

May 26, 2026

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 AM and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with Mike Meier, David McGregor, and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also present, County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman Donner stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented two special designated licenses for the Cedar County Ag Society for the county fair the 3rd weekend in July. One for the rodeo night July 16, and another for the three concert nights July 17-19. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier to approve the SDL's for the Cedar County Ag Society. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Roger Hahne 45x20' open-front building, Lathan Ohlrich 53,000 bu used grain bin, Joey Tramp new house, Craig & Tina Sharpe new house, John Stappert 30x60' pole barn.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a right of way permit for Viero Fiber Networks for a small portion of District 2. The permit was approved by Commissioner Meier. Discussion was held on the part-time sign-technician position. Carla will run an ad for the position in late June. Schmidt then opened discussion on how the payroll process is going.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, proposed an intern to the board. He had an individual reach out to him regarding an internship for the fall semester for approximately 15 hours a week. The board unanimously agreed that he should move forward with the interview process. Discussion was held on the Fortinet upgrades recommended by RTI. Garvin asked if he could work with Clerk Schmit and approve quotes for the upgrades recommended without secondary board approval aside from the claims process. Again, the board agreed.

Clerk Schmit then presented an SDL application on behalf of the Hard Patch Brewing Company for another tasting for the bike riders coming to town June 23. This is the same event the board approved an SDL for a few weeks back for Nissen Winery. Motion to approve the SDL was made by McGregor, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit then stated that the board needs to designate a print shop for the joint public hearing postcards for the current year. NACO will be partnering with the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes again this year and this has worked well in the past. Motion by Meier to designate NACO to facilitate the JPH postcard printing and mailing was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Commissioner McGregor reported on his Area on Aging meeting. Monthly fee reports were reviewed by the board.

Mark Goeden came before the board to discuss dust control on his county road. He presented information to the board on the product he would like to use and some example permits from other counties. County attorney, Ron Temple, was in attendance via phone and weighed in on the county's insurance carrier, NIRMA's position, and the impact to the road itself and how that would be remedied if the product causes damage to the road. The product Goeden would like to use is magnesium chloride and is classified as a road stabilizer. The board directed Schmidt to gather more information so a formal process can be created to begin working towards something the board can agree on.

As old business, the life and short-term disability policies were discussed again. The current plan is not economical. Schmit had gathered quotes and recommended five times the coverage for ST disability and doubling the life insurance for employees only, while maintain \$1,000 coverage for dependents. This coverage is roughly the same premium we had been paying for far less coverage. It was then discussed to continue paying the current policy until the new is in place so there is not a gap in coverage. Motion to make changes to life/disability policies as discussed 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 167,469.31; Aflac 1,423.75; BCBS 62,766.48; First Concord 1,733.34; Colonial Life 1,932.68; Empower 3,455.00; NE Dept of Rev 10,877.22; Retirement Plans 32,993.52; EFTPS 70,241.21; HSA Contrib 3,762.50.

ROAD: Net Wages 91,446.40; BCBS 41,869.74; Retirement Plans 7,768.56; EFTPS 9,117.91.

TRANSIT: Net wages 30,855.10; BCBS 4,510.16; Retirement Plans 2,555.54; EFTPS 2,904.46, HSA Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit APPROVED: Richard Donner
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk Richard Donner, Board Chairman