

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., May 9, 2023, 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 and 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. The 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 was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Sluka declared the minutes from the April 25, 2023, meeting approved as presented.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Eric Johnson, Director of the Fillmore County Development Corp., presented the results of the Business Retention & Expansion survey that was conducted of twenty-one (21) businesses for review. During the drive-thru job fair fifty-four (54) bags were handed out with lots of job opportunities. He also submitted the rehabilitation application and has twenty-five (25) home applications for these funds throughout the county.

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	36.57
All Around Lawn & Landscaping, LLC	Sup	820.00
Amazon Capital Services	Rep, Sup	193.61
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser	4,220.00
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep	89.23
Black Hills Energy	Uti	864.21
Carrier Corporation	Main	3,232.02
City of Geneva	Uti	439.10
Clearly	Uti	398.69
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,747.91
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.33
Diane Deepe	Ser	260.00
Dollar General – Regions 410526	Sup	125.10
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	381.26
Patricia I. Engle	Meals	32.39
Exeter Senior Center	CASA & USDA Reim	531.50
Fairmont Aging Services	CASA & USDA Reim	2,338.10
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	723.57
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	180.00
Fillmore County Medical Center	Ser	231.34
Fillmore County Sheriff	Fees	36.70
First Concord Group, Inc.	Insur	750.53
First Wireless, Inc.	Sup	88.45
Gage County Clerk of the District Court	Ser	3.50
Geneva Senior Center Foundation	CASA & USDA Reim	3,444.10
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,686.78
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc.	Rep, Main	1,751.74
Glenwood	Uti	369.70
Heartland Bank	Sup	16.00
Dawn M. Henry	Rent	183.33
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.34
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	249.90
The Home Depot Pro	Sup	754.46
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,549.75
Intoximeters, Inc.	Sup	373.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Post, Uti, Copies	3,502.18
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	164.25
Stephen J. Kraviec	Ser, Post	1,867.91
Lichti's Inc.	Equip	1,219.80
Midwest Court Reporting	Ser	165.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,165.20
MPH Industries, Inc.	Equip	79.90
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	275.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	426.96
The Nebraska Signal	Pro, Ads	764.64
911 Custom	Equip	1,147.64
Noel Lawn Care	Ser	432.60
PolyExcel, LLC	Sup	2,367.79

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Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	241.20
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	68.75
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,616.93
Rowley Law, LLC	Ser	2,157.50
Saunders County Sheriff	Ser	35.81
The Scarlet Hotel, a Tribute Portfolio	Lodging	196.00
Alexis Schmidt	Mile	107.42
Seward County Independent	Ads	102.50
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg Central	Ser	448.00
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	486.32
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	3 rd Qrt 4-H Asst	2,326.22
US Bank, CPS	Post, Sup, Wksh, Equip	1,671.00
Brandy VanDeWalle	Uti, Mile, Sup	81.24
Van Diest Supply Co.	Sup	25,262.80
Warne Chemical & Equipment Co.	Rep	176.70
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	162.51
Windstream	Uti	142.70
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	80.00
York County Treasurer	Lodging, Ser	10,190.00
Payroll	Salaries	84,189.96

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Action Auto Supply	Sup	137.27
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Main	344.07
Paul Bauer	Ser	390.00
Beatrice Sand & Gravel	Gravel	20,005.49
Black Hills Energy	Uti	385.07
Carquest of Geneva	Parts	155.49
City of Geneva	Uti	329.96
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,414.99
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup, Misc	74.68
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	97.12
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Rep	14.04
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	5.67
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires	1,880.20
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Rep, Sup	131.47
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,256.00
Hometown Leasing	Ser	156.13
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	55.00
Lichti Oil	Fuel, Rep	7,801.87
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	245.00
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Sup, Equip	712.98
NMC Exchange, LLC	Rep, Ser, Parts	12,740.32
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	89.88
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,109.49
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	5,367.18
Transit Works	Rep	110.00
Verizon	Ser	160.05
Village of Exeter	Uti	22.25
Village of Fairmont	Uti	21.90
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.52
Village of Shickley	Uti	75.28
Windstream	Uti	345.45
Payroll	Salaries	31,955.64

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Holiday Inn – Kearney	Lodging	392.00
Windstream	Uti	1,729.75

HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	April taxes	23,504.07
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CLAIMS

Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the claims as 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.

FEE REPORTS

After review, Lightwine moved and Neiman seconded the motion to approve the fee reports for April 2023 as presented:

County Clerk \$10,384.07 (State \$6,639.69 & County \$3,744.38)
Clerk of the District Court \$1,505.13
County Sheriff \$2,051.65

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.

GENEVA TOWNSHIP BUDGET PREPARATION

Cerny moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve Manning & Associates, PC to prepare the 2023/2024 budget for Geneva Township. 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.

BRYANT TOWNSHIP BUDGET PREPARATION

Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve Manning & Associates, PC to prepare the 2023/2024 budget for Bryant Township. 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.

ENGINEERING & CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH SPEECE LEWIS

After review, Graham moved and Neiman seconded the motion to approve the engineering and consultant agreement with Speece Lewis Engineers effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. 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.

EAST BUILDING HVAC SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Supervisor Cerny informed the Board that the HVAC system on the north end of the East Building (for the fitness center) needs to be replaced after review by Kelch Plumbing, Heating, & Refrigeration.

After review of the proposal, Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the proposal from Kelch Plumbing, Heating & Refrigeration in the amount of \$8,950.00 (bid did not include putting unit on the roof and removing old unit – will be an additional amount) to replace the furnace and air conditioning unit on the north end of the East Building. 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 HVAC SYSTEM AT COURTHOUSE

After discussion, the Board requested that the County Clerk start advertising for bids to replace the chiller system for the courthouse.

AUDIT AGREEMENT WITH CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES

After review and discussion, Neiman moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve and sign the agreement with Contryman Associates, PC for perform the 2023, 2024, and 2025 audit for the County. 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 Lightwine 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, to discuss potential liability and to protection the public interest and consider in executive session 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 and County Clerk remain. The executive session began at 10:01 a.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Lightwine moved and Harre seconded the motion to return to open session at 10:06 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.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2023 / 2024

After discussion, Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for fiscal year 2023/2024 selecting the \$1,600.00 deductible plan. 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 WITH GLENWOOD REGARDING CURRENT BROADBAND PROJECT AND ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Josh Henderson, Project Manager; Jennifer Reiman, Director of Business Development; Allison Fritsche, Sales Manager; and Aaron Wescoat, Mapping Specialist with Glenwood informed the Board that the current broadband project was almost complete and reached approximately ninety-three (93) locations as well as fiber to every town.

Jennifer provided a map showing forty-eight (48) unserved (<25/3Mbp) locations to submit for the next round of Broadband Bridge grants, which are due July 3rd. She asked if the county would be interested in partnering with Glenwood again to provide a 25% match for this next round of grants. The Board, Jennifer, and Josh had lots of discussion and will discuss further at the May 23rd meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH BENEFIT MANAGEMENT

Dustin Will, Registered Representative with Benefit Management requested that the Board allow him to get an employee census and see if there were other health insurance options. After discussion, the Board agreed to allow Benefit Management to start this process.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., May 23, 2023. 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