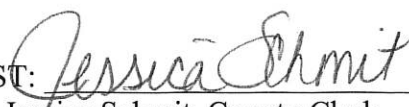
**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 48,350.22; BCBS 7,646.04; Colonial Life 107.83; 1st Concord Benefits Group 510.00; NE Dept Of Rev. 1,222.62; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 5,333.41; Sec. Bank 2,215.09; Sec. Bank 7,303.00; Appeara 142.89; BLK Hills Energy 64.77; City of Hart. 225.45; Farmers Union 6,716.48; Folkers Bros Garage 436.80; Foxster Opco LLC 8,820.00; Ashley Gowery 25.14; Hartelco 66.60; Michelle Koch 30.44; NATP 150.00; NPPD 193.98; Laura Noecker 67.18; Northeast NE News Co. 14.06; NP Mart 578.49; Olson's Pest Tech 75.00; Peitz GMC Service 222.00; Nikki Pinkelman 121.90; Randolph Farm Supply 43.39; Raths Mini Mart 41.72; US Bank 345.64; Verizon Wireless 525.03; X-Pert Lawn 502.00

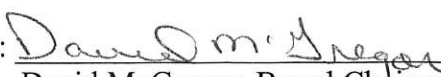
**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** OPTK Networks 802.12

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Madison Co. Jail 1,500.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,714.76

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 155.00; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 458.77; Northeast NE Tele CO. 353.26 Police Legal Science Inc. 734.00; Sante Fe Dist. 89.53; US Bank 776.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 130.48 OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST:   
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:   
David McGregor, Board Chairman

October 28, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the October 14 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.

Brief discussion was held regarding the Official's Salary Study produced by NACO, as it was presented by Clerk Schmit.

At 8:45 AM a motion was made by McGregor to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 9:15 AM, motion to exit executive session was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Upon return to open session, no action was taken.

Clerk Schmit then read the Operation Green light proclamation.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on the fiberoptic installation progress that should be complete by the end of the month. Brief discussion was held on a natural gas line requested to be installed in the right of way.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented one building permit for Luke Schmitz moving a house. Gobel then opened discussion on buildings that have been built without permits and also some that are in violation of the setbacks for zoning.

Clerk Schmit presented Resolution 25-19 to set the public hearing for vacating the Nelson Brother's Second Subdivision road for November 25 at 10:15 AM. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. To complete the certification, Resolution 25-20 was presented granting Chairman McGregor authority to sign the Certification. Motion to approve Resolution 25-20 was made by Donner 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: Net Wages 158,011.65; Aflac 1,616.70; BCBS 61,418.75; First Concord 2,015.84; Lincoln National 910.10; Nationwide 50.00; Colonial Life 1,832.67; Empower 3,955.00; NE Dept of Rev 10,997.80; Retirement Plans 30,721.20; EFTPS 65,870.76.

ROAD: Net Wages 73,307.16; BCBS 41,548.79; Colonial Life 100.01; Retirement Plans 6,338.85; EFTPS 7,302.21.

TRANSIT: Net wages 34,177.02; BCBS 7,646.04; Retirement Plans 2,817.04; EFTPS 3,206.57.

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: David McGregor  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

November 12, 2025

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 McGregor 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 October 28, 2025 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.

The distress warrant certification was presented by Clerk Schmit on behalf of County Treasurer Jean Wiebelhaus and reviewed by the board.

Discussion was held on snow removal at the courthouse. Leise Lawn Care has agreed to take on the parking lots at the courthouse this winter. The board briefly discussed a closed loop camera system that needs to be installed for election purposes, as well as the AED units within the courthouse and replacement kits that need to be purchased to keep them current.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Chris Tramp 24x48 rebuilt used building, Dean Thies 12x24 used storage shed moved in, Chris Tramp mobile home moved in, Jeffrey Thies 60x30 home with 40x40 attached garage, Heimes Brothers Farms 1,000 x 60' calving barn, Gie Hartzog-Bunn 24x36 detached garage.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on the reimbursement from FEMA received in the amount of \$21,292 and another \$165,040.45 that should be here in the next week. Schmidt then updated the board on a resolution she had received from Dixon County regarding the road closure on the county line.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, presented the DHHS subaward contract for direct cost reimbursement from family and child services. There is an addendum added this year allowing HHS to cancel the contract at any time without notice. The board agreed with Janet to sign the contract and accept the reimbursement if we are able. The suggestion was made to be conservative and not budget for those revenues in the next fiscal year.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Appera 146.37; Applied Concepts Inc. 2,558.00; AT & T Mobility 93.79; Avera Med. Grp. 454.00; BLK Hills Energy 139.81; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cara Wiebelhaus 55.30; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 192.00; Cedar Co. Court 18.00; Cedar Co. Sheriff 51.58; CKPP 315.50; Cjristal McDonald 100.00; City of Hart. 495.59; Comfort Inn 220.00; Continental Alarm & Detection 450.00; Crowne Plaza 449.85; Cummins Sales & Serv. 2,001.34; D & J 19.97; Dallas Graham 76.60; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 537.60; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 659.00; Double A Lawn Care 300.00; Eakes Office Sol. 237.43; Faith Reg. Health Serv. 322.39; Family 1<sup>st</sup> Dental Hart. 727.00; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 646.22; Feilmeier Electric 1,323.39; Floor Maintenance & Supply 352.97; Food Town 1,078.22; Forvis Mazars 17,000.00; Francesca Grijalva 224.00; Gov Connection Inc. 18.31; Graduate Lincoln 289.52; Hartelco 1,831.69; Hartington Ace 32.95; HWY 84 Auto Wash 137.50; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jackie Steffen 262.07; James G Egly 100.00; Janet Wiechelman 29.18; Jessica Schmit 308.45; Johnsons Plumbing & Heating Inc. 134.80; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; Landmark Surveying 350.00; Loffler 91.00; Madison Co. Jail 100.00; Madison Co. Sheriff 30.41; Mahaska 64.00; Marc Brown 100.00; Mark Albin 993.75; Marsha Wuebben 270.67; Megan Hanefeldt 95.20; MIPS Inc 9,406.35; NACO 2,860.46; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; NPPD 2,346.73; NMC 2,835.50; Northeast NE News Co. 191.38; Olsons Pest Tech 73.85; Randolph Farm Supply 67.50; Randolph Times 52.00; Rick Noecker 51.40; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,299.50; Riverside Tech. 4,454.02; Roger Schartz 12.00; Ronald Temple 558.84; RP Donnelley 139.35; Ryan Stover 100.00; Sally Opfer; Security Shredding Serv. 160.00; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 4,526.30; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; The Dirt Man 2,803.74; The Glass Edge Inc. 1,593.00; US Cellular 342.74; Verizon 500.82; Visual Edge It, Inc 24.42; Voyager Fleet Syst. 93.67; Voyager Fleet Systems 1,886.63; X-Pert Lawn 475.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff's Office 60.00

**ROAD FUND:** A-OX Welding 42.53; Appera 454.99; Backus Sand & Gravel 84,618.75; BLK Hills Eng. 80.78; Bomgaars 501.50; Carhart Lumber 134.34; Carlson Home & Auto 171.60; CKPP Dist. 202.41; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 69.30; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 63.52; City of Randolph 11.73; Coleridge Welding 274.42; Cornhusker International Truck Inc. 2,760.49; Dendinger Trucking 2,894.57; Fairfield Inn 378.00; Farmers Union 14,542.36; Folkers Bros Garage 236.45; G Works 579.00; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.03; Grossenburg Imp. 7,666.34; Hansen Brothers Parts & Services 6,124.87; Hartelco 258.37; Hefner Oil & Feed 9,494.22; Knife River 44,964.12; Koletzky Imp. 300.20; Krain Creek Fabrication Inc 290.77; Laurel Welding 2,098.27; Lawson Products Inc. 212.50; LG Everist 28,235.99; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 2,912.50; Napa Auto Parts of Yankton 17.49; NPPD 144.01; NMC Exchange 1,433.51; NMC Exchange 10,077.57; Norfolk Area Shopper 79.45; NE Glass 1,100.00; Northeast Neb. News Co. 46.17; Peitz GMC Service 1,186.44; Pomp's Tire Service 531.25; Randolph Farm Supply 1,728.94; Raths Mini Mart 94.66; Riverside Hydraulics Inc. 103.13; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Steven Uhing 33.03; Straight-Line Stripping Inc. 1,100.00; The Dirt

Man 3,586.00; Top Crop Inc 776.70; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 337.35; US Cellular 415.84; Village of Wynot 114.29; Voyager Fleet Syst. 62.90; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 10.17; Wayne Herald 292.00; Wiebelhaus Serv. 165.91; Wiechelman Repair Inc 4,698.00; Wynot Oil 11,183.76

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Anderson Body Shop 162.92; Appera 95.26; BLK Hills Energy 94.58; Bomgaars 150.91; City of Hart. 166.81; Farmers Union 6,604.88; Fischer Feed & Supply 547.10; Folkers Bros Garage 2,814.77; Hartelco 66.60; Hartington Truck & Suto Parts 40.92; NPPD 165.69; Nikki Pinkelman 437.65; NP Mart 24 783.45; Verizon Wireless 535.03; X-Pert Lawn 713.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Chartwells Diving Serv. 1,443.26; NE Comm. College 620.00; OPTK Networks 802.12; Phil Chalmers 10,000.00; R&D Catering 731.00

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** State of NE-Dept Correctional 2,716.81

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** APACo International 108.00; Emerg. Serev. Marketing Corp. 4,041.00; Fastwyre Broadband 155.00; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 446.77; Hartington Ace Hardware 9.99; Kevin Garvin 179.03; Northeast NE Tele CO. 353.26; Steffen Eclectic 70.00

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 130.48; Graduate Lincoln 330.00; OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: David McGregor  
David McGregor, Board Chairman

November 25, 2025

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 McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit provided an update to the board on the new health insurance plan offered to employees. Eight employees enrolled in the new coverage.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Don Foley 20x50' enclosed porch, Francis Tramp 8x16' enclosed porch, Terry Gowery 12x24' storage shed, Rollie Burbach 60x120' machine shed. Gobel presented a conditional use permit for Talus for NW 30-30N-1E for a modular ammonia production facility. Talus representatives were present to discuss their plans and operation. Motion to approve the conditional use permit was made by McGregor. This motion died for lack of a second. Motion to table the discussion in order to seek legal counsel was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote with McGregor abstaining.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on the speed study on the fairgrounds road. The box culvert project in District 1 is starting today.

Public Hearing for the Transit System rate change was opened at 9:50 AM. Discussion was held on the rates being charged to individual riders as well as Medicaid and third party payers. Motion to approve the fare increases was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:25 AM, the public hearing was held on the Nelson Brothers Second Subdivision road closure. Discussion was held on the subdivision road. Motion to approve Resolution 25-21 to close the street right of way as presented was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented the board with the annual renewal for the Motorola Service Contract for 911 technology for \$8,181.60. Motion to approve the contract was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Garvin then updated the board on the 911 service expanding to allow texting.

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 161,920.43; Aflac 1,616.70; BCBS 63,967.43; First Concord 1,895.84; Lincoln National 892.79; Nationwide 50.00; Colonial Life 1,832.67; Empower 3,955.00; NE Dept of Rev 11,681.96; Retirement Plans 31,957.30; EFTPS 70,012.13.

ROAD: Net Wages 83,059.34; BCBS 46,325.20; Colonial Life 100.01; Retirement Plans 7,227.83; EFTPS 8,370.30.

TRANSIT: Net wages 33,169.48; BCBS 7,646.04; Retirement Plans 2,737.86; EFTPS 3,116.85.

ATTEST:   
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:   
David McGregor, Board Chairman

December 9, 2025

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 McGregor 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 November 25, 2025 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.

Chairman McGregor stated there was time for public comment as we had several constituents in the room. Brian & April Sudbeck, Roger Sudbeck, and Ron Lauer spoke in opposition of the ammonia plant that has been presented for a conditional use permit. Mike Lammers also spoke about the benefits of the project from Cedar Knox PPD's perspective. Discussion was held on the setback of 1,000 feet. No action was taken on this permit.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Nathan Hans 2,300 sq ft house, Roger Sudbeck 30' fenceline bunk, Karl Tanderup 50x64' storage shed.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, recapped the quarterly safety meeting. Discussion was held on hosting a motor grader training and ideas for the annual safety meeting. She then updated the board on the bridge match program as our projects were not selected. Update was given on the box culvert in District 1. Schmidt then presented the speed study for the fairgrounds asphalt road. Upon review from engineers, that section of road is allowed to be signed at 40 mph. Schmidt read Resolution 25-23, reducing the speed on that section of road. Motion to approve Resolution 25-23 was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was then opened on the gravel bills that have been submitted to Great Plains Communications that have not been paid. The total unpaid balance is \$69,356. Schmidt will contact Ron Temple to discuss next steps.

Transit manager, Nikki Pinkelman, presented information on her budget with the state. Discussion was held on the anticipated increase of revenue from third party payors and its impact on the county budget. Clerk Schmit will work closely with Pinkelman to keep an eye on the transit budget for the county's fiscal year and keep the board informed monthly. Discussion was then held on the contract with Knox County for 2026. Donner made a motion to increase the Knox County Contract by \$100. This motion was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented tax corrections for the following parcels: 1310.00; 1332.00; 6121.00. Corrections were signed by Chairman McGregor.

Resolution 25-22 was presented by clerk Schmit setting the officials' salaries for the 2027 term. Motion to pass Resolution 25-22 was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote. Donner abstained.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** AFLAC 1,616.70; BCBS 63,967.43; First Concord 1,895.84; Lincoln Nat. Life Inc. 892.79; Nationwide Retirement 50.00; Colonial Life 1,832.67; Empowerment Retirement 3,955.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 11,681.96; Retirement Plans of Div. Ameritas 31,957.30; Security Bank 70,012.13; Alecia Barnes 225.00; Ann Fischer 423.59; Appera 24.40; AT & T 187.58; Austin Korth 78.00; Bank of Hartington 18.00; BLK Hills Energy 154.57; Bomgaars 119.80; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cara Wiebelhaus 285.00; Carhart Lumber 7.79; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 389.13; Cedar Co. Court 57.00; Cedar County Historical Society 14,000.00; CKPP 359.97; City of Hart. 280.79; D & J 109.92; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 659.00; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 537.60; Eakes Office Sol. 426.55; Farmers Union Gas & Oil 187.62; First Concord Benefits Grp. 120.00; Floor Maintenance & Supply 293.03; Food Town 1,382.92; Gene Dickes 50.70; Hartelco 1,847.58; Hartington Telecommunications 1,400.00; Hartington Ace 65.94; Hartington Shopper 587.80; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 42.90; Jackie Steffen 239.40; Janelle Heikes 51.38; John Steffen 55.60; Joseph Smith 256.50; Kardell's Auto 1,337.90; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus LLP 5,335.58; Krista Dybdal 69.60; Landmark Surveying 480.00; Laurel Advocate 52.00; Matthew Bender & Co. 2,508.83; MIPS 4,017.81; NPPD 2,168.97; Northeast NE News Co. 261.81; Olson's Pest Tech 73.85; Patricia Steffen 63.00; POMP'S Tire 338.45; Region 4 Behavioral Health 6,948.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Riger Schwartz 12.00; Security Bank 30.22; Stand Becker 52.01; Steffen Drug 1,161.90; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 98,527.32; T&R Butcher Block 1,150.00; Terry Gowery 17.00; Terry Pinkelman 68.20; US Bank 26.07; US Cellular 310.90; Verizon 479.00; Visual Edge It, Inc 36.57; Voyager Fleet Syst. 1,759.38; Voyager Fleet Systems 42.81

**ROAD FUND:** BCBS 46,325.20, Colonial Life 100.01, Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas 7,227.83, Security Bank 8,370.30, A-OX Welding 43.67; Appera 456.98; Avera Medical Grp. 145.00; Axles & Gears 200.00; B's Enterprises 36.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 81,519.75; BLK Hills Eng. 703.31; Bomgaars 988.45; Cap Gravel 37,698.48; CKPP Dist. 569.72; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 68.87; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 63.55; City of Randolph 43.76; Dendinger Trucking 425.96; Farmers Union 3,178.03; Filter Care of NE 362.10; Fischer Feed 396.00; Folkers Bros Garage 1,088.37; Graham Tire Yankton 97.95; Great Plains Comm. Inc 353.51; Grossenburg Imp. 6,963.59; Hansen

Brothers Parts & Services 599.55; Hartelco 258.63; Hartington Truck & Suto Parts 1,426.92; Hefner Oil & Feed 14,033.97; Jerry's Service 13,717.92; Leiting Auto Supply 106.15; LG Everist Inc. 52,492.70; Med. Enterprises 180.00; NPPD 138.89; NMC Exchange 400.90; NMC Exchange 1,549.61; NMC Exchange 1,570.94; NE Glass 200.00; Northeast Neb. News Co. 53.00; Pearson Motor Co. 422.81; Peitz GMC Service 1,844.12; Pomp's Tire Service 21,030.22; Randolph Farm Supply 1,644.55; Rath's Mini Mart 131.31; Riverside Hydraulics Inc. 294.80; Road Builders 1,897.18; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; Schmitt Const. 878.75; Shurco 267.01; Steven Uhing 50.00; Truck Trailers Sale & Serv. 1,111.50; US Bank 261.13; US Cellular 415.84; Village of Wynot 114.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 64.56; Waste Connections of NE 27.93; Wattier True Value 12.77; Wiechelmann Repair Inc 400.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel 695.48; Wynot Oil 16,249.54

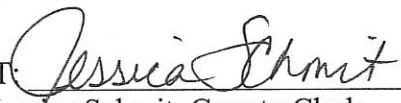
**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** BCBS 7,646.04, Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 2,737.86, Security Bank 3,116.85; Appera 98.26; BLK Hills Energy 247.82; City of Hartington 88.06; Farmers Union 5,817.37; Folkers Bros Garage 2,211.11; Hartelco 66.60; Hartington Truck & Suto Parts 8.51; NPPD 118.61; Nikki Pinkelman 141.12; NE Neb. News Co. 39.83; NP Mart 24 840.14; Randolph Farm Supply 45.13; Rath's Mini Mart 91.30; US Bank 2,049.88; Verizon Wireless 790.50

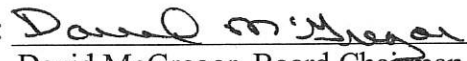
**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** OPTK Networks 1,604.24

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Madison Co. Jail 1,550.00; State of NE-Dept Correctional 676.84

**ENHANCED 911 FUND:** Fastwyre Broadband 155.00; Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 441.27; Hyper Reach 5,000.00; Northeast NE Tele CO. 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 130.48; OPTK Networks 1,673.32

ATTEST:   
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:   
David McGregor, Board Chairman

December 23, 2025

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also present, County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor 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 2 to 0 vote. Minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote.

Chairman McGregor stated due to the proposed ammonia plant being within the city's extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), Talus Renewables has withdrawn their conditional use permit application.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, had no building permits to present to the board. Discussion was held on how to handle structures being built without a building a permit and in violation of setbacks.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, reported that she had received the check for the NIRMA assist grant. She then reported on her research on cameras for the road department's equipment and trucks. The box culvert project in District 1 is poured and will be ready for backfill after the holidays.

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 160,025.21; Aflac 1,616.70; BCBS 62,445.53; First Concord 2,015.84; Lincoln National 923.41; Nationwide 50.00; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empower 3,955.00; NE Dept of Rev 9,971.55; Retirement Plans 31,398.34; EFTPS 65,875.42, HSA Contrib 3,762.50.

ROAD: Net Wages 77,353.14; BCBS 46,325.20; Retirement Plans 6,546.99; EFTPS 7,611.97.

TRANSIT: Net wages 34,135.69; BCBS 7,058.84; Retirement Plans 2,862.35; EFTPS 3,257.92, HSA Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: David McGregor  
David McGregor, Board Chairman