

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 12, 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:  
Iowa Department of Transportation regarding condemnation of land south and in the City of Mechanicsville for Project No. NHSN-030-8(55)- -2R-16 for U.S. 30.  
Community Foundation of Cedar County regarding upcoming awards ceremonies.  
Pembina Pipelines regarding notification of upcoming field survey.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Richard Shumaker #62983 for a site at 1604 240<sup>th</sup> Street, Tipton.  
Lee Crock #64750 for a site at 1230 200<sup>th</sup> Ave, Mechanicsville.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/8/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445674 for \$3,539.29-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments:  
Recorder Bahnsen informed the Board that that marriage license fee increase effective July 1, 2026, will not be implemented due to restrictions under administrative code governing vital records fees. The increase for death certificates will remain.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of May 5, 2026.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #445528 - #445673 paid on 5/7/2026.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Danny Meyer return for full time seasonal employment effective June 1, 2026.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the purchase of fatal vision opioid goggles presented by Lisa DeFour.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to temporarily defer enforcement of the insurance requirement for events on the lawn through July 1, 2026, pending further research and review.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session at 9:07 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j).  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to go back to regular session at 9:27 a.m.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Kaufmann

No action was made in closed session.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the application for initial EMS service authorization.  
Ayes: All

Sup. Kaufmann gave the Board updates on Cedar County Veterans Graves.


Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the FY27 Fiscal Agent Agreement with Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa.  
Ayes: All

The board recessed at 9:43 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:00 a.m.

Phil Waniorek, Benefits Inc., met with the Board to discuss the upcoming health insurance renewal. He informed the Board that with increasing self-funded claims it may be beneficial for the County to move to the ISAC Health Plan. He explained that the premium savings could help offset the increased claims. He stated that he would release the County from the contracts with Benefits Inc. without consequence. The Auditor's Office will reach out to Assured Partners to see if enrolling in the ISAC Health Plan is an option.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 10:53 a.m., to May 19, 2026.  
Ayes: All

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson