



Fillmore County Board Minutes



July 12, 2022

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:08 a.m., July 12, 2022, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Sluka presiding. Members present were Noel, Neiman, Graham, Cerny, and Lightwine. Harre attending via zoom (non-voting member). 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 4:11 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Sluka declared the minutes from the June 28, 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:

Action Auto Supply	Rep	8.49
All Makes	Equip	675.50
Applied Concepts, Inc.	Equip, Rep	832.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser	75.00
Auto Value Parts Stores	Sup	179.51
Barbur Floral	Sup	28.00
Bear Graphics, Inc.	Sup	309.62
Black Hills Energy	Uti	172.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insur	67,192.30
Blue Valley Community Action Partnership	Budget Request	5,000.00
Boarders Inn & Suites	Lodging	288.00
Carrier Corporation	Rep	5,750.00
Chaney Chemical, Inc.	Sup	455.00
Jerry Chapman	Mile	42.12
City of Geneva	Uti	646.85
Clearly	Uti	404.74
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,405.15
Gaylord Craddock	Mile	59.67
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.34
Diane Deepe	Ser	160.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	409.52
Ken Ekeler	Main	140.00
Sharon Elznic	Mtgs, Mile	62.76
Emergency Vehicle Resources	Equip	25,450.00
Encartele, Inc.	Comm	300.00
Patricia I. Engle	Meals	11.50
Erdkamp Motors	Rep, Main	120.09
Exeter Senior Center	USDA Pass thru	27.30
Fairmont Aging Services	USDA Pass thru	63.00
Farmer & Son Funeral Home	Ser	450.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel, Rep, Main	709.45
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	36.00
Fillmore County Court	Fees	306.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	100,000.00
First Concord Group, Inc.	Insur, Ser	2,645.45
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip	1,138.56



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Geneva Home Center	Sup	87.90
Geneva Senior Center Foundation	USDA Pass thru	388.50
Richard Girmus	Mtgs, Mile	66.06
Glenwood	Uti	309.75
Graham Tire Grand Island	Main	562.16
Matt Hafer	Mtgs, Mile	48.72
Matt Harre	Mtgs, Mile	101.16
Dawn M. Henry	Rent	183.33
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,529.36
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Post, Wksh	4,901.89
Kelch Plumbing, Heating & Refrigeration	Ser, Rep	230.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	190.75
Stephen J. Kraviec	Ser, Post	1,787.42
Lichti Oil	Fuel	593.41
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	144.30
MIPS, Inc.	Ser, Equip	7,083.86
Morley Most	Mtgs, Mile	101.16
MPH Industries, Inc.	Sup	682.67
Murray Law PC LLO	Ser	1,653.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Dues	2,179.92
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	903.25
The Nebraska Signal	Ads, Proc	821.47
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Wksh	120.00
Nicks Farm Store	Rep	151.98
911 Custom	Equip, Rep	1,140.49
NIRMA	Insur	67,606.00
Noel Lawn Care	Ser	219.38
Reg Noel	Mtgs, Mile	97.65
PurFoods, LLC	Meals, Sup	404.58
Region V Services	Budget request	2,621.05
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	4,914.79
Blaine Richards	Mile	28.08
Security Equipment	Sup, Rep	525.25
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Ser	699.82
Allan Stuckey	Mtgs, Mile	65.10
34 Electric, LLC	Rep	148.62
US Bank CPS	Equip, Sup, Post, Meals, Fuel, Misc	1,837.59
U.S. Diary	Sup	363.17
Van Diest Supply Company	Sup	880.00
Gary Warren	Mile	35.10
Daniel L. Werner	Ser	50.00
Windstream	Uti	141.86
Woodwards Disposal	Ser	65.00
York County Sheriff	Ser	18.50
Payroll	Salaries	77,609.96

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Super, Equip, Main	467.09
Beatrice Sand and Gravel	Gravel	33,754.42
Black Hills Energy	Fuel	109.89
City of Geneva	Uti	68.75
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,482.19
Erdkamp Motors	Parts, Rep	872.62
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	16,123.91
Fillmore County Treasurer	Misc	15.00
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts, Main	869.22
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep	32.85
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Parts, Rep	2,639.07



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Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	2,246.51
GWorks	Ser	450.00
Hometown Leasing	Ser	151.70
Lichti Oil	Fuel, Parts	18,791.95
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Ser	5.00
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	Gravel	36,222.56
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
NIRMA	Insur	59,514.00
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	61.68
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,197.52
VanKirk Bros Contracting	Box Culvert	154,653.24
Verizon	Ser	2,057.04
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Ser	32.38
Village of Fairmont	Uti	47.87
Village of Milligan	Uti	28.50
Village of Ohioa	Uti	30.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	73.06
Payroll	Salaries	33,131.51

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

ROK Brothers, Inc.	Equip	422.32
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	Ser	97.19
Windstream	Uti	1,947.00

911 WIRELESS FUND:

Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	Ser	237.96
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HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	June taxes	483.48
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CLAIMS APPROVED

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

FEE REPORTS FOR JUNE 2022

After review, Lightwine moved and Neiman seconded the motion to approve the June 2022 fee reports as presented:

County Clerk \$9,232.97 (State \$4,758.39 and County \$4,474.58)
Clerk of the District Court \$826.70
County Sheriff \$2,226.20

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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



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Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SKIP FLU PROGRAM WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

After discussion, Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the request of \$1,700.00 from Public Health Solutions for SKIP Flu Clinic (assisting all Fillmore County schools). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

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

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. – bury fiber optic cable along Road 9, Road Q, Road 7, Road 10, Road 11, Road 12, and Hwy 74 (full permit available in Clerk's office). 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, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LOAD RATING OF SEVERAL BRIDGES

Highway Superintendent, Pat Halbur informed the Board that they have discovered several bridges throughout the County that will need to be rated differently or closed until they can be fixed. Bridge #1550R located on Road R between Road 15 and Road 16 is currently closed; Bridge #2025X located on Road X between Road 20 and Road 21 will need to be fixed and waiting for sizing from Speece Lewis Engineers; Bridge #040516 located on Road 16 between Road U and Road V will be rated at 5-8-11; Bridges #103021 & #107021 located on Road 21 between Road O and Road P the south bridge will be rated 6-11-15 and the north will be 7-13-16; and Bridge #1370Q Located on Road Q between Highway 81 and Road 14. Jim Reinsch and Larry Nun were present for the discussion regarding the bridge in Chelsea Township.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

After discussion, Neiman moved and Graham seconded the motion to surplus a 2010 John Deere 770GP, a 1995 Ford ½ ton pickup, and a 2005 Chevrolet extended cab pickup and allow Highway Superintendent to sell online. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Board agreed to change the equipment rate to \$150.00 per hour when the Road Dept. works for a township. Pat will be getting quotes for a new pickup for the 2022/23 budget year. Also discussed how much work the Board would like the Road Dept. to do in Geneva and Bryant Townships for 2022/23.



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BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION

Shari Wurtz-Miller, CEO and Heather Lytle, Administrative Director with Blue Valley Community Action gave their annual update and budget request of \$4,320.00 for fiscal year 2022/23.

SUBAWARD WITH CITY OF LINCOLN

Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Subaward Agreement with the City of Lincoln regarding the Older Americans Act and Title 15 Services Regulations to assist with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY CORONER PHYSICIAN

After discussion, Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the agreement with Dr. Jason Bepalec to provide his expertise to the County Attorney when acting as County Coroner. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Darcy Nun, County Treasurer submitted the semi-annual report for the Board to review.

OPENING BUDGET ACCOUNTS

After discussion, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2022 – 14

WHEREAS, Fillmore County, Nebraska, needs to add the following funds: Ag Society – General Fund #9200, Ag Society – Capital Fund #9201, and Historical Society Fund #9300, and

WHEREAS, Fillmore County has determined that the State Auditor's office has changed the fund numbers of the above-mentioned funds,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Ag Society – General Fund #9200, Ag Society – Capital Fund #9201, and Historical Society Fund #9300 will be opened as of July 1, 2022. The County Treasurer is directed to open these accounts.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

CLOSING BUDGET ACCOUNTS

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Noel seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2022 – 15



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WHEREAS, Fillmore County, Nebraska, has an Ag Society – General Fund #1000, an Ag Society – Capital Fund #1010, and a Historical Society Fund #5501, and

WHEREAS, Fillmore County has determined these accounts are no longer required to be within the County Budget,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Ag Society – General Fund #1000, Ag Society – Capital Fund #1010, and Historical Society Fund #5501 will be closed as of July 1, 2022. The County Treasurer is directed to transfer all money remaining in aforementioned funds on July 1, 2022 from Ag Society – General Fund #1000 to Ag Society – General Fund #9200, from Ag Society – Capital Fund #1010 to Ag Society – Capital Fund #9201, and Historical Society Fund #5501 to Historical Society Fund #9300 Fund. The County Treasurer is further directed to automatically transfer any future collections for the aforementioned funds to new funds.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

BAILIFF BUDGET REQUEST

Bailiff budget request for 2022/23 is \$13,530.35 for Fillmore County was submitted for review.

BRYANT TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022 – 01BT

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivision subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County is the levy authority for the Bryant Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following is said Board's request for budget year 2022/2023: General Fund \$11,779.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has Interlocal Agreements of \$7,350.00 as a lid exclusion and it not included in the above tax request as allowed by law.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

GENEVA TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION

After discussion, Cerny moved and Neiman seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022 – 01GT

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivision subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County is the levy authority for the Geneva Township;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following is said Board's request for budget year 2022/2023: General Fund \$9,491.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has Interlocal Agreements of \$7,350.00 as a lid exclusion and it not included in the above tax request as allowed by law.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT FOR 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER COMMITTEE

Chairman Sluka, requested that Neiman and Graham be appointed to oversee the 911 Communications Center Committee.

SALARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Larry Cerny, Jeff Neiman, and Kenny Harre (absent), members of the Salary committee, informed the Board that the Salary committee met with all officials and department heads to discuss employees and their recommendations for increases.

After review and discussion, Lightwine moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the recommendations from the Salary committee for employee increases, change will be effective July 11th. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY

After discussion, Neiman moved and Cerny seconded the motion to increase the Highway Superintendent's salary for 2022/2023 by 7% to \$63,762.05. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR SALARY

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the Senior Services Director's salary for 2022/2023 by 5% to \$22.23 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED SUPERINTENDENT SALARY

After discussion, Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to increase the Noxious Weed Superintendent's salary for 2022/2023 by 5% to \$25.20 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:



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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CUSTODIAN / GROUNDSKEEPER'S SALARY

After discussion, Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to Custodian/Groundskeeper salary for 2022/2023 between no raise for one full time and 5% for other full time to \$21.00 and East Office Building Custodian's salary for 2022/2023 by a \$1.00 an hour to \$16.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion failed.

CUSTODIAN / GROUNDSKEEPER'S SALARY

After further discussion, Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to Custodian/Groundskeeper salary for 2022/2023 between 3% for one full time to \$19.22 and 5% for other full time to \$21.00 and East Office Building Custodian's salary for 2022/2023 by a \$1.00 an hour to \$16.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / VETERANS ASSISTANT SALARY

After discussion, Neiman moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the Planning and Zoning Administrator/Veterans Service Assistant salary for 2022/2023 by 5% to \$22.05 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIRECTOR SALARY

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to increase the Director of Fillmore County Development Corporation salary for 2022/2023 by 5% to \$21.20 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER SALARY

After discussion, Noel moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the Emergency Manager's salary for 2022/2023 by 5% to \$50,000.00 annually. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEWS



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The following budgets were reviewed throughout the day: County Court , Senior Services, Assessor, Building and Grounds, Planning & Zoning, East Office Building, Veteran’s Service Office, Extension, Emergency Management, 911 Emergency Management, 911 Wireless Service, 911 Wireless Service Holding, 911 Communications Center, Sheriff, Law Enforcement Program K-9, Jail, Law Enforcement Grant, Federal Drug Law Enforcement, Board, Clerk, Register of Deeds, Elections, Data Processing, Employment Security, Insurance, Economic Development, Surveyor, County Medical Relief & Assistance, Institutions, Miscellaneous, Highway Bridge Buyback, Economic Development – Tourism, ROD Preservation & Modernization, Friends of the Courthouse, COVID American Rescue, Inheritance Tax, Road Dept/Courthouse Bond, and Ag Society Building Bond.

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

Throughout the day the following gave the Board a quarterly update: Brenda Motis, Senior Services Director; Jean Engle, Emergency Manger; Nick Wollenburg, Veterans Service Officer; and Jennifer Slezak, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SHERIFF

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to appoint Steven Roemmich to County Sheriff to fulfill the remainder of the elected term. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGER

After discussion, Graham moved and Neiman seconded the motion to appoint Mark McFarland, Chief Deputy as the Deputy Emergency Manager with recommendation from Jean Engle Emergency Manager. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Agenda items “Jail Inspection” will be discussed at the next meeting. As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Neiman seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., July 26, 2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Attest

Chairman