

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 25, 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.

The Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:  
Cedar County Veterans Affairs approved November reports and minutes from 10/15/2025  
Grasshopper Lawncare contract and rates for 2026  
River Bend Transit governance letter for year end 6/30/25

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/21/2025 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444317 for \$1,162.15-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. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Board Minutes of November 18, 2025.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #444128 - #444316 paid on 11/20/2025.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Elizabeth Voss, Janelle Axline, Michael Gritton and Mitch Chapman all received Certificate of Service awards.

Finance Director Dauber presented budget amendment proposals from the following departments:

Sheriff's Department:	Revenue Increase \$26,211 Grant
	Expense Increase \$26,211 Body Cameras
Courthouse:	Expense Increase \$75,000 New Boilers
Public Health:	Expense Increase \$3,000 PHN Memorial Fund
Relief:	Expense Increase \$5,000 Funeral Expenses
GIS:	Expense Increase \$1,284 Split/Parcel Maintenance
Veterans Affairs:	Revenue Increase \$10,000 Grant
	Expense Increase \$10,000 Grant Expense \$1,000 Grave Markers
District Court:	Expense Increase \$73,000 Juvenile Detention
Environmental Health:	Revenue Increase \$9,949 Private Well Grant
	Expense Increase \$9,949 Private Well Grant Expenses

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to set the public hearing date for FY26 Budget Amendment to 10:30 a.m. on December 16, 2025.  
Ayes: All

Curt Kieffer, a resident of Downey, addressed speed concerns in Downey with the Board. He would like to see the speed reduced more incrementally to help slow drivers down by the time they reach the 35mph zone. John Comstock, also a resident of Downey, added his concerns with the speeding through the area as well. Sherriff Wethington agreed that speed was an issue in the area and has had deputies monitor the area when they can. Engineer Fangmann said the speed zones are determined by the guidelines given by the DOT and a speed study must be done to change speeds and signage. The last speed study in that area was 2016. It was agreed that Mr. Kieffer would gather statements from other residents of Downey and the Sheriff's Department

would gather speed data from the speed camera during it's time in Downey to send with Engineer Fangmann's request to the DOT for a speed study in Downey.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Yvonne Gregory Estate (Owner) and Matthew and Heather Mainprize, 1315 Remington Ct., North Liberty, IA (Buyer)- 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 located in the NW ¼, SE ¼, Section 7, T-79N, R-2W, in Rochester Township. Said petition is to rezone 2 acres m/l of a 14.25-acre lot at 10:30 a.m. on December 9, 2025 and at 10:45 a.m. on December 16, 2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a Bridge Investment Program Project HDP-C016(114)—6B-16, the replacement of the Cedar River Bridge on F44 (290th Street) near Rochester.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul on award of contract for Cedar County Bridge Replacement Project BROS-C016(121)--8J-16.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler on final plans and set letting date for 10:30 a.m. on January 6, 2026 for culvert project L-202602—7X-16 on Eureka Avenue in Section 35 of Gower Township.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adopt the following resolutions to abate taxes for the City of Tipton:

#### **Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, has received a request for the abatement of property taxes for the property described below, in accordance with Iowa Code 445.63 and

Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 54 Walnut St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048011061840040 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$760.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$760.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

#### **Resolution**

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 102 E 11<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048007313060060 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$1,574.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.



### **Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, has received a request for the abatement of property taxes for the property described below, in accordance with Iowa Code 445.63 and

Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 701 Inland Rd. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048011062540010 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$982.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$982.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

### **Resolution**

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 801 Locust St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048006364790090 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$910.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$910.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048010012030060 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$340.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$340.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to adopt the following resolutions to abate taxes for the City of Bennett:

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

#### **Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, has received a request for the abatement of property taxes for the property described below, in accordance with Iowa Code 445.63 and

Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 403 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048010012790040 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$948.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$948.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

#### **Resolution**

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Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 513 W 9<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048006364790020 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$2,396.00.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$2,396.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

#### **Resolution**

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Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 615 W 8<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048006364820030 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$2,064.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$2,064.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$1,882.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

#### **Resolution**

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Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 302 W 5<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048011061050050 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$1,842.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$1,842.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

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Whereas, Iowa Code 445.63 provides for the abatement of property taxes under specific circumstances, including situations where property is abandoned with the meaning of Iowa Code 657A.10B and

Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 310 W 7th St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048007313590080 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$2,022.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$2,022.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 323 W 8<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048007313590010 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$934.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$934.00 shall be abated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$1,574.00 shall be abated.

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 105 Mulberry St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048011061790090 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$886.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$886.00 shall be abated.

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 205 Spruce St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048010012790090 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$1,314.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$1,314.00 shall be abated.

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Whereas, the City of Tipton has acquired the property previously owned by Luva Jean Petersen Revocable Trust Dated July 13, 2011 & contract buyer Kent Tholen at 215 W 6<sup>th</sup> St. Tipton, IA 52772 Parcel #048011061060010 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$1,882.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.



### Resolution

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Whereas, the City of Bennett has acquired the property previously owned by Liberty Trust & Savings Bank at 236 Main St. Bennett, IA 52721 Parcel #037012161100060 with outstanding regular taxes in the amount of \$2,890.00 to be abated as required pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code 657A.10B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Iowa Code Chapter 445.63, total taxes in the amount of \$2,890.00 shall be abated.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of November, 2025.

Ayes: All

The Board continued discussion on their Outreach/Committee Meetings.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to adjourn at 9:52 a.m., to December 2, 2025.

Ayes: All

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson