



Fillmore County Board Minutes



March 22, 2022

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., March 22, 2022, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Sluka presiding. Members present were Noel, Neiman, Graham, Harre, Cerny, and Lightwine. The County Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given by publication. A copy of the publication is on file in the County Clerk's office. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Agenda was approved as presented. The Chairman noted that the public meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Sluka declared the minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting approved as presented.

CLAIMS

The claims were presented for payment. The following abbreviations describe the expenditures: Equip – equipment, HDM's – home delivered meals, Insur – insurance, Main – maintenance, Mtgs – meetings, Mile – mileage, Misc – miscellaneous, Post – postage, Pro – proceedings, Rep – repairs, Ret – retirement, Ser – service, SS – social security, Sup – supplies, Uti – utilities, Wksh – workshop expense.

GENERAL FUND:

Aging Partners	Main	625.00
AT & T Mobility	Uti	970.15
Clearly	Uti (replacement check)	398.43
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,532.68
Crossroads Awards	Misc	88.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	188.49
Erdkamp Motors	Rep, Main	293.12
Exeter Senior Center	USDA Reim	28.00
Fairmont Aging Services	USDA Reim	80.50
Fillmore County Sheriff	Ser, Mile	111.85
First Concord Group, Inc.	Insur	2,975.41
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	293.34
Geneva Senior Center Foundation	USDA Reim	273.00
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,655.66
Heartland Bank	Sup	16.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Post	3,105.17
Jami Knerl	Sup	17.76
Lawson Products, Inc.	Sup	352.41
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	22.70
Nebraska Association of Emergency Mngt.	Wksh	110.00
Nebraska Door & Window, LLC	Rep	265.67
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,493.72
Mariah Newmyer	Mile	194.22
Physicians Laboratory, PC	Ser	175.00
Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	420.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meal	367.80
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	2,000.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,274.64
State of Nebraska DAS State Accounting	Ser	43.88
State of Nebraska Health & Human Service	Febr patient care	168.00
Brandy VanDeWalle	Uti, Mile, Wksh	116.71
Verizon Wireless	Uti	320.08
WEX Bank	Fuel	3,067.92
Windstream	Uti	145.70
York County Sheriff's Office	Ser	29.07
Payroll	Salaries	79,580.47



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ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

AT & T Mobility	Uti	46.67
Nathan Beck	Easement	50.00
Carquest Geneva	Sup, Rep, Main	275.81
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,706.75
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	1,895.98
Geneva Building Supply	Sup	11.34
Geneva Super Foods	Sup, Misc	26.81
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	161.75
Lichti Oil	Fuel	6,108.38
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	485.70
Newman Traffic Signs	Sup, Equip	5,688.25
Protex Central	Main	300.00
RDO Truck Centers	Parts, Rep	51.37
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,399.65
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	8,369.00
US Bank CPS	Sup	140.38
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Uti	493.82
WEX Bank	Fuel	4,301.40
Payroll	Salaries	36,127.10

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - TOURISM FUND:

Jennifer Griffith	Ser	250.00
Big Little Town Revitalization	tourism grant	400.00
Milligan Auditorium	tourism grant	400.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	244.00
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	176.74
Windstream	Uti	1,969.27

HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	Febr taxes	1,655.48
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the claims presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PAPER FOLDING MACHINE

Amy Nelson, County Clerk presented to the Board that she reached out to two vendors to get bids for a new paper folding machine including annual maintenance including all parts and labor.

After discussion Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a new paper folding machine for \$5,200.00 from Midwest Connect including annual maintenance agreement. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka

Nays: None

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DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS FOR UNIT TRAIN LOADING ON MANNING RAILROAD

Kent Manning was present for discussion regarding the potential of temporarily closing railroad crossings for the Manning Railroad while the unit train is loaded. Highway Superintendent, Pat Halbur has been in contact with NIRMA (Fillmore County's insurance carrier) regarding the proper way to close the affected roads.

AGREEMENT WITH SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES

After review, Neiman moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the agreement with Speece Lewis Engineers to provide engineering services to the county beginning January 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GRAVEL BIDS

The gravel bids were opened at 9:45 a.m. The following bids were received:

REGULAR ROAD GRAVEL

Beatrice Sand & Gravel: Belle Prairie \$19.25, Bennett \$22.55, Bryant \$21.20, Chelsea \$20.55, Exeter \$22.55, Fairmont \$21.90, Franklin \$19.25, Geneva \$21.20, Glengary \$19.90, Grafton \$23.20, Hamilton \$19.90, Liberty \$21.20, Madison \$21.20, Momence \$21.20, Stanton \$20.55, West Blue \$21.90, and Stockpile \$14.65.

Mid-Nebraska Aggregate: Bennett \$22.00, Fairmont \$23.50, Geneva \$22.50, Grafton \$19.40, West Blue \$18.50, and Stockpile \$10.75. Did not bid any of the other townships.

DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction: Belle Prairie \$17.25, Bennett \$18.90, Bryant \$18.84, Chelsea \$17.60, Exeter \$16.16, Fairmont \$17.50, Franklin \$16.41, Geneva \$17.55, Glengary \$17.11, Grafton \$17.15, Hamilton \$17.76, Liberty \$17.05, Madison \$18.51, Momence \$18.89, Stanton \$18.69, West Blue \$16.13, and Stockpile \$12.67.

COARSE ROAD GRAVEL

Beatrice Sand & Gravel: Belle Prairie \$19.25, Bennett \$22.55, Bryant \$21.20, Chelsea \$20.55, Exeter \$22.55, Fairmont \$21.90, Franklin \$19.25, Geneva \$21.20, Glengary \$19.90, Grafton \$23.20, Hamilton \$19.20, Liberty \$21.20, Madison \$21.20, Momence \$21.20, Stanton \$20.55, West Blue \$21.90, and Stockpile \$14.65.

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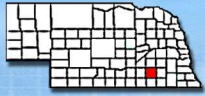
DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction: Belle Prairie \$18.44, Bennett \$20.04, Bryant \$20.34, Chelsea \$18.79, Exeter \$17.25, Fairmont \$18.69, Franklin \$17.60, Geneva \$18.74, Glengary \$18.30, Grafton \$18.34, Hamilton \$18.95, Liberty \$18.24, Madison \$19.20, Momence \$20.08, Stanton \$19.54, West Blue \$17.92, and Stockpile \$14.65.

GRAVEL LETTING

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to accept all gravel bids, authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase from the lowest bidder as available. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: Harre

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OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT

Cerny moved and Neiman seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permit as presented by the Highway Superintendent:

Nodal Seismic, LLC on behalf of Natural Hydrogen Energy, LLC – one-time single use of 2D Seismic Acquisition Test on Road J between Road 1 to Road 10 and Road 5 and Road 6 between Road E to Road Q all in Fillmore County. The owner will cooperate fully with the officials of Fillmore County and keep them fully and immediately informed of all construction or maintenance work required in the county right-of-way.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permits as presented by the Highway Superintendent:

Windstream Nebraska, LLC – bury telecommunications line on Road O between Road 24 and Road 25, Section 12 to Section 13, Glengary Township. The owner will cooperate fully with the officials of Fillmore County and keep them fully and immediately informed of all construction or maintenance work required in the county right-of-way; and

O’C & O’C, Inc. – bury electric line on Road B between Road 7 and Road 8, NE ¼, Section 7 to E ½ of the SE 1/4, Section 6, West Blue Township. The owner will cooperate fully with the officials of Fillmore County and keep them fully and immediately informed of all construction or maintenance work required in the county right-of-way.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

UPDATE FROM SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Chief Deputy Mark McFarland and Sergeant Brandon Howland were present to provide an update to the Board. McFarland informed the Board that they are working with Windstream and First Wireless (Motorola) regarding the paging issues and have purchased headsets for the dispatchers. This allows them to answer the phone as well as radio traffic. Should have the new cars in service within the month and will be getting the new cages installed in all the vehicles that do not have one.

AGREEMENT WITH GLENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS

After review, Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the agreement with Glenwood Telecommunications for the use of the county ARPA funds as a match to the Public Service Commission grant funds they were awarded. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CHILLER AT COURTHOUSE WITH CARRIER



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Scott Kirlin, Sr. Sales Executive with Carrier Corp. discussed with the Board regarding repairing the leak in the condenser for the chiller and the possibility of replacement due to age and current refrigerant not being available anymore.

After discussion, Neiman moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve Carrier to fix the leak in the condenser for \$5,750.00 per quote. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion that the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors hold an executive session at this time pursuant to Section 84-1401, Reissue, Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, for the protection of the public interest and consider in executive session personnel items authorized by Statute to be discussed in executive session. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and requested that the County Sheriff; NIRMA Attorney Pam Bourne (via conference call at 11:23 a.m.); and County Clerk remain. Executive session began at 11:15 a.m. County Sheriff excused himself at 11:22 a.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to return to open session at 11:54 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Neiman moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., April 12, 2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Attest

Chairman