

September 8, 2026

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 2026-2027 as advertised in the legal newspapers of the County. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and answer questions regarding the budget. Ed Lammers was in attendance and asked several questions regarding the budget.

At 8:53 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.

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 25, 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.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, reported that there was damage to the Wynot tower during last week's storm. A quote for repair was received at \$2,872.00. Motion to approve the repairs to the Wynot tower was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Garvin also reported that the generator at the Hartington tower site had failed a load bank test during annual maintenance and CAT is working on that. Garvin also requested a non-disclosure agreement for his intern. Motion was made by McGregor to approve the non-disclosure agreement for the EM intern was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Garvin also asked for permission to seek funding for a new drone and was granted that permission.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented one right of way permit application for rural water in District 1. Schmidt then reported that she received \$20,300 from Five Star for the damage done to roads. She also presented three releases for additional sites that sustained damage from the same contractor. These releases are for \$16,584. Schmidt presented the combined budget for the road district and various certifications prepared for the state. Discussion was then held on a military road east of Coleridge that is not currently signed by the county.

Clerk Schmit presented an SDL on behalf of the Bow Valley Park Association for a fall festival at Noecker's Acres on October 3. Motion to approve the SDL was made by Meier seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented changes on real estate due to homestead exemption audits from 2023. All the changes were reviewed and signed by Chairman Donner.

At 10:15 AM, bids were opened for the box culverts in districts one and two. These projects were bid as one package. Three bids were received as follows: A & R Construction \$464,601.88, High Plains Structural Group \$922,995.25, and JMN Construction \$537,469.05.

At 11:00 AM, the special hearing was opened to set the final tax request. The total tax request for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is \$8,292,045.28, setting the county levy at \$.205088. Motion to approve this tax request and levy setting was made by McGregor and seconded by Meier. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Janet Heine 64x60 horse barn, Mark Becker 30x32 pole shed.

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 97.58; Austin Korth 80.40; B's Enterprises Inc. 360.00; Ben Boeckman 281.96; Bound Tree Medical 131.11; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cap Gravel 297.84; Cara Wiebelhaus 256.88; Cedar Co. Clerk of Dist. Court 486.40; Cedar Co. Treasurer 200,000.00; CKPP 367.56; Christal McDonald 7,025.95; City of Hart. 578.14; Dan Lipp 92.56; Das State Acct Cent Fin. 399.00; Das State Accounting-Central Financ 537.60; Eakes Office Solutions 69.38; EBS Around The Office 55.25; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easlan 483.10; Farmers Union 366.05; Feilmeier Electric 1,129.48; Foodtown 1,486.28; Gene Dickes 50.76; Gov Connection Inc 158.86; Hansen Locksmithing 25.49; Hartelco 1,867.70; Hartington Shopper 246.80; Hiway 84 Auto Wash 102.00; Holiday Inn 1,259.55; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Jackie Steffen 30.46; Jan X 172.98; Janelle Heikes 900.92; Janey Wiechelman 11.47; John Steffen 56.08; Jonathan Publishing 150.00; Kardell's Auto 125.99; Kennedy, Pier, & Loftus Law Office 5,335.58; Krista Dydbal 71.28; Maggie Cook 1,087.30; Mahaska 66.50; Marla Wortmann 34.31; Mick Wiepen 80.40; MIPS 4,499.66; NACO 55.00; NACO 300.00; NPPD 149.68; NE Neb. News Co. 1,938.20; NSA/POAN Conference 56.00; Olsen's Pest Tech 70.00; Peitz GMC Service 15.39; Quill Corp 585.03; Riverside Tech. 3,799.50; Roger Schwartz 24.00; Ron Stapelman 74.32; Sally Opfer 35.33; Secretary of State Elections Div. 40.00; Security Shredding 180.00; Stan Becker 52.28; T-Mobile 168.16; Tri State Communications 260.00; Uline 124.90; US Bank 534.86; Verizon 241.68; Voyager Fleet Systems 3,207.79; Voyager Fleet Systems 70.89; Winkelbauer Repair 112.38

ROAD FUND: A-OX Welding 46.98; Appeara 467.27; Avera Patient Fin. Serv. 54.00; B's Enterprises 46,453.75; Backus Sand & Gravel 119,977.68; Bomgaars 789.97; BV Auto 2,224.19; Cap Gravel 10,486.07; Carhart Lumber 58.24; CKPP Dist. 417.59; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 68.87; Chad Boeckman 379.81; City of Hart 137.00; City of Laurel 69.15; City of Randolph 909.41; CNH Ind. Accts. 2,763.31; Coleridge Welding 179; Dendinger Trucking Inc. 4,422.57; Farmers Union 6,820.28; Filter Care of NE 465.00; Folkers Bros Garage 5,048.97; Great Plains Communications 353.25; Grossenburg Imp. 5,164.24; Hartelco 260.71; Hartington Truck & Auto Parts 79.91; Hefner Oil & Feed 13,125.49; Jerry's Service 20,430.33; Knife River 33,425.58; Leiting Auto Supply 23.50; LG Everist 31,352.68; Medical Enterprises 113.00; NPPD 46.68; NMC Exchange 6,132.71; NMC Exchange 5,350.52; NMC Exchange 1,511.81; North Side Grain Co. 1,738.98; NE Glass 350.00; Peitz GMC Serv. 56.29; Pumps Tire 1,434.42; Rath's Mini Mart 214.55; Road Builders 744.04; Top Crop 1,891.00; Truck Trailer Sales 449.52; Verizon 120.03; Voyager Fleet Syst. 33.34; Wiebelhaus Serv. 1,215.40

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT:

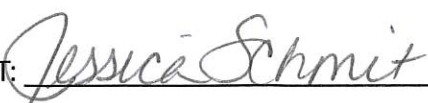
Appeara 98.26; Bomgaars 21.98; Cassidy's Cookies 360.00; City of Hartington 229.75; Farmers Union 7,677.08; Folkers Bros Garage 105.78; Hartelco 68.60; Hartington Post Office 112.00; Hefner Oil & Feed 74.10; NATP 150.00; NPPD 177.35; NE Neb. News Co. 14.06; Rath's Mini Mart 158.80; US Bank 665.85; Verizon Wireless 790.50; Wiebelhaus Serv. 48.14

HOMELAND SECURITY: Dell Marketing 2,070.00; OPTK Networks 802.12

ENHANCED 911 FUND: Fastwyre Broadband 165.78; Great Plains Comm. 61.92; Hartelco 464.20; Hartelco Tele. 400.00; NE NEB. Tele 353.26; US Bank 353.26

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

ATTEST:



Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:



Richard Donner, Board Chairman