

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. January 13, 2026 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler was absent. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of the public were also present.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Chief Deputy Knoche regarding Deputy Scott moving to the next step of 54% of the Sheriff's salary effective 1/20/2026.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 1/9/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444636 for \$7,736.89-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

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

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of January 6, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #203939-204080 for the period ending 1/3/26 and to be paid on 1/9/26.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul appointed Pam Hartwig to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term and Kent Stuart to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term and Terry Goerdt to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority effective 6/1/2026 for a 2-year term.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Whitney Randolph was presented with her award for 5 years of service.

Public Health Program Coordinator Randolph met with the Board to present a quote for the Harm Reduction Vending Machine presented on 12/23/2025. Randolph would like to see sharps containers, wound care kits, Narcan, hygiene items, condoms, Your Life Iowa handouts, gun locks and any other suggestions placed inside machine. This does have a limited three-year warranty.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the quote as presented for \$6,000 to Greater America Distributing from the Opioid fund.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Board recessed for ten minutes.

Sheriff Wethington and Chief Deputy Knoche met with the Board for a FY 26/27 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Public Health Business Manager Hansen met with the Board for a FY 26/27 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

The Board recessed for fifteen minutes.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board for a FY 26/27 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Veterans Affairs Officer Hamann and members of her Commission met with the Board for a FY 26/27 budget review. Discussion was held. No decisions were made.

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for his annual performance review. Fangmann requested a closed session in writing.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(i) at 10:31 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to go back into open session at 10:46 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to authorize Board to sign the 28E agreement with the City of Lowden for the design and construction of certain roadway improvements.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. seconded by Sup. to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a City Highway Bridge Program Project.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go into closed session under Code section 21.5(1)(j) at 11:00 a.m.

Ayes: Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back into open session at 11:26 a.m.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Kaufmann


No decisions were made from closed session.

Moved by Sup.

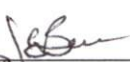
Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to adjourn at 11:27 a.m., to January 20, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Kaufmann



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson