

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 12, 2025 with the following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, and Chairperson Bell. Kaufmann was absent. 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:
Auditor Welch regarding Jeanne Frahm-Hahn, Custodian completion of 6-month orientation effective 11/5/2025.
Center for Rural Affairs regarding Renewable energy development in Cedar County.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/7/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444126 for \$1,695.91-self funded medical claims.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

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

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of November 4, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #443980 - #444125 paid on 11/6/2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Home Base Iowa application for Daniel Tucker.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Discussion was held on Amicus Curiae Couser v. Shelby County ISAC letter. Bixler informed the Board that other counties are participating. Bell said this will be tabled until next week when the entire Board is present.

Discussion was held on IPERS classification codes for elected officials. In January 2022 IPERS issued a memo requesting that counties update the classification of elected officials to a newly created category within their system. This change has created an issue with retirement from other employment. IPERS has since confirmed that elected officials may be classified as either full-time or part-time. Reclassifying Supervisors as part-time elected officials would allow them the option to decline IPERS coverage. This change has been reviewed by HR Attorney Galloway and Wellmark and would not affect county provided health and dental benefit eligibility. The Handbook does not currently reflect this and will need to be changed.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the classification code change for supervisor elected officials and update the handbook to say Salaried elected officials (including supervisors, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff and County Attorney) are considered full-time employees for the purpose of county benefit eligibility, regardless of IPERS classification of scheduled hours worked.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

At 8:45 a.m. a public hearing was held for review/consideration/action on the following petition: James and Anne Hodges Trust & Hanks Family Revocable Trust, 3961 Rollingwood Drive NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, (Owners) and Philip and Jennifer Hanks, 3023 160th St., Dyersville, IA (Buyers) - 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. Jennifer Hanks, Harlan Hanks, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, Engineer Fangmann were in attendance. No written or verbal objections on file

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the 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 and waive the second hearing.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

At 9:00 a.m., the Board of Supervisors, convened as a 1st tier Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in the City/School Elections of November 4, 2025. Auditor Welch met with the Board. Present were Supervisors: Gaul, Bixler, Barnhart and Chairperson Bell. Thereupon results from several precincts were opened and examined with the results duly entered in the Official Canvass Book and attested to by the Board and the Cedar County Auditor. Declared duly elected in Cedar County were:

City of Bennett

Joe Sparks----Mayor

JoAnne Schneekloth, Christina Eicher and Nathan Wolf----Councilpersons At Large

City of Clarence

Steve Bixler----Mayor

Lori Dennis, Emily Meyer and Sean McMann----Councilpersons At Large

City of Mechanicsville

Andrew J. Oberbreckling----Mayor

Zachary Randolph and James Dale Studer----Councilpersons At Large

City of Lowden

Nicholas Lange and Kasey Sander----Councilpersons At Large

Alan Carlson and Gene Hamdorf----Councilperson At Large (To Fill A Vacancy)

City of Stanwood

Nick Ganoe, David E Siebels and Terri Knapp----Councilpersons At Large

City of Tipton

Kevin Koob----Councilperson-Ward 1 (To Fill A Vacancy)

Mike Helm----Councilperson-Ward 2

Abby Cummins-Vanscoy----Councilperson At Large

Tipton School

Dionne Daedlow and Julie Williams----Director At Large

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the right of way contracts for project L-202602--73-16.

<u>Tammy R Mather Revocable Trust</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.22	\$3,544.90
Temporary Easement	.08	\$250.00
Total		\$3,794.90

<u>Tammy R Mather Revocable Trust</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Permanent Easement	.24	\$3,365.20
Temporary Easement	.09	\$250.00

Total

\$3,615.20

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project Recipient: Cedar County Project No: BROS-C016(124)--8J-16.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bell to approve a utility permit to Eastern Iowa Light and Power on Taylor Avenue and waive the \$100 fee.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann

Abstain: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 9:51 a.m., to November 18, 2025.

Ayes: All

Absent: Kaufmann



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson