

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 19, 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:

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann approved May reports and approved minutes from April 8, 2026.

Iowa Department of Transportation regarding 3 condemnation notices for land east and in the City of Mechanicsville for Project No. NHSN-030-8(55)- -2R-16 for U.S. 30.

Brandon Waddingham email regarding steps the Board is taking to protect Cedar County farm ground from being taken over by large scale solar farms and data centers.

Cedar County Treasurer regarding payment from Cedar County Clerk of Court for fines.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/15/26 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445675 for \$3355.53-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:

David Furry addressed the Board on behalf of members of local volunteer EMS services expressing concerns regarding the countywide EMS levy and related funding. He also encouraged the Board to reach out to the volunteer EMS services to address concerns.

Public Health Director Wagaman provided an update regarding monitoring of recent hantavirus concerns associated with a cruise ship outbreak and Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. It was reported that the situations are being monitored at the state, national, and worldwide levels with the U.S. issuing travel advisories.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of May 12, 2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Payroll Disbursements #205248-205390 for the period ending 5/9/26 and to be paid on 5/15/26.

Ayes: All

Judi Hamaker, Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, presented renewal information and rates for the upcoming July 1, 2026 renewal.

Representatives of Assured Partners met with the Board via Teams to discuss providing health insurance brokerage services to the County. They informed the Board that the deadline to enroll in the ISAC health plan for the July 1, 2026 renewal had passed; however, they proposed serving as the County's agent of record for the July 1, 2026 Wellmark renewal and reviewing the County's eligibility for participation in the ISAC health plan in the fall with the intent to transition effective January 1, 2027. They also discussed assisting the County with transitioning TPA services through one of the third-party administrator options they currently work with.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve hiring Assured Partners, a Gallagher company, for health insurance brokerage services and Midwest Benefits Group for third-party administrator services effective July 1, 2026, with the intent to transition to the ISAC Health Plan effective January 1, 2027, if eligible.

Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to renew a Tobacco Permit for Pilot Travel Center #496 effective 7/1/2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to renew a Tobacco Permit for Liberty Travel Stop effective 7/1/2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit at 277 Indian Ave for Black Hills Energy and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit at 174 145th St for Alliant Energy and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit on X40 at Little Bear for Alliant Energy and the \$100 fee applies.


Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 11:03 a.m., to May 26, 2026.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson