

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 27, 2026 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, and Pro-Tem Kaufmann. Bell and Bixler were absent. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of the public were also present.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Pro-Tem Kaufmann addressed the public for comments. Becky Knoche of the Tipton Library and Nikki Scheel of the Clarence Library addressed the Board regarding the impact a 25% reduction in funding would have on the Cedar County libraries.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve the Board Minutes of February 24, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to remove \$11,000 from the Board of Supervisors budget as follows: reduce wages by \$1,000 per Board member, reduce mileage by \$5,000, reduce printed legals by \$500 and reduce printed minutes by \$500.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

Finance Director Dauber provided a handout to Board members showing each department's attempt to cut 4% as directed at the last meeting. Each department head had the opportunity to speak about what was cut, if they didn't reach the 4% and why. Grave markers will be removed from Veterans Affairs budget and added back into department 99. The Board reminded everyone that all these cuts are being made to minimize the increase in levy. Discussion of office hours was held and the possibility of 40-hour work weeks being cut to 37.5 hours. Consensus of the Board was that entities are going to be pained next year the same as everyone else.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to implement the reduction of Environmental & Zoning, two part-time staff members and the revised figures that were submitted and reviewed today.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bell, Bixler

Consensus of the Board was to have a meeting with HR Attorney Galloway before May 1, 2026 for FY27/28 and start the budgeting process earlier.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., to March 3, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler, Bell

  
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 Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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 Jeff Kaufmann, Chairperson Pro-Tem