

Cedar County Joint Emergency Management Commission
1410 Cedar Street
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The regular quarterly meeting of the Cedar County Joint Emergency Management Commission was held on April 9, 2026, both in-person and by online forum with the call originating from the Cedar County EMA Administrative Offices at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA 52772. Those attending in-person included: Warren Wethington, Cedar County Sheriff; Bruce Barnhart, Cedar County Supervisor; Joe Sparks, Mayor of Bennett; Roger Laughlin, Mayor of West Branch; Todd Sawyer, Mayor of Stanwood; David Siebels, Stanwood City Council; Tammi Goerdts, Mayor of Tipton; Kevin Rasdon, Bennett Fire Chief; Kyle Dennis, Stanwood Fire Chief; Kevin Stoolman, Chief, West Branch Fire Department; Dwayne Brown Jr, Cedar County EMA; Mindy Beekman, Office Coordinator Cedar County EMA; Sue Hall, Press. Those attending virtually: Andrew Oberbreckling, Mayor of Mechanicsville

Vice Chair Wethington called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Sawyer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to add budget amendment; seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting, February 3, 2026 2026-2027 Budget Hearing, and February 24, 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Hearing; seconded by Laughlin. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Wethington yielded the floor to Beekman to discuss expenditures and revenues from the previous quarter and December. Atypical expenses for December were \$20.93 for Halloween Candy for Bennett's Halloween Parade, \$225.00 IEMA Annual Dues, \$9581.00 JEO Consulting for the Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is no atypical revenue for December. January atypical expense: \$1,153.00 Mainstay for firewall upgrade, \$9,310.25 JEO Consulting. There is no atypical income for January. Atypical expenses for February include: \$553.72 Basepoint Building Automations – Push plate for Building, \$108 Tipton Conservative – Budget Publications, \$108.00 West Branch Times – Budget Publication, \$7141.75 JEO Consulting. No atypical revenues for February. Atypical expenses for March: \$26.70 EMA Cleaning Supplies, \$97.20 Tipton Conservative – Budget Publication, \$129.60 West Branch Times – Budget Publication. There were no atypical revenues for March. Motion was made by Laughlin to approve expenditures; seconded by Dennis. Motion approved.

Beekman provided updates on old business:

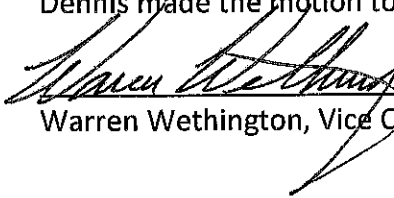
- a. Building Updates - Doors/Bathrooms/Water Fountain Update
 - i. Doors – New locking handles were installed on both bathroom doors and two thumb turn locks were installed on the front doors.
 - ii. Women's bathroom was converted to a unisex bathroom by removing the non-ADA stall and toilet. New ADA sink and faucet installed.
 - iii. Water Fountain will be left in place at this time.
 - iv. Storage Room – Deaccessioning 2020 Covid Surplus
 1. Any item that has had the expiration date covered will be disposed of as required.

b. Brown has completed the EMPD baseline training course
Issues from Public or Emergency Responders –

- a. Dinsch explained that Cedar County EMS has sent out non-transport agreements to all the ambulance services serving Cedar County.
- b. Stoolman requested that the battery for the EMA boat be replaced. There was a consensus so no motion was needed.
- c. Wethington spoke of budget cuts and how Cedar County has hired a co-responder to help with mental health issue responses.

The next regular meeting will be July 9, 2026 at 7pm at 1410 Cedar Street, Tipton

Dennis made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Stoolman. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Warren Wethington, Vice Chair