

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 7, 2026 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. 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:  
County Recorder's Report of Fees collected for period 1/1/2026 – 3/31/2026.  
County Auditor's Report of Fees collected for a period ending 3/31/2026.  
Auditor Welch regarding Matt Stuhr, Custodian successfully has completed six-month orientation effective 3/22/2026.  
Comdemnation proceedings for project no NHSN-030-8(55)—2R-16.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Hermiston Farms, Inc. #62808 for a site at 1522 Yankee Avenue, New Liberty.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/3/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445399 for \$6,137.38-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Devin Schroeder said he pays most of his taxes to one township/school district which isn't his voting address and asked how that can be changed. The Board said he needed to contact his legislators.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of March 31, 2026.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements 204810-204952 for the period ending 3/28/26 and to be paid on 4/3/26.  
Ayes: All

Rob Metzger, Director – 7<sup>th</sup> District Probation introduced himself to the Board.

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Consensus was to table the discussion on benefits for under 30 hours until HR Attorney Galloway is available.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Engineer Fangmann, Community Services Director Tischuk, Public Health Director Wagaman, Treasurer Delaney, Assessor Dauber, Veterans Service Officer Hamann, EMA Director Brown, Sheriff Wethington, EMS Director Dinsch, Recorder Bahnsen, Auditor Welch, IT Director Pierce, Attorney Blank and Conservation Director Petersen. Discussion was held.

Deputy Auditor Driscoll met with the Board to discuss the lawn use policy and application. Discussion was held. The Board needs to decide on what number they want to use for a gathering for the policy. Driscoll explained the application has a box an applicant can check to request to waive liability insurance which will then be reviewed by the Board. The question was asked why this is being reviewed which Barnhart said it is suggested by Heartland not required. No decisions were made further discussions will be held after public hearings.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing for review/consideration/action on the following petition: James and Judy Petersen, 401 240th St., West Branch IA, (Owners) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the NW ¼, SW ¼, SW ¼, except

Parcel "G" Section 5, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township. Said petition is to rezoned 1.73 acres of a proposed 7.29 acres tract. Written and verbal objection regarding fencing and erosion control are on file. The Board explained these objections will be further discussed when the subdivision is brought to the Board.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and waive the second hearing for 401 240<sup>th</sup> St., West Branch, IA for a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located in the NW ¼, SW ¼, SW ¼, except Parcel "G" Section 5, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township. Said petition is to rezoned 1.73 acres of a proposed 7.29 acres tract.  
Ayes: All

At 10:15 a.m. a public hearing for review/consideration/action on the following petition: Jeffery and Joanna Reichert, 876 247<sup>th</sup> St., Tipton, IA (Owners) and Matthew and Justine Wagaman, 1159 330<sup>th</sup> St., Moscow, IA (Buyers) – Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on property described as Parcel G, located in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 16, T-80N, R-3W, in Center West Township. Said petition is to rezone 3.3 acres of a 23.12 acre tract. There are no written or verbal objections on file.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and waive the second hearing for 876 247<sup>th</sup> St, Tipton for Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on property described as Parcel G, located in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 16, T-80N, R-3W, in Center West Township. Said petition is to rezone 3.3 acres of a 23.12 acre tract.  
Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board for 2026 Granular Resurfacing Quotes and presented rock quotes along with Rock Resurfacing Program Engineers recommendation.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to award and authorize Engineer Fangmann to sign contracts to Wendling Quarries districts 1, 4, 7 & 9 Weber Stone districts 2 & 3, RiverStone Group districts 5, 6 & 10. District 8 will be done internally.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit to Mechanicsville Telephone at 42 175<sup>th</sup> Street and the \$100 fee applies.  
Ayes: All

Further discussion was held on lawn use policy and application.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to use 25 people for a gathering on the lawn use policy and application and approve the resolution.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COURTHOUSE GROUNDS USE POLICY AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, Cedar County owns and maintains the courthouse grounds for the benefit and enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, Cedar County desires to ensure that the courthouse grounds remains accessible for casual public use while also providing a framework for the safe and orderly conduct of organized activities and events; and

WHEREAS, Cedar County finds it necessary to establish clear guidelines regarding when a permit is required and when proof of insurance must be provided to protect public safety and county/city property, and minimize the county's liability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CEDAR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**Section 1. Approval of Policy**

Cedar County hereby adopts the Courthouse Grounds Use Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2. Permit Requirement**

A permit shall be required for organized activities or events on the courthouse lawn that involve

factors including, but not limited to: exclusive use of space, large gatherings, structures or equipment, amplified sound, commercial activity, or other impacts to public access or safety, as further defined in the policy.

Casual, non-exclusive public use of the courthouse lawn shall not require a permit.

**Section 3. Insurance Requirement**

Applicants required to obtain a permit shall provide proof of general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 naming Cedar County as an additional insured.

Cedar County Board of Supervisors may waive the insurance requirement for permitted activities determined to be low-risk, as defined in the policy.

**Section 4. Administration**

Cedar County is authorized to administer, interpret, and enforce the Courthouse Grounds Use Policy, including approval or denial of permit applications and determination of applicable requirements.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Ayes: All

Nay: Bell

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:06 a.m., to April 14, 2026.

Ayes: All

*Nicki Welch*

Nicki Welch, Auditor

*Jon Bell*

Jon Bell, Chairperson