

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 28, 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:

Iowa State University State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

Chief Deputy Koranda regarding Eli Spilman 3 year pay rate change to \$28.25/hour effective 12/26/2025.

Dispatch Supervisor Johnson regarding Nickole Clark completed her 6-month probation with a rate change to \$25.62/hour effective 4/15/2026

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:

JT Farmington Pork LLC #68979 for a site at 1830 290th Street, Tipton.

JT Center Pork 3 #68997 for a site at 1614 260th Street, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/24/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445525 for \$5,858.41-self funded medical claims.

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

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Public Health Director informed the Board an Environmental Specialist started today and provided an HHS map. Community Services Director Tischuk informed the Board that she plans to transfer Community Services vehicle to Public Health and if they needed a vehicle for a meeting, they would ask to use it. Consensus of the Board is they agreed to the transfer. Tischuk also indicated that CSN would be offered free of charge for one more year. Veteran Affairs Service Officer Hamann informed the Board of dates she will be out of the office for training events.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of April 21, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Claim Disbursements #45525 - #45650 paid on 4/23/2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

IT Director Pierce asked the Board if he could sell old IT equipment on Purple Wave. Pierce said he will follow policies PS-105: Disposal of ePHI and/or Hardware, PS-115: Receipt and Removal of Hardware Containing ePHI, PS-150: Media Reuse and PS-165: Accountability for Movement of Equipment and Media.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve IT Director Pierce to sell IT equipment on Purple Wave following the policies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to renew a Tobacco Permit for TJ's Gas & Grub effective 7/1/2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign FY26 Audit Services Engagement Letter.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler

Community Services Director Tischuk informed the Board that she has updated job descriptions for Community Services Director and Community Services Assistant Director. HR Attorney Galloway reviewed the Community Services Director job descriptions but not the other one. Barnhart asked if HIPAA should be a part of the job description since they are receiving a stipend. Tischuk will work with Galloway on this and report back.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a letter in support of grant application for X40 safety enhancements.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Resolution awarding project HDP-C016(114)—6B-16, Cedar River bridge near Rochester on F44 (290th St.).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the HDP-C016(114)--6B-16, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Cedar County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a bridge replacement on F44 over Cedar River, Section 11, T79, R03; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Cedar County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Peterson Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$12,928,133.61 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Jacob Thorius, the County Engineer for Washington County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.


Dated at Cedar County, Iowa, this 28th day of April, 2026.

Board of Supervisors of Cedar, Iowa

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:30 a.m., to May 5, 2026.

Ayes: All
Absent: Bixler



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson