

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. May 27, 2025 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Auditor Welch. Members of the public were also present.

Moved by Sup. Bixler, seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Sup. Kaufmann entered the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:  
Cedar County HIPAA Privacy and Security Officers Tischuk and Conrad-Marion memo regarding Shredding & Recycling bins.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:  
Jeff Salsbery #62843 for a site at 1334 Old Muscatine Road, Tipton.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 5/23/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #442470 for \$1,397.59-self funded medical claims.

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Public Health Director Wagaman reported the first case of measles in Iowa. The case is an unvaccinated person in Central Iowa – no details on where it was possibly contracted. Recorder Bahnsen informed the Board that the DNR has released information on ATV & UTV off-road use.

Moved by Sup. Gaul, seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of May 20, 2025.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup Kaufmann, seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #442341 - #442469 paid on 5/22/2025.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board discussed appointment of commissioners to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board. Linda Beck is willing to serve and the Board will continue to work on finding a second.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann, seconded by Sup. Gaul to appoint Linda Beck as a commissioner to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board.  
Ayes: All

The Board discussed the letter sent by Deputy Jackson on Senate File 659. Deputy Jackson had suggested that the Board add to the letter with information on their reserves and what it was being saved for to reiterate that they need those funds to continue funding services at the local level. Sup. Bell inquired about fund balances and current and future maintenance costs from Finance Director Dauber. The Board agreed that information on the county's financial position should be added to the letter.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart, seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve sending the letter to Governor Reynolds with the addition of the reserve fund information and its intended use.  
Ayes: All

Auditor Welch updated the Board on the number of splits and flex hours on the current maintenance contract and what is actually being used. Because the county is using significantly more than what was contracted, Schneider Geospatial has increased the splits for an additional cost of \$4944 a year. The Board asked if there was any way to charge for some of these services

to help recoup the additional cost. Auditor Welch will reach out to Attorney Blank and other Auditors for guidance.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann, seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Schneider Geospatial, LLC First Amendment to Agreement and Authorization to proceed agreement.

Ayes: All

EMS Director Dinsch discussed the details of the Medical Director contract and the hiring process. The contract was approved by Attorney Blank and will run from the time executed until the end of FY26. Pay will be \$2000/month for the first 6 months for the initial work to get things running and \$1000/month thereafter. They will be on-site a minimum of 2 hours each quarter, with most work done remotely. The contract also states that Cedar County will carry malpractice insurance for the Medical Director. Dr. Joshua Pruitt, Medical Director for Clarence EMS, had been recommended to EMS Director Dinsch. He was not able to take the position but suggested Dr. Daniel Kinker, an ER Doctor practicing at St. Luke's in Cedar Rapids that is also serving at Medical Director for Iowa County EMS as well. EMS Director Dinsch has been in negotiations with Dr. Kinker who has agreed to the terms of the contract.

Moved by Sup. Bixler, seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve EMS Medical Director contract for Dr. Daniel Kinker.

Ayes: All

Engineer Fangmann updated the Board on the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for the \$2 million grant, \$1.5 million federally funded and \$500,000 state funded, for the Cedar River Bridge Replacement Project. Engineer Fangmann also informed the Board of other county updates.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart, seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a County Bridge Construction Fund Project for the Cedar River Bridge Replacement Project at Rochester HDP-C016(114)--6B-16.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul, seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to adjourn at 9:33 a.m., to June 3, 2025.

Ayes: All

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson