

TIPTON, IOWA

April 14, 2026

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. April 14, 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.

Manure Management Annual Updates submitted by:
Richard L. Schumaker Farm # 62810 1325 210th Street Tipton, IA 52772
BC Pork # 65858 1483 Monroe Avenue Tipton, IA 52772

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 4/10/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #445523 for \$16,116.84-self funded medical claims.

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

Chairperson Bell addressed the public for comments. Pam Fluharty came to the Board to give thanks to the members of the Board and the resources that are utilized.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve the Board Minutes of April 7, 2026.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #445400 - #445522 paid on 4/9/2026.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve to waive the 14-day waiting period for Logan Hoffman & Dircks Farms, Inc.
Ayes: All

Public Health Director Wagaman provided the Board with a 28E Agreement between the Board of Supervisors and Board of Health for Environmental Health that she worked with HR Attorney Galloway on. She also asked since Cedar County hosts the Health Fair if all vendors needed proof of insurance for the lawn use. Consensus was to have Barnhart check with Heartland and report back.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve 28E Agreement pending Board of Health decision.
Ayes: All

IT Director Pierce asked the Board what access the Zoning person would need. Discussion was held on the RFQ and to have Auditor Welch reach out to Galloway to get that process going. GeoPermits was discussed and consensus feels it will be beneficial to utilize going forward.

Veterans Service Officer Hamann asked the Board if she could purchase a popcorn maker with the \$10,000 allocation monies she received. Consensus was to approve the purchase of a popcorn maker for outreach programs.

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for FY26/27 County Budget & Certification of Taxes. Those in attendance were Philip Young, Barb Gerot, Sheriff Wethington, Suzan Erem, Paul Durrenberger, Pam Fluharty, Joan Blundall, Michael Murphy, Larry Hodgden, Jeanette Wigim, Twyla Hein, Tammy Hatland, Cindy Kunde, Assistant Engineer Anderson, Recorder Bahnsen, Janette Pettus, Treasurer Delaney, EMS Director Dinsch, Public Health Director Wagaman and Finance Director Dauber. Discussion was held on services cut, property taxes, ending fund balances, 5 vs 3-person board, zoning and state issues vs local.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve Resolution Approval of FY2627/County Budget & Certification of Taxes.

Approval of FY 2026/2027 County Budget and Certification of Taxes

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2026/2027 county budget and certification of taxes, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held on April 14, 2026,

		UTILITY REPLACEMENT AND PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS	VALUATION WITH GAS & ELEC UTILITIES	LEVY RATE	VALUATION WITHOUT GAS & ELEC UTILITIES	PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED
A. Countywide Levies:	1		1,608,252,595		1,595,382,574	
General Basic	2	5,628,884		3.50000		5,583,839
+ Cemetery (Pioneer - 331.424B)	3	20,264		0.01260		20,102
= Total for General Basic	4	5,649,148				5,603,941
Emerg Mgmt Dollars Included Above in Gen Basic-Info Only for Tax Statement	5					0
General Supplemental	6	2,171,141		1.35000		2,153,766
Emerg Mgmt Dollars Included Above in Gen Supp-Info Only for Tax Statement	7					0
Debt Service (from Form 703 col. 1 Countywide total)	9	823,436	1,634,578,967	0.50376	1,621,708,946	816,952
Voted Emergency Medical Services (Countywide)	10	1,206,189		0.75000		1,196,537
Other	11					0
Subtotal Countywide (A)	12	9,849,914		6.11636		9,771,196
B. All Rural Services Only Levies:	13		1,028,992,946		1,020,854,312	
Rural Services Basic	14	2,824,689		2.74510		2,802,347
Rural Services Supplemental	16					0
Unified Law Enforcement	17					0
Other	18					0
Other	19					0
Subtotal All Rural Services Only (B)	20	2,824,689		2.74510		2,802,347
Subtotal Countywide/All Rural Services (A + B)	21	12,674,603		8.86146		12,573,543
C. Special District Levies:						
Flood & Erosion	22			0.00000		0
Voted Emergency Medical Services (partial county)	23			0.00000		0
Other	24	0		0.00000		0
Other	25			0.00000		0
Other	26			0.00000		0
Township ES Levies (Summary from Form 638-RE)	27	0	0		0	0
Subtotal Special Districts (C)	28	0				0
GRAND TOTAL (A + B + C)	29	12,674,603				12,573,543

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County that the county budget and certificate of taxes for FY 2026/2027, as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Cedar County Auditor is directed to certify said budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the Finance Director be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY2026/2027 county budget.

Signed and dated this 14th day of April 2026.

Ayes: All
Nay: Bell

Gaul left Boardroom.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve Resolution for Elected Officials FY26/27 Salary.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors annually discusses and approves a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors met on April 14, 2026, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 83,505	0%	\$ 83,505
County Attorney	\$ 139,097	0%	\$ 139,097
Recorder	\$ 79,524	0%	\$ 79,524
Sheriff	\$ 156,586	0%	\$ 156,586
Supervisors	\$ 29,717	-3.48%	\$ 28,717
Treasurer	\$ 81,501	0%	\$ 81,501

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar County Board of Supervisors adopts the salaries above for the elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Ayes: All

Absent: Gaul

Gaul entered the Boardroom.

Connie Moffit and Sue Schroeder proposed to the Board an ordinance regarding dogs at large in rural areas. Moffit is currently having issues with a neighbor dog that law enforcement has been contacted on many occasions. Moffit said other counties have similar ordinances. Discussion was held. Consensus was to leave a copy of other ordinances she provided for the Board to review.

Chad Fall, Clarence Telephone met with the Board to discuss a tower near Bennett. The tower light needs to be replaced although it is under the 200ft FAA standard. Fall plans to eliminate the tower light to save money if the Board agrees. Consensus was to eliminate the light as it is not mandatory.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to adjourn at 10:27 a.m., to April 21, 2026.

Ayes: All



Nicki Welch, Auditor



Jon Bell, Chairperson