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Cedar county payroll

VENDOR	PAY DATE	VENDOR TOTAL
Benefits Inc.	2/06/2026	960.82
Phelps the Uniform Specialists		34.10
Cedar County Treasurer		83,209.81
Cedar County Treasurer		10,697.22
Cedar County Treasurer		361.82
Cedar County Treasurer		1,016.42
COUNTY TOTAL		96,280.19

WBT 8

Cedar county board

(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 February 10, 2026 Cedar County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. February 10, 2026 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. Manure Management Annual Updates submitted.

It noted following Handwritten Disbursement issued on 2/6/2026 to Cedar County Treasurer for Benefits, Inc. for an electronic deposit: #444867 for \$11,062.61-self funded medical claims. Moved by Gaul seconded by Bixler to approve agenda.

Ayes: All Chairperson Bell addressed public for comments, there were none. Moved by Barnhart seconded by Kaufmann to approve Board Minutes of February 3, 2026.

Ayes: All Moved by Bixler seconded by Kaufmann to approve Payroll Disbursements #204229-204367 for period ending 1/31/26 and to be paid on 2/6/26. This includes a payout for Mike Dauber.

Ayes: All Board reported on Outreach/Committee Meetings they attended. Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve Treasurer Investment Report ending 12/31/2026.

Ayes: All Moved by Barnhart seconded by Bixler to approve and sign Semi-Annual Settlement Report.

Ayes: All At 9:00 a.m. Department Heads and members of Board of Health held a discussion on Environmental and Zoning Director position due to upcoming retirement of current Director LaRue on 7/1/2026. Public Health Director Wagaman said she would assume responsibility for Environmental Health but would require an additional employee.

Discussion held on possibility of contracting services to other counties done by 2BE agreements. Wagaman noted that Jones County currently has a 28E agreement with Linn County and plans to contact them with questions. consensus to gather information on how other counties are handling position, consult with EMA Director Brown and ECIA, and report back. At 9:30 a.m. Ryan Berven, Assured Partners met with Board to discuss health insurance benefits. Berven provided a handout for FY2027 marketing data. proposed employer annual cost for renewal with Benefits, Inc is estimated at \$2,288,929.72 a 7.3% increase. Proposed employer annual cost for renewal with ISAC is estimated at \$2,198,984.00 a 3.1% increase with a few minor changes and some added benefits. Engineer Fangmann requested to table 2026 tractor quotes until February 24, 2026.

Moved by Gaul seconded by Barnhart to approve a utility permit for Alliant Energy on 332nd Street. \$100 fee applies.

Ayes: All At 10:15 a.m. department heads met in Boardroom to discuss FY26/27 budget. Bell asked that department heads control staff during budgeting time for morale purposes. Discussion held on things that could be cut from FY26/27 budget as follows; Sheriff Wethington mentioned funds given to entities that are not mandatory could be reviewed and he would remove two vehicles from budget. IT Director Pierce will hold off on a server, combine a few software licenses and drop Windstream DSL bill. Recorder Bahnen will pay for a few things out of Reorders management as discussed with IT Director, Veterans Affairs Service Officer discussed services she could cut if needed, Conservation Director will remove a cement ramp and mulch, Treasurer Delaney can remove some office furniture, Environmental & Zoning staff going from two to one person staff. A memo will go out to all department heads questioning staffing, hours, mandated services, benefits and contracted service vs in house. All department heads are to send Finance Director Dauber updated reduced budgets. Further discussion will be held next week.

Moved by Kaufmann seconded by Bixler to adjourn at 11:48 a.m., to February 17, 2026.

Ayes: All

Jon Bell, Chairperson
Nicki Welch, Auditor
WBT 8

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A SEWER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$719,000 (SEWER REVENUE)

The City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, will meet on March 2, 2026, at seven o'clock p.m., at the Council Chambers, 110 N Poplar St., West Branch, Iowa, for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on the proposal to enter into a loan and dis-

bursement agreement (the "Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$719,000, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of undertaking the construction of a certain water resource restoration project.

The Agreement will not constitute a general obligation of the City, nor will it be payable in any manner by taxation but, together with the City's outstanding Sewer Revenue Bond, SRF Series 2022, dated July 8, 2022, and any additional obligations of the City as may be hereafter issued and outstanding from time to time ranking on a parity therewith, will be payable solely and only from the Net Revenues of the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System of the City.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa,
Alycia Friis, City Clerk
WBT 8

West Branch city council

(The following is a synopsis of the minutes of the West Branch City Council meeting. A video recording is available for inspection at westbranchiowa.org. The minutes are not approved until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.)

West Branch, Iowa; City Council; February 17, 2026 Council Chambers; Regular Meeting; 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Laughlin called the West Branch City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Council members present: Colton Miller, Mike Horihan, Jerry Sexton, Chantry Noel and Tom Dean. City Staff present: City Administrator Adam Kofoid, City Clerk Alycia Friis, Police Chief Greg Hall, Parks and Rec Director Erin Laughlin

Attending by Zoom: Finance Officer Heidi Van Auken

APPROVE THE AGENDA Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Miller, 2nd by Noel. Motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Approve Minutes from the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting.

Approve Minutes from the February 9, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop. Approve renewal of Liquor License for Casey's

Approve renewal of Liquor License for ELDRL LLC, Little Lights Approve Special Event Permit for Sand Volleyball Tournament at Beranek Park

Approve Claims for February 17, 2026. EXPENDITURES - 2/17/2026 AMAZON.COM-VARIOUS ITEMS - LIBRARY, P&R-124.20

CEDAR COUNTY COOP-SPRAY FOR LAGOONS - PW-135.00 HD SUPPLY-BUILDING SUPPLIES - CITY-50.31

IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICES-22.50 JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR -CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION FEES-1,574.10

KANOPY-ON DEMAND VIDEO SERVICE-30.00 LRS HOLDINGS-TRASH & RECYCLING - JAN 2026-20,103.25

MOPPY MO'S-JANITORIAL SERVICES - LIBRARY, CITY-822.50 PACHECO, HUGO VINICIO-COMM. ROOM DOOR PAINT - LIB-325.00

STATE HYGIENIC LAB -LAB ANALYSIS-1,764.00 WB COMMUNITY SCHOOL-OPEN GYM RENT-880.00

TOTAL--25,830.86 PAYROLL-WAGES, TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 2/13/2026 47,092.44

PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS ALLIANT ENERGY-ALLIANT ENERGY-20,595.07 AT & T MOBILITY-WIRELESS SERVICE-228.26

BAKER & TAYLOR-BOOKS-121.92 E O JOHNSON-COPIER MAINTENANCE - CITY-138.83

IOWA ONE CALL-UTILITY LOCATION SERVICE-71.10 LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING-COPIER LEASE - LIBRARY-142.02

LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-LIBERTY COMMUNICATIONS-1,551.66 MIDWEST FRAME & AXLE-SNOW PLOW REPAIR-1,035.16

OVERDRIVE-DIGITAL & AUDIO BOOKS-49.64 QUILL-OFFICE SUPPLIES - POLICE-23.33

RECDESK-ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-6,394.50 STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS-SHOP SUPPLIES - PW-117.42

STEVENS EROSION CONTROL-MATTING FOR WATER TOWER - PW-550.00 VEENSTRA & KIMM-VARIOUS PROJECTS-17,709.60

WEX BANK-VEHICLE FUEL-1,046.96 MISCELLANEOUS VENDORS-UB REFUNDS-162.00

SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 2-2-2026--1,270.49 SISCO-HEALTH CLAIMS 2-9-2026-2.05

TOTAL--51,210.01 GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES--124,133.31

FUND TOTALS 001 GENERAL FUND-63,631.76 022 CIVIC CENTER-1,039.25 031 LIBRARY-6,710.50

110 ROAD USE TAX-6,815.48 112 TRUST AND AGENCY-2,667.95 321 WIDENING WAPSI CREEK-7,210.80

331 CEDAR JOHNSON RD RECON-2,193.80

332 W MAIN ST IMPROVE-7,930.00 600 WATER FUND-12,032.25 610 SEWER FUND-13,545.08

740 STORM WATER UTILITY-356.44 GRAND FUND TOTAL--124,133.31 Discussion about the Special Event Permit for the Sand Volleyball Tournament that is scheduled for August 2026, by the Council, Mayor, Directors present at the meeting and the event coordinator, Abby Christoffel. Items that had been a concern in previous years, such as the late end time of the event and it being outside of the assigned hours of the park, noise control with the late time frame, underage drinking, etc. were addressed by the council, directors and event organizer. It was shared that there have been several changes to the event that has addressed some of these issues, with the main discussion around the end time. It was requested to have a time of 8:00am on Saturday to 2:00am on Sunday. The current code states that all city parks are to be lights out and "closed" by 10:00pm, with the exception being when an exception is made and voted on by the city council.

The council suggested a compromise that they were comfortable with of midnight on Saturday. This was discussed and unanimously agreed upon to go to a vote. A motion of this item on the consent agenda to be amended to reflect a time of 8:00am on Saturday to 12:00am on Sunday, made by Miller, 2nd by Dean. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve the Consent agenda. AYES: Miller, Dean, Sexton, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS / communications / open forum - None PUBLIC HEARING / NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Public Hearing - Amendment #9 to the Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan / Move to Action.

Mayor Laughlin called the Public Hearing to order at 7:34pm. With no questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed by the mayor at 7:35pm.

Resolution 2026-13 Approving and Adopting Amendment No. 9 to the Amended and Restated Urban Renewal plan for the West Branch Urban Renewal Area / Move to Action.

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-13. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-14 Approving a date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$719,000 / Move to Action.

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve Resolution 2026-14. AYES: Miller, Sexton, Dean, Horihan, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-15 setting a Public Hearing on a proposed Certification Agreement with the Iowa State Historic Preservation Officer. / Move to Action.

One of the U of I students that are working on the Historic Preservation comprehensive plan, shared that there is an Ordinance change that would be needed to then enter into an agreement to be a part of the Iowa Historic Preservation Officer in order to allow West Branch to have further resources such as grant funds and being recognized on the Historic Preservation website.

Motion by Dean, second by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-15. AYES: Dean, Miller, Horihan, Sexton, Noel. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-16 setting a Public Hearing date for April 6, 2026 for the Max Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate for Fiscal Year 2027. / Move to Action.

Motion by Miller, second by Dean to approve Resolution 2026-16. AYES: Miller, Dean, Noel, Horihan, Sexton. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/MOVE TO ACTION - None CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - Upcoming Events- Evening of Honors is February 27th at 6:30pm at the High School; Sweets to Success will be at Little Lights on April 10th and the U or I presentations will be Thursday May 7th.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - None CITY ENGINEER REPORT - None STAFF REPORTS- None

COMMENTS from mayor and council members - Wednesday evening at 5:00pm will be the next meeting to look at the job description for a new Fire Chief. The mayor would like to look at having a discussion about the regular Council meetings moving from 7:00pm to 6:00pm in the future.

adjournment Motion to adjourn by Miller, second by Dean. Motion carried on a voice vote. City Council meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor
ATTEST:
Alycia Friis, City Clerk
WBT 8

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COLEMAN DUAL fuel power-house lantern for sale. Comes with newer mantels installed, only Coleman lantern fuel used in it. Call or text 563-212-0202. #4tf

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Notice

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CEDAR CO. - NEW LISTING! 73.32 Acres located 5 miles SE of Clarence. 72.30 Crop Acres with an 87.70 CSR2. **\$15,850/acre.**

CEDAR CO. - NEW LISTING! 40.00 Acres located 3 1/2 miles NW of Tipton. 32.20 Crop Acres with a 90.20 CSR2 plus 5.30 CRP Acres. **\$13,950/acre.**

CLINTON CO. - 229.60 Acres located a mile SW of Lost Nation. 228.31 crop acres with a 60.90 CSR2. An efficient and productive farm! **\$11,500/acre.**

JOHNSON CO. - 39.50 Acres, just N of Iowa City, along Hwy 1. Includes a house, outbuildings, and historic barn. 21.41 crop acres w/66.80 CSR2. **\$29,500/acre.**

LINN CO. - NEW LISTING! 158.11 Acres located 2 miles north of Central City. 138.03 Crop Acres with a 71.60 CSR2. Well-tiled farm on a hard-surfaced road! **\$12,975/acre.**

MUSCATINE CO. - 80.15 Acres located 6 miles NE of Muscatine, off US-61. Well-maintained pasture ideal for cow/calf or cattle operation. **\$57,200/acre.**

SCOTT CO. - 55.18 Acres in Davenport along I-280. 45.09 crop acres with an 80.20 CSR2. **\$19,500/acre.**

DEVELOPMENT LAND

CEDAR CO. - 5.44 Acres in city limits on hard-surfaced roads, SE side of Lowden. A timbered lot near access to utilities with existing garage. **\$239,000.00**

JOHNSON CO. - 115.21 Acres, just north of Iowa City on Hwy 1. 86.80 Crop acres with 59.10 CSR2. Zoned for residential development. **\$29,500/acre.**

RESIDENTIAL LOT FOR SALE

CEDAR CO. - A 1.49-acre lot located 3 miles south of West Branch, close to the Village of Downey. **\$119,500.00**

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- Excel SS 410
- H & R Arms Co 12 ga SS "Bay State"
- Stevens Savage 16ga SS Mod 94C
- Ruger 10/22 w/ extended magazine
- Winchester Mod 50 12 ga SA
- Marlin SA 22 Mod 60SB Stainless
- Winchester Mod 37 SS 20 ga
- Reminton BA 22 w/ Weaver scope
- Citadel Boss 25 12 ga SA
- Altobelli Silver Eagle SE17 SA 20 ga 3"
- Savage Mark II BA 22 synthetic
- SA Freedom Ordinance FX9 9mm SA
- XD S 45ACP SA
- Glock 43x 9mm SA cow print
- Browning Buck Mark 22 SA w/ laser sight
- Stevens Mod 320 pump 12 ga NEW
- Colt A4 5.56 SA w/ night vision scope
- Remington Mod 700 7mm BA w/ Weaver scope
- Winchester Mod 94 LA 30-30
- Savage Axis 223 w/ scope
- Ruger Blackhawk 357 w/ 9 mm cyl revolver stainless
- Remington Wingmaster Mod 870LW 410 pump 3"
- Ruger Mod 10/22 w/ scope
- Sportsman 12 pump w/ slug barrel fiber sites 12 ga
- Browning 2000 20 ga SA
- Wards Westernfield BA 22 Mod 316
- Antonio Zoli golden snipe o/u 20 ga
- Ruger 10/22
- Stevens Mod 77D 12 ga pump
- Stevens Mod 9476 SS 20 ga
- Mossberg Mod 590 12 ga pistol grip
- Rossi SS 308 w/ scope
- Savage Mod 42 22/410 o/u w/ box
- Savage Edge 270 w/ Bushnell scope- camo
- Sears M5 22 LA
- Savage Axis 308 BA w/ Weaver scope
- Wards Westernfield SS 410
- Marlin Mod 25M 22 BA w/ Simmons scope
- Mossberg 12 ga pump
- Benelli Super Black Eagle 3" w/ slug barrel 12 ga camo
- Westernfield Mod SB-300 20 ga SBS
- Mossberg Mod S45A BA 22
- ATI AR15 Maxx Polymer 5.56
- Ellipietta 44 cal black powder revolver
- Heritage Rough Rider 22 revolver w/ extra cyl
- Arex DeltaM 9 mm
- Ruger LCP380 SA NEW
- Henry LA 22 w/ box
- Marlin LA 410 ?
- Browning LA 22
- Smith & Wesson 44 mag revolver
- Walther 9mm/380 MPPK/S
- Winchester Mod 20-410 SS
- Knight Mod 85 50 cal black powder
- Savage Mod A22 BNS Ducks Unlimited NI
- Ruger Mod 1022 stainless w/ Tasco scope
- Davis Industries Mod P-380 380
- Lorcin Mod L380 380 cal
- Ruger 9mm Mod P89DC
- RG 10 22 short revolver Mod RG70
- Stevens "Favorite" 22 LR Mod 1915
- Winchester Mod 70XTR 257 Roberts
- MI Garande 30 cal Paratrooper
- TCA 50 cal black powder
- Remington Mod 760 30-06 pump w/ Simmons scope
- Winchester Mod 20-410 SS
- Taurus Mod PT957 357 sig
- Davis Mod P380 380 cal
- Glock Mod 26 9 mm
- Taurus Mod PT945 45 ACP cal
- Kel-Tec Mod Sub-2000 9 mm
- Glenfield Mod 70 22 LR SA
- Rug Mod 22 40 S&W
- Beretta APX 9 mm
- Beretta Mod U22 NEOS 22
- H&R 243 SS w/ Bushnell scope w/ bipod
- Ruger Mod PT945 45 ACP w/ Tasco scope
- Browning Mod 30 BPS 10 ga
- Stevens Mod 62 SA 22
- Savage Mod 340D 222 cal w/ scope
- Ruger Precision 338 w/ Burns scope BA
- SKS-45 7.62 w/ Simmons scope
- Astra 25 cal SA
- Thompson Center Hawken 54 cal
- CVA Optima 50 cal revolver
- RIA SS 410
- Winchester Mod 70 BA 270 w/ Bushnell scope
- Remington Mod 700 heavy barrel BA 223 w/ Nikon scope
- Remington Mod 550 SA .22 (not pictured)

WWII Knife: ?? I am guessing at what this is. Has metal belt mounted sheath. See picture; not sure. It is old. **Truck:** 2007 GMC Sierra 1500 Classic 4x4 extended cab Z71, 172k, recent brakes, brake lines, new front wheel bearings, tires good, cloth interior, 5.3L, auto, power locks windows etc. Good frame. **SUV:** 2009 Volvo XC90, loaded, 156k, 3rd row seating, runs good **Trailer:** 2 place aluminum snowmobile trailer w/ slush guard w/ spare/tlits **Ammo:** 223, 270, 30-30, 357 sig, 357, 380, 22, various other ammo **Tools/Misc:** 8' diamond plate aluminum box side tool boxes (2), misc hand tools

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On Jan. 21, West Branch High School FFA advisor Renee Thompson took a group of FFA students to Des Moines for the Iowa House FFA Legislative Symposium. While there, they met with Rep. Robert "Bobby" Kaufmann (R-Wilton). Pictured, from left, front row: Thompson, Lauren Keeler, Maddie Neuberger, Gentry Maier, and Kaufmann; back row: MaryAnn Stubbs, Kenzie Kirkpatrick, Cooper Hartz, Carter Thompson, and Shay Kinsinger. Kaufmann also met with groups from West Liberty, North Scott, and North Cedar.

Photo courtesy of Iowa House Republicans

WBHS FFA takes part in 41st Legislative Symposium

DES MOINES — FFA members from across Iowa converged on the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines to build character and promote citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism.

More than 500 high school students wearing blue corduroy from 88 schools visited the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines on Jan 21.

Members of the West Branch FFA Chapter in attendance included Cooper Hartz, Lauren Keeler, Shay Kinsinger, Kenzie Kirkpatrick, Gentry Maier, Maddie Neuberger, MaryAnn Stubbs and Carter Thompson.

The students visited with legislators, exhibited skills learned in the agriculture classroom, and learned the importance of citizenship.

This was all part of the 41st Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol.

During the morning, FFA members gathered at the Downtown Embassy Suites for a brief greeting and tutorial. FFA members then heard from Mike

Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, about the importance of agriculture in Iowa and abroad.

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Vice President Brian Feldpausch then delivered a message about the importance young agriculturalists can play in the agriculture industry. Jake Swanson from High Yield Strategies then spoke about the importance of advocating for the agricultural industry.

Following the presentations, West Branch FFA members met with Senator Dawn Driscoll, Representative Heather Hora, and Representative Judd Lawler as they spoke to members from their respective districts as a large group.

Members were also able to meet with House Majority Leader Bobby Kaufmann for a question-and-answer session.

The 41st Annual Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium and FFA Day at the Capitol was made possible with support from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

and the dominant leadership of George Washington.

"The true eulogy of Washington is this mighty Nation. He contributed more to its origins than any other man. The influence of his character and of his accomplishments has contributed to the building of human freedom and ordered liberty....," declared Hoover.

President Warren G. Harding argued that "it is good to meet and drink at the fountains of wisdom inherited from the Founding Fathers of the republic." Hoover would agree, and Washington's Birthday is an opportunity for the nation to renew its commitment to the principles of the Founding.

John Hendrickson serves as policy director for Iowans for Tax Relief Foundation.

SEMI-ANNUAL SETTLEMENT of the BOARD of SUPERVISORS of CEDAR COUNTY

With Sandra Delaney, Treasurer of Said County for the Period from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, Inclusive.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

FUNDS	AUDITOR'S LEDGER		WARRANTS OUTSTANDING	TREASURER'S LEDGER	
	OVERDRAWN	BALANCE		OVERDRAWN	BALANCE
GENERAL BASIC		\$ 3,552,755.22	\$ 22,060.89	-	\$ 3,574,816.11
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT		\$ 166,497.00		-	\$ 166,497.00
LATCF		\$ 24,000.00		-	\$ 24,000.00
GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL		\$ 1,193,666.60	\$ 509.90	-	\$ 1,194,176.50
PIONEER CEMETERY		\$ 17,497.21	\$ 510.39	-	\$ 18,007.60
COUNTY ATTORNEY COURT FEES		\$ 73,996.01		-	\$ 73,996.01
RURAL SERVICES		\$ 1,108,214.96	\$ 5,408.25	-	\$ 1,113,623.21
EMS-ESSENTIAL SRV (AMBULANCE)		\$ 1,218,491.36	\$ 75.00	-	\$ 1,218,566.36
SECONDARY ROAD		\$ 1,983,635.81	\$ 6,615.98	-	\$ 1,990,251.79
SANITARY LANDFILL		\$ 524,886.61	\$ 19,764.80	-	\$ 544,651.41
TRANSFER STA. CLOSURE		\$ 15,000.00	-	-	\$ 15,000.00
TRANSFER STA. CAPITOL IMPRV		\$ 30,000.00	-	-	\$ 30,000.00
OPIOID ABATEMENT		\$ 165,832.69	\$ 26.19	-	\$ 165,858.88
COUNTY HEALTH		\$ 46,753.34	\$ 9,179.12	-	\$ 55,932.46
CONSERVATION TRUST		\$ 32,277.04		-	\$ 32,277.04
MITZNER TRUST FUND		\$ 47,887.81		-	\$ 47,887.81
PH/NS MEMORIAL TRUST		\$ 27,165.09		-	\$ 27,165.09
VETERAN MEMORIAL FUND		\$ 7,434.71		-	\$ 7,434.71
CAPITAL PROJECTS/CONSV BG		\$ 647.33		-	\$ 647.33
BOND PROJECTS SW/911		\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
DRUG FORFEITURE FUND		\$ 24,250.94		-	\$ 24,250.94
COMMISSARY FUND		\$ 51,363.15		-	\$ 51,363.15
RESERVE OFFICER		\$ 44,410.09		-	\$ 44,410.09
DEBT SERVICES		\$ 553,562.28		-	\$ 553,562.28
EARLY CHILDHOOD IA-CEDAR JONES		\$ (10,384.56)	\$ 2,265.00	-	\$ (8,119.56)
RECORDER'S ELEC. FEE		\$ 236.02		-	\$ 236.02
JNT DISASTER SERVICE		\$ 247,305.08	\$ 148.50	-	\$ 247,453.58
RECORDER'S RECORDER MGT		\$ 13,537.53		-	\$ 13,537.53
PROPERTY TAX AGENCY		\$ 3,307.97		-	\$ 3,307.97
TOWNSHIP		\$ 9,637.95		-	\$ 9,637.95
CORPORATION		\$ 39,341.72		-	\$ 39,341.72
SCHOOLS		\$ 260,313.01		-	\$ 260,313.01
AREA SCHOOLS		\$ 25,520.30		-	\$ 25,520.30
E-911		\$ 702,750.81		-	\$ 702,750.81
BANG'S & T.B.		\$ -		-	\$ -
ASSESSOR		\$ 1,409,621.99		-	\$ 1,409,621.99
COUNTY AG EXTENSION		\$ 3,446.72		-	\$ 3,446.72
CONSERVATION LAND ACQ		\$ 44,000.00		-	\$ 44,000.00
MOTOR VEHICLE		\$ 774,046.10		-	\$ 774,046.10
CITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		\$ 1,380.93		-	\$ 1,380.93
SDD IMPROV LAT 1 & 2		\$ 15,447.75		-	\$ 15,447.75
SDD TREASURER		\$ 53,102.33		-	\$ 53,102.33
NET BALANCE ON HAND		\$ 14,502,836.90	\$ 66,564.02		\$ 14,569,400.92

ASSETS IN HANDS OF COUNTY TREASURER DECEMBER 31, 2025.		AMOUNT
Cash in Banks (See Treasurer's Balance in Schedule Below)		\$ 14,438,603.51
Cash in Motor Vehicle		\$ 87,146.30
Cash in Tax		\$ 43,651.11
TOTAL CASH ON HAND		\$ 14,569,400.92
Balance in Depositories December 31, 2025.		
NAME OF BANK	TOWN	BALANCE
CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK	TIPTON	\$ 2,529,056.83
BRIDGE COMMUNITY BANK	MECHANICSVILLE	\$ 1,989,429.85
FIDELITY BANK & TRUST	TIPTON	\$ 6,633,711.95
AMERICAN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	LOWDEN	\$ 1,200,100.73
LIBERTY TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	DURANT	\$ 2,055,985.86
IPAIT	DES MOINES	\$ 30,318.29
TOTAL		\$ 14,438,603.51

I, Nicki Welch, Auditor of Cedar County, do hereby certify that the statement given above correctly shows the condition of the funds in the hands of Sandy Delaney, Treasurer of said County, at the close of business December 31, 2025.

County Auditor
Nicki Welch
Deputy

We, the Board of Supervisors of Cedar County, Iowa, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement correctly shows the assets in the hands of Sandy Delaney, Treasurer of said County, December 31, 2025.

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Michael Boyle

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Jeffery & Kaufmann

I, Sandy Delaney, County Treasurer of Cedar County, Iowa, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement correctly shows the balance in depositories at the close of business December 31, 2025.

Sandy Delaney
County Treasurer

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