TIPTON, IOWA November 10, 2026

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. November 10, 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.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence from:
Rick Rouse, Conservation Board member stepping down at end of term.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 10/30/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #447285 for $5,055.74-self funded medical claims.

It was noted the following Handwritten Disbursement was issued on 11/6/2026 to the Cedar County Treasurer for Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #447397 for $8,011.36-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. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the Board Minutes of October 27, 2026.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #207051-207199 for the period ending 10/24/26 and to be paid on 10/30/26 and Claim Disbursements #447286 - #447396 paid on 11/5/2026.
Ayes: All

The Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve and authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Opioid Settlement with Alberstsons.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Bixler seconded by Sup. Gaul to renew a Class C 12-month Retail Alcohol License for Whitetails effective 11/16/2026.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to appoint Pamela Wilkerson to the District Magistrate Appointing commission starting 1/1/2027.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve the 2026 Weed Commissioners Report provided by Weed Commissioner Foulks.
Ayes: All

At 9:00 a.m. the Board held their monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance and providing an update were Community Services Director Tischuk, Assessor Dauber, Treasurer Delaney, Assistant Engineer Anderson, Assistant County Attorney Lenz, Sheriff Wethington, Home Health Manager Bolt, IT Director Pierce and Recorder Bahnsen. Discussion was held.

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Barnhart to approve a utility permit for F&B Communications for the Hoover Highway Bridge and waive the $100 fee.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve a utility permit for Nightowl/ Durant Municipal on 332nd Street and the $100 fee applies.
Ayes: All

At 10:00 a.m., the Cedar County Board of Supervisors convened as a Canvass Board to canvass votes cast in the General Election held on November 3, 2026. Present were Supervisors Bixler, Barnhart, Bell, Gaul and Kaufmann. Auditor Welch was present. Results from the precincts were examined and 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:

Michael Bixler ---------- Board of Supervisors
Warren Wethington ---------- Board of Supervisors
Melissa Bahnsen---------- County Recorder
Adam W. Blank---------- County Attorney
Sandy Delaney ---------- County Treasurer

Cass Township Trustee---------- David F. Swan
Cass Township Clerk ---------- Kelly C. Thomas
Center Township Trustee---------- William Schwitzer
Center TownshipTrustee TFV----------Loren Mohr
Center Township Clerk---------- Devalyn Wilson
Dayton Township Trustee---------- Jeff Meier
Dayton Township Clerk ---------- Gene Bradley Dircks
Fairfield Township Trustee ---------- Scott Tholen
Fairfield Township Clerk---------- Duane C. Stonerook
Farmington Township Trustee---------- John Kirkman
Farmington Township Clerk---------- Greg Shuger
Fremont Township Trustee ---------- Dennis E. Coppess
Fremont Township Clerk---------- Linda K. Coppess
Gower Township Trustee ---------- Dale R. Slach
Gower Township Clerk---------- Douglas Klein
Inland Township Trustee---------- Lori Dunn
Inland Township Clerk ---------- Logan Peitscher
Iowa Township Trustee---------- Denny Yoder
Iowa Township Clerk---------- Sara Yoder
Linn Township Trustee---------- Russ Cook
Linn Township Clerk ---------- Julie Broulik
Massillon Township Trustee---------- Penny Vacek
Massillon Township Clerk---------- Brenda Hansen
Pioneer Township Trustee ---------- Glen D. Weber
Pioneer Township Clerk---------- Christine Weber
Red Oak Township Trustee---------- Paul A. Urmie
Red Oak Township Clerk ---------- Barbara J. Haynes
Rochester Township Trustee---------- Jacie Thomsen
Rochester Township Trustee TFV--------- Jon L. Zobel
Rochester Township Clerk---------- Terry A. LeDoux
Springdale Township Trustee---------- Mike Lodge
Springdale Township Clerk---------- Trent Hansen
Springfield Township Trustee---------- Bill Urmie
Springfield Township Trustee TFV---------David Niermeyer
Springfield Township Clerk ---------- Julie Schroeder
Sugar Creek Township Trustee---------- Matt Bowers
Sugar Creek Township Clerk---------- Kevin Bailey

Cliff Bowie ---------- Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner
Kent Stuart ---------- Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner
James Pelzer----------Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner TFV
Jeffrey T. Lafrenz ---------- Agricultural Extension Council Member
Finn Bendixen ---------- Agricultural Extension Council Member
Katerina Storjohann---------- Agricultural Extension Council Member
Alan Beyer ---------- Agricultural Extension Council Member
Kerry Jackson---------- Agricultural Extension Council Member

The following public measures were declared adopted:
Tipton School – Public Measure A

At 11:00 a.m. Samantha Gudenkauf, Gallagher provided a presentation on Health and Dental Plans, Flex Plan and voluntary coverage. Gudenkauf compared current plans to proposed plans and discussed what transitioning from 3 tier to 2 tier over a timeframe would look like.

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Barnhart to keep the health insurance cost, deductible, and out of pocket maximum unchanged with the new ISAC Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy while looking at the reserve fund balance and adjusting at the next renewal if needed.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to approve new Delta Dental plan through ISAC.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Kaufmann to approve using Health Equity to administer our employee Flex Spending plan.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to provide voluntary Vision and Life Insurance through ISAC to employees.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to go into closed session at 12:17 p.m. under code section 21.5(1)(a), 22.7(6) and 22.7(65).
Ayes: Bixler, Gaul, Barnhart, Kaufmann, Bell

Moved by Sup. Kaufmann seconded by Sup. Bixler to return to regular session at 12:31 p.m.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Barnhart seconded by Sup. Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign the Wellmark Contract subject to any changes by the County Attorney.
Ayes: All

Moved by Sup. Gaul seconded by Sup. Bell to adjourn at 1:08 p.m., to November 17, 2026.
Ayes: All

Nicki Welch, Auditor

Jon Bell, Chairperson