

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 26, 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:
Engineer Fangmann regarding returning to five, eight-hour days.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
TSM Farms #64970 for a site at 1419 250th Street, Tipton.
Hansen DB LTD #63292 for a site at 1946 Taylor Avenue, Clarence.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 8/22/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #443313 for \$3,450.76-self funded medical claims.

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

Rick Gritton was presented with an award for 10 years of service.

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Bell to approve the Board Minutes of August 19, 2025.
Ayes: All
Abstain: Kaufmann, Barnhart

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve Payroll Disbursements #202446-202599 for the period ending 8/16/25 and to be paid on 8/22/25.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

The Board discussed the survey of secondary roads property. Assistant Engineer Anderson was present. The consensus of the Board was to have Jenkins meet with the County Engineer to get the fence relocated.

Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue met with the Board to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Edgewood Land Company, 143 Buckeye Rd., West Branch, IA, (Owners) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property described as Lot 1, located in the SW ¼, SE ¼, Section 30, T-79N, R-4W, in Springdale Township, consisting of 1.49 acres more or less.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to set public hearing dated for Edgewood Land Company to 9:00 a.m. on September 9th and 16th.
Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. Sherli Childers, River Bend Transit introduced herself and provided a presentation on what River Bend Transit offers. Childers did mention that Cedar County ridership has been increasing and thanked Cedar County for the ongoing support.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the right of way contracts for project BROS-C016(121)--8J-16.

<u>Joann E. Frederick</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.09	\$1,601.15
Temporary Easement	.05	\$250.00
Total		\$1,851.15

<u>Nancy Mercer Feddersen Hyde Revocable Trust</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.34	\$5,673.07
Temporary Easement	.14	\$250.00
Total		\$5,923.07

<u>Nancy Mercer Feddersen Hyde Revocable Trust</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.15	\$2,556.45
Temporary Easement	.11	\$250.00
Total		\$2,806.45

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy on Eureka Avenue and waive the \$100 fee.

Ayes: All

Security Officer Deputy Jackson and Judge Werling met with the Board to discuss panic buttons for the Clerk's Office. The State's IT department won't approve putting the software the County uses on the State-owned computers. Jackson said SimpliSafe quoted him \$152 for buttons and self-monitoring for up to 25 people as a one-time fee. Werling appreciates all the help Cedar County has provided for the Court system. Bell asked that if the Court system has anything that will need purchased in the future, they will need to come forward during budgeting time.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the SimpliSafe quote of \$152 for buttons and self-monitoring as a one-time fee to be paid out of IT budget.

Ayes: All

Sup. Bixler said now that tax statements have been mailed out and many citizens have been upset about the increases would it be possible to ask the Conservation Board to hire within and hold off replacing Conservation Director Dauber once he retires in December to help cut back on the budget. No discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 9:46 a.m., to September 2, 2025.

Ayes: All

Nicki Welch
Nicki Welch, Auditor

Jon Bell
Jon Bell, Chairperson