

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 18, 2025 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. 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:  
Mark Meier resident of Sunbury regarding speeding.  
Sydney Becker and Samantha Tuttle regarding recent federal funding freeze and executive order.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/14/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #441513 for \$3,452.24-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. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of February 11, 2025.  
Ayes: All  
Abstain: Barnhart

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #441365 - #441512 paid on 2/13/2025.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board discussed the resolution objecting to the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) approval to enact eminent domain authority within Cedar County for privately owned and operated carbon dioxide pipelines. Amendments were made to the resolution.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the resolution as amended.  
Ayes: All

The Board reviewed the members of the Commission to Assess Damages/Eminent Domain Commission. They will reach out to each member and verify they are still willing to serve and report back next week.

Assistant Engineer Anderson met with the Board to discuss right of way contracts for Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Replacement Project L-202303—73-16.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the right of way contracts for L-202303—73-16.

<u>Brinning Farms, LLC</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.25	\$3,917.80
Temporary Easement	.16	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,167.80</b>

  

<u>Robert &amp; Angela Jipp</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.27	\$3,836.22
Temporary Easement	.14	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,086.22</b>

The Board discussed FY25/26 budgets.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

Moved by Sup. Gaul to approve a 4.25% wage increase but died due to a lack of a second.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a 3% COLA with 1.25% step if applicable for all hourly and non-elected department heads.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bell to freeze FY25/26 salaries for Supervisors.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to increase Treasurer salary by 3% for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to increase Auditor salary by 3% for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase Recorder salary by 3% for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase Attorney salary by 11% for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to increase IT Director Pierce salary to \$80,000 for FY25/26.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bell instructed Financial Director Dauber to use the motions made above and to keep all offices at current hours worked and update the FY25/26 budget numbers for next week's meeting.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 10:46 a.m., to February 25, 2025.

Ayes: All

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson