

July 28, 2026

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 AM and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor, and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also present, County Clerk Jessica Schmit and Weed Supt. Justin Heikes.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 2 to 0 vote. Mike Meier joined the meeting at this time. Minutes from the July 14, 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.

Schmit updated the board on the DWEE Grant. Informal bids were requested from two contractors. The state only approved one contractor's fixtures so the award was granted to Feilmeier Electric.

Discussion was held with Tim Gobel and Janelle Heikes on the possibility of an interlocal agreement with Belden, Obert, and Magnet for zoning and building permits. Schmit will forward the information discussed to Ron Temple for drafting of the interlocal agreement.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permit: Brooky Bottom Development pump well house.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented one right of way crossing in District 3. Box Culverts will now be bid September 8 because there is some re-design work that needs to be done on the district 1 box. Schmidt heard from the reclassification of standards on the Menominee bridge and we are able to build the bridge, or possibly a box culvert, as we wish with only a small change to the curve of the road. Schmidt also has a contact that is going to come to an August meeting for education on dust control products. The certification for the STP and HPB funds and how they were used was presented that Schmidt must send to the state. She reported she is scheduling interviews for the sign tech position.

Librarians from the three public libraries in the county were in attendance to give a report on their operations and budget needs. Discussion was held on funding for the 2026-2027 and settled upon a total \$26,750 divided as follows: Hartington \$14,000, Randolph \$7,750, Laurel \$5,000. McGregor suggested Laurel look into the County Tourism Board grants to help with updating signage.

Motion to enter board of equalization was made by Donner and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Assessor Janelle Heikes presented the three year plan of assessment to the board as well as the under/over report for parcels with changes since March 19. Motion to exit board of equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Mike Korth was welcomed into the meeting and voiced concerns about minimum maintenance roads being maintained and some roads having too much gravel.

Motion by McGregor to enter executive session was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Upon exiting, the board accepted a resignation from Justin Heikes effective 9-1-26. Motion by Donner to appoint Terry Jueden as weed superintendent with a \$16,000 salary was seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Brief discussion was then held on an annexation of territory for the Randolph Fire District and the procedure laid out by statute. The information presented to the clerk thus far is not sufficient. Schmit will follow-up with the request.

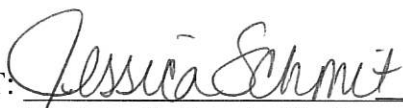
With no further business or agenda items the following claims were reviewed and approved for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

GENERAL: Net Wages 165,044.75; Aflac 1,397.61; BCBS 66,443.19; First Concord 1,696.66; Colonial Life 1,457.86; Empower 3,155.00; Lincoln Nat'l Life 2,657.61; Madison Nat'l Life 2,205.04; NE Dept of Rev 11,211.69; Retirement Plans 33,353.04; EFTPS 71,669.78; HSA Contrib 3,962.50, VSP 223.77.

ROAD: Net Wages 97,179.29; BCBS 43,157.34; Retirement Plans 8,311.26; EFTPS 9,711.53.

TRANSIT: Net wages 32,872.33; BCBS 4,721.24; Retirement Plans 2,579.72; EFTPS 3,081.05, HSA Contrib 300.00.

ATTEST:


Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Richard Donner, Board Chairman