

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 21, 2026 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Auditor Welch. 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 Koranda regarding Renee Fonteyne, Correctional Officer eligible for three-year pay change to \$28.25 effective 1/1/2026.
David Holmes regarding proposed assumptions for FY2026 GASB 75 valuation.
Troy Schultzen with Holmes Murphy regarding Cedar County Assessment.
Iowa Department of Transportation Condemnation Notice for Project No. NHSN-030-8(55)- - 2R-16 for U.S. 30 East of Mechanicsville.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/17/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445524 for \$7,716.43-self funded medical claims.

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

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

A correction of the manure management annual updates in the minutes for the previous meeting was noted. Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of April 14, 2026 as corrected.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #204953-205105 for the period ending 4/11/26 and to be paid on 4/17/26. This includes a payout for Dakotah Clements and Caitlyn Boyle.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the contract for GeoPermits Software.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the RFQ for the Zoning Administrator Services.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Secondary Roads Iowa DOT budget and 5-year Construction Program.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to adopt and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Resolution For A Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):

RESOLUTION FOR A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)
Implementation Grant Application for Safety Improvements along County Road X40

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the County Road X40 project, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Cedar County, Iowa, and the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 24112(a)(2) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides statutory eligibility criteria for the SS4A grants; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation has made available a Notice of Funding Opportunity to the application process for SS4A grants; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends application for funding of a project that includes safety improvements on County Road X40 (Garfield Avenue) from the Muscatine County Line north to County Road F36 (250th Street).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Cedar County, Iowa, that we declare support for and endorsement of the Grant Application for said project. The Board further endorses the submittal of such application for grant funding and assures that the County will adequately maintain such improvements within the Cedar County Secondary Roads system; and directs the County Engineer to pursue available funding for said project.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit at 1025 230th St. Tipton for Eastern Iowa REC and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Abstained: Bixler

HR Attorney Galloway discussed the removal of benefits for employees under 30 hours from the handbook, to take effect immediately upon Board approval. Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to remove benefits for employees under 30 hours from Handbook.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to go into closed session at 9:50 a.m. for collective bargaining strategy pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3).


Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to return to regular session at 10:36 a.m.


Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 10:46 a.m., to April 28, 2026.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson