

July 14, 2026

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

Motion was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the June 23, 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.

Fee reports were reviewed by the board.

County assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented omitted personal property for statement numbers 7873, 7838, 2201, 6902, 7878, 7816, 7713, 7790, 7877, 7837, 7841, 7785, 7844, 7794. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve omitted personal property. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Wesley Wortmann 36x100' hoop barn, Larry Jansen 40x40 shouse, Clint & Kara Cullition house, Brian Lange 60x100' machine shed, Skyles Kinkaid 50x70 office building.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, reported on the road dam that was inspected in District 1. The contract for the chip-seal project on the fairgrounds road and north to the Hartington city cemetery was presented and signed by Commissioner McGregor. Discussion then was opened on the Department of Transportation project on Highway 81 to install passing lanes in a couple of years. Resolution 26-12 was presented to grant the chairman permission to sign an agreement to work with the state on this project. Motion to pass the Resolution 26-12 was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Chairman Donner then signed the agreement. Gravel purchase summaries for the prior fiscal year were presented to the commissioners. Discussion was held on less than 20' bridges and if they need to be inspected. Box culverts will be bid on August 25.

County treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented her report for unpaid taxes.

Clerk Schmit presented six special designated licenses on behalf of Nissen Wine. The licenses are all for receptions on the following dates: Aug 8, Sept 4, 19, 26, Oct 3, and Dec 5, 2026. Motion was made by Meier and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Applications were reviewed for the weed superintendent position. Chairman Donner asked Dave McGregor and Heikes to conduct interviews and report back to the board.

NACO representative, Candace Meredith, provided an update from their office and a legislative update.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, let the board know the EMPG grant funding for 2025 has been approved in the amount of \$44,831.68. Chairman Donner signed the agreement.

At 10:55 AM, a motion to enter the Board of Equalization was made by Meier and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Protests were heard on parcels 6173.00, 6095.00, 1436.07, 1437.06, 1574.25, 1574.19, 1574.08, 1574.09, 838.00, 602.00, 7000.00, 1575.02, 7014.26. After the protests were considered and hearing the assessor's recommendations, the board made decisions on each parcel. Assessor Heikes then presented a report of damaged real property for parcel 956.01, which was granted by the board.

Motion to exit Board of Equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

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

GENERAL FUND: Appeara 97.60; AT&T 94.83; Bank of Hartington 84.00; Batteries Plus Bulbs 100.72; BLK Hills Energy 142.22; Bomgaars 256.33; Brogan Lammler Law 1,015.25; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 72.00; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 267.00; Cedar Co. Court 250.00; CKPP 314.90; CVA 76.38; City of Hart. 581.06; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 659.00; Dell Marketing 1,442.82; Dodge Co. 3,824.00; Don Dendinger 34.80; Eakes Office Sol. 1,072.12; Fairfield Inn 360.00; Farmers Union 196.63; Floral Designs 77.04; Foodtown 1,622.33; Gov Connection Inc

187.65; Hartelco 1,875.38; Hartington Ace Hardware 46.75; Hartington Shopper 312.90; Heimes Lawn Care & Landscaping 570.00; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 185.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jackie Steffen 88.66; Jan X 397.41; Jean Wiebelhaus 304.50; Jessica Schmit 597.60; Jim Kvols 29.00; Joe Stiller 21.75; Kardell's Auto 171.08; Kathy Lammers 195.00; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 5,335.58; Landmark Surveying 480.00; Megan Hanefeldt 98.60; MIPS 4,499.66; NE Health & Human Serv. 186.00; Nelson's Dock 800.00; NIRMA 10,000.00; NE Neb. News Co. 541.44; Olson's Pest Tech 140.00; Overhead Door of Norfolk 133.75; Paul Wemhoff 15.23; Providence Med. Center 3,604.00; Quadient Leasing USA 525.30; Randolph Farm Supply 64.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health Syst. 3,195.50; Riverside Tech. 3,299.50; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Steffen Drug 32.53; Stryker Sales Corp. 609.00; Sunbelt Rentals 410.76; T-Mobile 26.31; US Cellular 220.73; Verizon 360.12; Voyager Fleet Syst. 2,704.74; Waste Connections of Neb. 241.50; Winkelbauer Repair 94.13; X-Pert Lawn 400.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer 60.00

ROAD FUND: A-OX Welding 46.98; Appeara 605.63; Avera Patient Fin. Serv. 27.00; B's Enterprises 2,631.75; Backus Sand & Gravel 89,156.76; BLK Hills Energy 107.98; Bomgaars 417.91; Cap Gravel 10,208.90; Bow Creek Diesel 21,775.05; Cap Gravel 4,806.76; CKPP Dist. 563.59 Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 68.87; City of Hart 161.90; City of Laurel 67.97; City of Randolph 42.53; CNH Ind. Accts 971.55; Coleridge Welding 1,166.38; Colonial Research Chemical Corp. 391.41; Cornhusker Int. Truck 917.57; David Koch 35.00; Dendinger Trucking Inc. 4,433.00; Double Lawn Care 630.00; Farmers Union 12,055.13; Filter Care of NE 151.90; Folkers Bros Garage 4,932.68; Grossenburg Imp. 4,009.01; H&K Oil 52.10; Hansen Bros Partys & Serv. 3,106.65; Hartelco 260.71; Hefner Oil & Feed 12,120.56; Jerry's Service 9,632.51; Knife River 845.67; Koletzky Imp. 30,475.60; Laurel True Value 82.96; Laurel Welding 1,634.63; Leiting Auto Supply 405.84; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 10,496.19; Medical Enterprises 41.00; Menford Elect. 306.00; NAPA Auto Parts Yankton 50.99; NMC Exchange 1,231.22; NMC Exchange 431.00; Norfolk Lodge & Suites 220.00; NE Glass 1,150.00; Nutrien AD Solutions 280.90; Paul's Welding 47.52; Peitz GMC Serv. 1,289.29; Randolph Farm Supply 6,317.32; Rath's Mini Mart 289.06; S2 Roll Offs LLC 21.00; US Cellular 409.07; Verizon 120.03; Village of Wynot 117.00; Voyager Fleet Systems 172.17; Waste Connections of NE 32.00; Wiechelman Repair Inc 1,759.74; Wynot Oil 10,727.42

ROAD SINKING FUND: NMC Exchange 54,760.02

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:

Appeara 98.26; Ashley Gowery 58.80; City of Hartington 221.80; Dan Gothier 203.78; Farmers Union 8,469.80; Folkers Bros Garage 838.97; Hartelco 68.60; Kristin O'Grady 316.58; Michelle Koch 50.59; Olsen's Pest Tech 75.00; Randolph Farm Supply 102.34; Teresa Fischer 327.39; Verizon 1,268.53; X-Pert Lawn 578.00

HOMELAND SECURITY: Levata US 2,389.40; OPTK Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Monson & Holloway Trust Acct. 196.24; State of NE-Dept Correctional 131.96

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Hartelco 440.20; NE NEB. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: Jessica Schmit
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: Richard Donner
Richard Donner, Board Chairman