

## SCHOOL MENUS

School menus for Jan 15 through 21 at West Branch Community Schools. Student breakfast price is \$1.85; lunch is \$2.95 EK-8, \$3.10 9-12.

### Elementary schools

Thursday, Jan. 15 – B: French toast stick or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Crispito or beef teriyaki dippers & roll, carrots, refried beans, mandarin oranges, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 16 – B: Long John or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Chicken patty or Maidrite on bun, French fries, celery, pears, fruit.

Monday, Jan. 19 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Jan. 20 – B: Funfetti pancake stick or

cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Baked potato soup with breadstick or Italian sub, apple sauce, romaine salad, carrots, fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 – B: Egg on a roll or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Hotdog on bun or chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, cucumbers, mixed fruit, fruit.

### Middle-high schools

Thursday, Jan. 15 – B: French toast stick or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Crispito or beef teriyaki dippers & roll, carrots, refried beans, mandarin oranges, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 16 – B: Long John or cereal, fruit, fruit

juice, milk. L: Chicken patty or Maidrite on bun or Italian sub, French fries, celery, pears, fruit.

Monday, Jan. 19 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Jan. 20 – B: Funfetti pancake stick or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Baked potato soup with breadstick or Italian sub, roasted chickpeas, romaine salad, mixed fruit, fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 – B: Egg on a roll or cereal, fruit, fruit juice, milk. L: Hotdog on bun or chicken nuggets, sweet potato fries, cucumbers, peaches, fruit.

Students must take three components, one must be a fruit or vegetable. Students have choice of 1% white, skim white or chocolate skim milk. High school choices include fruit and vegetable bar.

## Tracking

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### Police's Terrifying New Cameras

Another YouTube activist, Benn Jordan, has provided enough evidence to prompt U.S. Senator Wyden and Congressman Krishnamoorthi to write a letter to the FTC asking them to investigate Flock.

"Flock's cavalier attitude towards cybersecu-

rity needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of hackers and foreign spies tapping this data," they wrote.

Cybersecurity Hudson Rock revealed that "passwords for at least 35 Flock customer accounts have been stolen. Security researcher Benn Jordan also recently provided our offices with a screenshot from a Russian-language cybercrime forum in which Flock accounts appear to

be offered for sale."

A report from the ACLU and the University of Iowa Technology Law Clinic recently found that Iowa's privacy laws are inadequate when it comes to protecting its citizens against abuse of this technology. This is what they discovered:

- It's not the cameras, it's the sharing. Flock agreements invite participants to share information across state lines

and worldwide in order to acquire similar information in return.

- ALPR's have about a 10% error rate which has led to innocent people being pulled over, held at gunpoint and arrested.

- Nationwide police officers have used ALPR's to stalk spouses, girlfriends or made other inappropriate searches.

- Iowa has fewer resident protections than Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Until state laws are in place, local governments need to at least review and amend their agreements with Flock or other companies to protect our freedom to move, associate and not be searched or seized without reason, although many cities have simply ended their contracts rather than risk violating the law in the name of law enforcement.

Action: Banner Drop on MLK Day, Monday, January 19th on Delta

Avenue/I-80 Overpass (near Scattergood) from 12pm-2pm, "Honor MLK-Resist Injustice"

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## Letter

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ment for access to Greenland's minerals is even weaker. As economists have known since 1909, it is far cheaper and more profitable to buy minerals at market prices than to own them through

military conquest.

As far as American consumers are concerned, those minerals have the same value regardless of who owns them. And Trump pretty much gave the game away when he confessed that his real reason for wanting to annex Greenland was some kind of personal psychological

need to own something rather than lease it.

So in his mind he seems to think that he personally will own Greenland as part of the Trump Organization. So much for Make America Great Again.

**Mike Johnson**  
West Branch

### Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 12/12/2025	
VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	930.74
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	34.10
Cedar County Treasurer	89,750.27
Cedar County Treasurer	11,757.74
Cedar County Treasurer	411.42
Cedar County Treasurer	1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL	103,900.69
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### Cedar county payroll

PAY DATE 12/26/2025	
VENDOR	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	930.74
Washington National Ins Co.	167.26
Fidelity Investments	1,200.00
Phelps the Uniform Specialists	34.10
Cincinnati Life Insurance Co	429.90
IPERS	128,660.25
Cedar County Health Fund	175,084.04
Cedar County Treasurer	412.00
Nationwide Retirement Solution	140.00
Cedar County Treasurer	81,037.94
Cedar County Treasurer	10,733.95
Cedar County Treasurer	9,117.20
Cedar County Treasurer	330.43
Cedar County Treasurer	1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL	409,294.23
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### Cedar county board

BOARD PROCEEDINGS (FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES.FULL TEXT OF DAY'S MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE OR ON OUR WEBSITE—WWW.CEDARCOUNTY.IOWA.GOV) TIPTON, IOWA December 23, 2025 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. December 23, 2025 with following members present: Bixler, Barnhart, Gaul, Kaufmann, and Chairperson Bell. Minutes reported by Deputy Auditor Hamdorf. Members of public were also present. Board viewed correspondence from various agencies.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 12/19/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444555 for \$2,865.25-self funded medical claims. Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none. Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of December 16, 2025.

Ayes: All Abstain: Barnhart Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve Claim Disbursements #444422 - #444554 paid on 12/18/2025.

Ayes: All Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Discussion held on Dental rates. Auditor Welch provided a handout using a broker and directly with Delta Dental. Bixler said he not impressed with Phil Waniorek's speech last week. Gaul said communication is a big issue. General discussion held on using a broker and going directly to Delta Dental. Welch informed Board she proposed without using a broker as she feels comfortable doing so. Bell said we can try for a year and see if employees have any issues.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to allow Auditor's Office to handle Delta Dental renewal.

Ayes: All Discussion held on Flex Benefits. Currently we have 11 employees enrolled in Flex Benefits. Discussion held on debit cards using a bank versus an app. EMS Director Dinsch explained his past experience with Flex is ease of use and with complaints he's heard he is terrified to file his claims for year. Bell said employees are dwindling and asked if it is worth continuing. Community Services Director Tischuk feels Flex Benefits is a great benefit and has no issues, but employees need to be educated on how they work. No decisions were made and will continue later in meeting.

Maria Olsen, Executive Secretary for Community Foundation of Cedar County met with Board to request funding for FY26/27. No decision made.

Daisy Wingert, Jeff Kaufmann and Bill Muhs representing Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with Board for FY26/27 funding review. No decision made.

Marsha Howe and Jim Koch representing Historical Society, met with Board to present FY26/27 budget. No decision made.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Kaufmann to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy near Sunbury area and \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All Members of Opioid Committee Public Health Program Coordinator Randolph, Chief Deputy Knoche, and EMS Director Dinsch all met with Board. Knoche asked to purchase a Drug Terminator for \$6,000. Randolph asked to purchase a Harm Reduction Vending Machine pending a quote but would like to see sharps containers, wound care kits, Narcan, hygiene items, condoms, Your Life Iowa handouts, gun locks and any other suggestions placed inside machine. Randolph will report back to Board when she receives quotes. Dinsch would like to change purchase of 4 narcotic safes from EMS budget to Opioid budget. Dinsch also would like to purchase buprenorphine and ask other ambulance agencies within Cedar County if they would like to utilize opioid funds to purchase buprenorphine. A funding request form will be drafted. Also, Board has been invited to attend next Opioid meeting at 8:30 a.m. on January 21, 2026.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bell to approve purchase of Drug Terminator. Ayes: All Moved by Bixler seconded by Barnhart to approve 4 narcotic safes from Opioid budget and not EMS budget.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve funding request to other ambulance agencies within Cedar County for purchase of buprenorphine.

Ayes: All Discussion regarding Flex Benefits continued. Gaul felt that we should stay with Benefits Inc. while Bell agrees and says we should go with per employee rate and have them educate employees about benefits of Flex Benefits. Recorder Bahnsen said we should try a new company as communication is terrible and site isn't user friendly. Discussion held.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to continue with Benefits, Inc. for Flex Benefits although presentation, quality and communication need to increase with high expectations or will look elsewhere for next year.

Ayes: All Finance Director Dauber called into Boardroom to discuss ARPA funds. Board wanted to verify all funds that were allocated by end of year as directed. Dauber agreed that all funds were allocated.

Moved by Bixler seconded by Gaul to adjourn at 11:12 a.m., to December 30, 2025.

Ayes: All Jon Bell, Chairperson Nicki Welch, Auditor WBT 2

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It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 12/12/2025 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444421 for \$4,163.46-self funded medical claims. Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to amend agenda to add action on public hearing for FY26 Budget Amendment and Appropriation Resolution.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Gaul to approve agenda with amendments.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments. There were none.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve Board Minutes of December 9, 2025.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #203642-203787 for period ending 12/6/25 and to be paid on 12/12/25.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended.

At 8:45 a.m. EMS Director Dinsch provided Board with pay grades for

Paramedic and EMT. These pay grades were reviewed by HR Attorney Galloway. Discussion held on 12-hour vs 24-hour shifts.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve pay grade 14-Paramedic and 12-EMS.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Linda Hansen of Volunteer Services of Cedar County met with Board for a FY26/27 funding review. No decision made.

Don Roth of Wilton Chamber & Development Alliance met with Board for a FY26/27 funding review. No decisions were made.

Michelle Turner, Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation & Development Executive Director met with Board for a FY25/26 funding review. No decision made.

Mike Dauber, Medical Examiner met with Board for a FY26/27 Medical Examiner budget review. No decision made.

Kristine Bullock, Director Workplace Learning Center met with Board for FY26/27 funding review. No decision made.

At 10:30 a.m. a public hearing for FY25/26 County Budget Amendment held. Finance Director Dauber, Public Health Director Wagaman, Community Services Director Tischuk, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, EMA Director Brown, Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Treasurer Delaney, upcoming Conservation Director Petersen, Attorney Blank, Auditor Welch, Recorder Bahnsen, and EMS Director Dinsch were present.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to approve FY25/26 County Budget Amendment and Appropriation Resolution.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Finance Director Dauber discussed with Board memo to department heads regarding budgets.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to use 2.8% as a set point for COLA and adjust as needed during budgeting process.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bell to approve right of way contracts for HDP-CO18(114)-6B-16.

Lori E Nelson & James D Fuller Permanent Easement of .64 Acres for \$3,573.02 Total--\$3,573.02

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Phil Waniorek, Benefits, Inc met with Board to discuss benefits. Assessor Dauber, Public Health Director Wagaman, Community Services Director Tischuk, Environmental & Zoning Director LaRue, EMA Director Brown, Veterans Affairs Service Officer Hamann, Treasurer Delaney, upcoming Conservation Director Petersen, Attorney Blank, Auditor Welch, Recorder Bahnsen, Deputy Auditor Driscoll and EMS Director Dinsch were present.

Waniorek said if anyone has any issues to contact him directly via cell phone. Kaufmann told Waniorek to have a conversation with Auditor's office to fix communication issues. Waniorek asked again who he needed to talk to regarding issues. Consensus of Board to have him contact Nicki or Angela.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal at 7.5% increase.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to authorize Chairperson Bell to sign Administrative Services Proposal.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Moved by Bixler seconded by Bell to adjourn at 12:09 p.m., to December 23, 2025.

Ayes: All Absent: Barnhart Jon Bell, Chairperson Nicki Welch, Auditor WBT 2

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