

TIPTON, IOWA

February 17, 2026

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 17, 2026 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.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 2/13/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445000 for \$516.47-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. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of February 10, 2026.  
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Claim Disbursements #444868 - #444999 paid on 2/12/2026.  
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve and appoint Max Coppess to the Airport Zoning Board.  
Ayes: All

Veterans Graves update was tabled until next week.

Community Services Director Tischuk met with the Board to discuss a policy update PS-145. This policy is for county work being conducted on personal cell phones by 14 employees. The policy needs to be updated to reflect the change that IT Director Pierce can remove apps if the phone was ever lost or stolen. Once the policy has been updated Tischuk will bring it back for approval.

The Board recessed for ten minutes.

At 9:15 a.m. department heads met in the Boardroom to discuss the FY26/27 budget. Finance Director Dauber provided a handout to board members with updated numbers from last week's discussion. Department heads discussed what more they could cut from the budget. Public Health discussed contracting with the Jail for nursing staff. Consensus was to budget for one person for Environmental & Zoning. Stipends were discussed for HIPAA and Finance as well as part-time custodial staffing. The stipend for HIPAA started 7/1/2019 and the stipend for Finance started 7/1/2022. Consensus of the Board was to have Dauber figure out the total amount for a 1% increase for next week's meeting. Bell left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:27 a.m., to February 24, 2026.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bell

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson