

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2026 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes were reported by Auditor Welch. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Rose Valley Farm #59702 for a site at 1693 270th Street, Tipton.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the agenda.
Ayes: All

Sup. Bell turned the meeting over to Auditor Welch. Auditor Welch called the meeting to order and asked for a secret ballot for the position of Chairperson. By the results of the balloting, Auditor Welch determined Sup. Bell is the Chairperson for 2026. Auditor Welch asked for a secret ballot for the position of Chairperson Pro Tem. By the results of the balloting, Auditor Welch determined Sup. Kaufmann is the Chairperson Pro Tem for 2026.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to hold 2026 Board meetings on every Tuesday at 8:30am.
Ayes: All

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of December 30, 2025.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to renew a 12-month Class B Retail Alcohol License for Liberty Travel Stop.
Ayes: All

The Board did not have any Outreach/Committee Meetings to report on.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Board Committee appointments for 2026:

Board of Health	Gaul	Barnhart
Co. Decategorization Policy Board	Gaul	Kaufmann
Community Action of Eastern Iowa	Kaufmann	Bell
County Shop	Bixler	Barnhart
Consortium	Barnhart	Bixler
Courthouse	Bell	Gaul
Crimestoppers	Bell	Barnhart
CCEDCO (2 votes)	Bell	Kaufmann
Drainage District	Kaufmann	Bell
Early Childhood of Iowa - Cedar/Jones	Bixler	Gaul
Emergency Management	Bell	Barnhart
E911 Service Board	Bell	Barnhart
Eastern Iowa Rural Utility Services	Gaul	Kaufmann
ECIA Board	Gaul	Kaufmann
Fair Board	Gaul	Barnhart
Heritage Area Agency on Aging	Barnhart	
Highway 30 Coalition	Bixler	Kaufmann
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool	Barnhart	Kaufmann
ISTEA/ECICOG	Gaul	Bell
Law Enforcement Center	Bixler	Bell
Lower Cedar Watershed	Bell	Barnhart

CEO/Workforce Development	Bell	Bixler
MH Institute Adv.	Kaufmann	Barnhart
MH/DS Regions Governing Board	Barnhart	Bixler
Pioneer Cemetery	Kaufmann	
R.E.A.P. Comm.	Kaufmann	Bixler
R.C. & D.	Bell	Bixler
River Bend Transit	Bixler	Barnhart
Safety	Bixler	Kaufmann
Seventh Judicial	Bixler	Kaufmann
Solid Waste Disposal	Kaufmann	Bell

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to reappoint Dr. Alan Beyer to the Board of Health for a three-year term.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to reappoint Dan Roberts to the Board of Review for a six-year term.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to reappoint Randy Pedersen the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a five-year term.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint Jody Yutesler to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year term.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint Jeff Kaufmann and Steve Agne to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for three-year terms.

Ayes: All

The Board is currently working to fill the rest of the vacancies on boards and commissions.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to name the following as the official designated newspapers for Cedar County for 2026:

1. The Tipton Conservative
2. West Branch Times

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the following rate structure and chief medical examiner staff for Medical Examiner services in Cedar County for 2026:

Chief Medical Examiner Services:	\$200.00 per case
Medical Examiner Services:	\$ 75.00/hour (scene time)
Follow-up Investigation Hours:	\$ 40.00/hour
Director duties:	\$400.00/month

Chief Medical Examiner:	Joshua Pruitt, MD
Director of Medical Examiner Investigations:	Michael Dauber, MEI
Medical Examiner Investigators:	Henry Bentley, MEI
	Jennifer Hubler, MEI
	Teri Jo Griebat, MEI

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to adopt and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the following Construction Evaluation Resolution:

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CEDAR COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to reappoint the following appointees to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (E.C.I.C.O.G):

Transportation Policy Committee (2 years) - Rob Fangmann

Transportation Trails Advisory Committee (2 years) - Rob Fangmann

Passenger Transportation Advisory Committee (2 years) - Julie Tischuk

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (3 years) - Rob Fangmann

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to appoint Andy Petersen, the new Conservation Director, to replace Mike Dauber on the Transportation Trails Advisory Committee for the remainder of his term expiring December 31, 2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adopt and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the following Resolution to authorize the County Engineer to close any secondary roads for the purpose of construction or routine maintenance procedures during 2026:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE ANY
SECONDARY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OR
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES DURING 2026**

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors is concerned about tort liability and traffic safety involved during construction and maintenance on the secondary road system, and

WHEREAS, they are further interested in accommodations for the traveling public, adjacent landowners and related users during construction and maintenance operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, meeting in lawful session, on this 2nd day of January, 2026, to temporarily close sections of highways in Cedar County's road system when necessary because of construction, maintenance or natural disaster.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adopt and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the following Resolution Designating Engineer to Execute Certification Specifications in Connection with Farm to Market Construction Projects for 2026:

RESOLUTION 2026

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, that Robert D. Fangmann, the County Engineer of Cedar County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification

of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county. Dated at Cedar County, Iowa, this 2nd day of January, 2026.

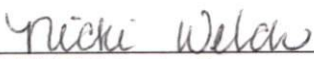
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the 2025 County Weed Commissioner Certification Form and to appoint Michel Foulks as Cedar County's Weed Commissioner for 2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:05 a.m., to January 6, 2026.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson