

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 26, 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 a condemnation notice for land west and in the City of Mechanicsville for Project No. NHSN-030-8(55)- 2R-16 for U.S. 30.
Engineer Fangmann regarding notice sent to Eternity Investment LLC for an illegal sign near 1617 Old Muscatine Road.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Lujen Farms Inc. Site 2 #67849 for a site at 1830 Hays Ave, West Branch.
Dale & Jason Vincent #63780 for a site at 360 310th St, West Branch.
Fohne Inc. #58172 for a site at 878 160th St, Mechanicsville.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/22/26 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #144874 for \$2,043.43-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments:
Treasurer Delaney informed the Board that an informational table would be set up outside the Treasurer's Office to help raise awareness regarding the partnership between the Iowa Donor Network and the Iowa DOT.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of May 19, 2026.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #445679-445787 paid on 5/21/26.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the letter of authorization for Stephanie VonBehren to access Iowa DOT Motor Vehicle Records on behalf of Cedar County.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the updated structure of the EMS Advisory Council to consist of five members appointed by the Board: one at-large member, one Board of Supervisors member, one EMA/911 representative, one Public Health representative, and one representative from local EMS services. Terms were set at four years, with the at-large and Board of Supervisors positions serving an initial two-year term to allow for staggered terms thereafter. The local EMS services will collectively provide a recommendation for their representative. Sup. Barnhart was appointed to serve as the Board representative with Sup. Bixler as alternate.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign a six-month moratorium on data centers to allow time for completion of the data center ordinance. The moratorium will be drafted by Zoning Director LaRue and County Attorney Blank and effective upon signature.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Steve and Debra Nash, 602 Orange Street, West Branch, IA, (Owners) and Matthew and Kerri Nash, 639 280th St., West Branch, IA (Buyers) – Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential District for the purpose of allowing construction of a single family dwelling on property located in the SW ¼, SE ¼, SW ¼, Section 31, T-80N, R-3W, in Iowa Township consisting of 3.53 acres more or less at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2026 and June 16, 2026.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign proposal for third party administrator services with Midwest Group Benefits with services effective July 1, 2026.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the compensation and fee disclosure statement with Assured Partners with indirect compensation services expected dates July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the FY2025 Cost Allocation Plan.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 9:49 a.m., to June 2, 2026.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson