

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. March 24, 2026 with the following members present: Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Bixler 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:  
Susan Dykema-Sterner, Corrections Officer Notice of New Hire effective 4/8/2026 with a starting wage of \$24.87/hour.  
Catilin Boyle, Environmental & Zoning Administrative Assistant Notice of Voluntary Resignation effective 4/3/2026.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 3/20/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445288 for \$5,758.93-self funded medical claims.

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

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

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of March 17, 2026.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #204657-204809 for the period ending 3/14/26 and to be paid on 3/20/26.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set public hearing dates for the following petition: James and Judy Petersen, 401 240th St., 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 located in the NW ¼, SW ¼, SW ¼, except Parcel "G" Section 5, T-80N, R-4W, in Gower Township. Said petition is to rezone 1.73 acres of a proposed 7.29 acres tract. Public hearing is set for 10:00 a.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Also to set public hearing dates for the following petition: Jeffery and Joanna Reichert, 876 247th St., Tipton, IA (Owners) and Matthew and Justine Wagaman, 1159 330th St., Moscow, IA (Buyers) - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Suburban Residential for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling on property described as Parcel G, located in the SW ¼, SW ¼, Section 16, T-80N, R-3W, in Center West Township. Said petition is to rezone 3.3 acres of a 23.12 acre tract at 10:15 a.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to set public hearing for FY26/27 County Budget to 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2026.  
Ayes: All  
Absent: Bixler

Discussion was held on part-time Environmental Health Specialist job description. It was the consensus of the Board to wait and talk to HR Attorney Galloway at 10:00 a.m. regarding this.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul appointed Dan Roberts to the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to the resignation of Jeff Wallick for the term to expire on 12/31/2028 and Al Kroeger to the Planning & Zoning Board for the term to expire on 12/31/2028.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held a public hearing on Ordinance #68 Recodification of the County Ordinances. Sup. Bell read the legal notice and there are no written or verbal objections on file. The public hearing concluded until the seconded hearing.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Cedar County HIPAA manual updates to include substance use disorder.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Policy PS-145.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to not approve the Behavioral Health MOU to provide office space. County Attorney Blank reviewed the MOU and was not in support.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and waive the seconded hearing for the following petition: Terry Jamison, 254 Adams Ave, Lisbon, IA - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to AR-1 Agricultural-Recreational District for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located on Amended Lot C in the NE 1/4, SW 1/4 Section 18, T- 82, Range- 4W, in Pioneer Township. Said petition is to rezone an existing 1.97 acres m/l lot. Also to remove the limitations of livestock.

Ayes: None

Nays: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve and waive the seconded hearing for the following petition: Terry Jamison, 254 Adams Ave, Lisbon, IA - Requesting a change in zoning from A-1 Agricultural District to AR-1 Agricultural-Recreational District for the purpose of allowing construction of a single-family dwelling on property located on Amended Lot C in the NE 1/4, SW 1/4 Section 18, T- 82, Range- 4W, in Pioneer Township. Said petition is to rezone an existing 1.97 acres m/l lot. Also to include removal of limitations of livestock, the county assumes no liability due to a drainage area and the owner will provide letters to the adjoining properties that he will pay for a new fence but if the fence ever needs replaced both property owners will pay for half per the Iowa code.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Resolution Support for Utilizing TSIP Funds for F58 (Highway 927) Safety Project.

**SUPPORT FOR UTILIZING TSIP FUNDS FOR F58 (Highway 927) SAFETY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors has evaluated the highway needs of the county, and

WHEREAS, the proposed highway is functionally classified as a major collector and is eligible for federal aid funds, and

WHEREAS, TSIP funds would aid Cedar County in completing this project (FM-TSF-C016(125)—5B-16),

WHEREAS, The Cedar County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairperson to sign the Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, in lawful session, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 that we request and agree to the following:

- 1) We request the use of Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) funds for the completion of this project.
- 2) We agree to commit farm to market funds to provide matching funds if needed.
- 3) We agree to operate and maintain the project over the useful life of the project after completion and not change the use of right of way without approval of the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Iowa DOT Traffic Safety Improvement Funding Agreement for Improvements on F58.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Engineer Fangmann met with the Board to review the 2026 Granular Resurfacing Program.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Gaul to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy on 290<sup>th</sup> St and the \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

Engineer Fangmann asked to table the Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement for Highway 30 improvements until next week.

HR Attorney Galloway met with the Board and department heads to discuss Environmental & Zoning Department and other budgeting topics. The Environment Health Specialist job description was discussed.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve the Environmental Health Specialist job description including removing part-time and adding weight requirements. This position will have flex hours.

Ayes: All


Absent: Bixler

Further discussion was held about a 28E Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Board of Health regarding the Environmental Health Department going under Public Health. Consensus was to make a 28E Agreement between the Boards. Zoning will go to a contract and Galloway advised us to post an RFQ (request for qualification) for bids through the Auditor's Office. Due to current staff submitting a voluntary resignation Galloway also advised to post the position and hire so current Environmental & Zoning Director can train. Other things discussed were no rehire before Board approval, mandated services vs elective services, staff reductions and independent funding of other Boards. Bell said that Dubuque County Supervisors plan to set up a meeting to discuss sharing positions with surrounding counties. No decisions were made.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., to March 31, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Bixler

  
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Nicki Welch, Auditor

  
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Jon Bell, Chairperson