The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 am and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor, Dick Donner and Craig Bartels answering roll call. Also, present County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, opened discussion with the board on the need to rent chairs for upcoming jury selection. It was decided if a nonprofit entity was the most economical and willing to rent their chairs to the county, the board was in favor of that.

Dick Donner informed the board he had a conflict with the next meeting and asked if we could start the meeting a couple hours later so he could attend. The board agreed and the meeting for March 26 will begin at 10:30 AM.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a right of way permit from Great Plains Communications from 2021 that they did not get to and plan to start next week for Districts two and three. She also let District one know about upcoming easements for fiberoptic lines. Carla then updated the board on the large road projects. Seeding still needs to be completed on the asphalt projects completed last fall.

Carla shared that she has been notified that maintenance work will begin in March on the Keystone Pipeline. She then presented overtime reports from 2023 to the board.

A quarterly safety meeting was held in Carla's office March 11th and she discussed some of the main topics that came out of that meeting. First aid kits have been purchased and distributed to the road department and a few will be ordered for the courthouse as well. Cones and barricades are being ordered for each road district and the road employees will attend CPR training next week. Discussion was held over the definition of appropriate dress for the road department.

Zoning administrator, Tim Goebel, presented the following building permits to the board: Sam Hochstein 52x34 detached garage, Tanner Fischer 20x30 carport, Kevin Becker moved in garage, Eric Schulte 60x80 machine shed, Douglas Miller 40x60 shed, Shane Pick 50x75 shouse, Ben Schroeder 20x22 lean-to on a garage, Haymaker Farms 14x12 screened in deck, 40x8 porch, and 6' privacy fence, Jeff Haberman 50x60 garage/shop.

Jessica Schmit presented special designated liquor licenses from Nissen Wine for private events on April 28, and May 3, 10, 17, respectively. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the licenses. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Monthly reports from various offices were presented and reviewed by the board.

Discussion was held on the upcoming County Government Day on Monday, March 18.

Unfinished business was the discussion of the climate control systems issue. Clerk Schmit updated the board on the recommendation from the company to have a separate switch for the air filtration system so each office could shut their fan off if necessary for a webinar, a customer at the counter, etc. The board agreed to have separate switches installed and expressed their desire to have the system running during the day for the sake of employee health and safety.

New business was presented by Clerk Schmit as a NDOT project at the Highway 81-12 junction. The board saw no problem with the proposed project.

Discussion was held on the lease of new skid steers with Nebraska Machinery for road districts one and two.

The following claims were reviewed and paid. With no further business, a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 140,344.32; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 59,269.98; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Ntl Life 919.66; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,695.62; Retire Plans Div of Am 22,238.79; Security Bank 15,165.46; Security Bank 29,438.83; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appeara 96.72; AT&T 104.16; Ben Beckman 16.05; Black Hills Energy 134.87; Bomgaars 536.51; Cedar Co

Ag Society; 1,157.45, CC Clerk of Dist Court 44.00; CC Court 46.00; CC Sheriff 684.63; CC Treas 500,000.00, CKPPD 281.39; City of Hart 328.71; D&J 64.95; DAS 715.60; Dell Mkting LP 1,544.95; Eakes 2,333.50; Farmers Union 94.33; Feilmeier Elect 310.96; Floor Maint 486.20; Food Town 1,234.11; Gov Connect 602.67; Gr Amer Leasing 81.51; Grossenberg 95.21; Megan Hanefeldt 139.36; Hartelco 1,975.30; Hart Chamber of Comm 45.00; Hart Shopper 547.90; Hiway 84 Auto 106.00; Hometown Leasing 625.88; Intoximeters 373.00; Kennedy Pier 5,009.87; Kruse True Val 14.99; Landmark Survey 985.60; MIPS 3,587.36; NE Assoc of County Assess 75.00; NPPD 3,970.68; NE State Bar Assoc 280.00; NE Nebr News 1,334.89; Sally Opfer 33.50; Peitz GMC 16.36; Mahaska 123.00; ProVantage 95.40; Quadient 265.05; Quill 141.40; Region 4 Behave Health 7,049.25; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec Shred Serv 120.00; Spencer Quarries 5,494.60; Steffen Drug 108.84; Jackie Steffen 127.65; Stratton Delay 667.40; Thomson West 707.00; Tri-State Turf 320.00; US Bank 1,792.91; US Cell 497.18; Verizon 401.14; Visual Edge It 17.91; Voyager Fleet 1,548.15; Voyager Fleet 33.50; Cara Wiebelhaus 100.50; Winkelbauer Repair 314.43; Yankton Co Sheriff 120.00.

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 89,991.93; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 43,617.75; Empower Retire 275.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 4,322.55; Retire Plans Div of Am 13,073.42; Security Bank 69,857.93; Security Bank 18,046.24; A-OX Weld 43.67; Anderson Body 496.50; Appeara 384.04; Art Kathol App 1,155.62; B's Enterprises 38,208.00; Backus Sand 951.97; Black Hills Energy 717.01; Bomgaars 2,105.64; Cap Gravel 4,343.93; Carlson Home 700.00; CAT 4,242.16; CKPPD 521.24; Cedar Knox Rural Wtr 71.28; Century Link 93.72; City of Hart 139.55; City of Laurel 206.50; City of Randolph 214.54; Coleridge Weld 503.83; Cubby's 7.28; Dkota Alignment 577.55; Detlefsen Construct 13,162.50; Farmers Union 9,994.33; Filter Care 134.70; Fischer Feed 192.00; Folkers Bros 1,056.97; G Works 541.00; Gill Hauling 25.32; Gov Connect Inc 170.05; Graham Tire 564.00; Gr Plains Comm 153.12; Grossenburg 174.18; H&K Oil 655.16; Hansen Bros 5,430.95; Hartelco 256.47; Hart Truck & Auto 605.70; Hefner Oil 6,902.92; Herbst Construct 207,531.45; Jerry's Serv 17,464.69; Kayton Intl 36.81; Kruse True Val 95.00; Landmark Surv 180.00; Laurel True Val 613.31; Lawson Products 657.61; Leiting Auto 162.54; LG Everist 181.961.13; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc 22,686.48; Murphy Tractor 4,632.22; NAPA 632.84; NPPD 396.62; NMC Exchange 4,860.57; North Central Blders 2,555.00; NE Neb Telephone 48.12; Patent Elec 815.00; Paul's Welding 442.85; Pearson Motor 120.03; Peitz GMC 379.04; Pinkelman Radiator Repair 1,911.03; Pomp's Tire 4,291.54; Randolph Farm Supply 4,427.51; Rath's Mini 367.20; Riverside Hydraulics 476.89; Road Builders 306.74; Spencer Quarries 25,120.22; Tri-State Comm 1,156.34; Tri-State Windshield 300.00; Truck Ctr Norfolk 324.55; Truck-Trailer Sales 4,405.70; US Cell 338.20; Voyager Fleet 126.84; Wattier True Val 203.53; Wiebelhaus Serv 44.40; Wiechelman Repair 2,738.69; Wynot Oil 18,427.87.

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 19,569.17; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord Ben 354.16; NE Dept of Rev 872.60; Retire Plans Div of Am 4002.10; Security Bank 1,450.72; Security Bank 5,511.06; Anderson Body 318.14; Appeara 111.75; Black Hills Energy 408.15; Bomgaars 286.88; Broadway Chrysler 450.01; City of Hart 106.59; D&J 61.79; Farmers Union 5,149.92; Folkers Bros 134.40; Hartelco 102.96; Hartington Truck 25.05; Leise Lawn 125.00; NPPD 124.86; Nikki Pinkelman 20.00; Randolph Farm Supp 44.50; Rath's Mini 98.85; Stop N Go 1,158.93; Tri-State Turf 147.00; US Bank 2,066.73; Verizon 347.81.

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Bucks Port Restrooms 226.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,800.85.

E911 FUND: Equature 4,650.00; Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 61.92; Hartelco 423.21; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Provantage 491.52.

E911 WIRELESS SETBACK FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk