

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:08 a.m., July 11, 2023, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Sluka presiding. Members present were Noel, Neiman, Graham, Harre, and Lightwine. Cerny attending via zoom (nonvoting). 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 3:24p.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Sluka declared the minutes from the June 27, 2023 and June 30, 2023, meetings approved as presented.

### REGION V SERVICES BUDGET REQUEST

Matt Kasik, Chief Executive Officer and Lisa Meyer, Area Director with Region V Services presented their annual report and budget request of \$10,484.00 for fiscal year 2023/2024.

### 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:

Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Rep	14,319.90
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep, Sup	189.12
Barnas Drug, Inc.	Sup	42.12
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	508.85
Black Hills Energy	Uti	89.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insur	72,057.16
Blue Valley Community Action Partnership	budget request	5,000.00
Brothers Equipment, Inc.	Rep	66.50
Chaney Chemical, Inc.	Sup	1,717.25
Jerry Chapman	Mile	15.72
City of Geneva	Uti	1,735.85
Clearly	Uti	398.84
Consolidated Management Company	Meals	16.25
Cornerstone Bank	SS	6,477.91
Gaylord Craddock	Mile	66.81
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.34
Diane Deepe	Ser	180.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	1,534.06
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	618.14
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	288.00
Fillmore County Court	Fees	809.55
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	25,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser	30.00
First Concord Group, Inc.	Insur	2,575.41
Geneva Family Dentistry	Ser	393.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Equip	733.15
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Main	211.20
Glenwood	Uti	369.70
Dawn M. Henry	Rent	183.33
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,549.75
Madeline Kamler	Mile	118.80
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	206.25
Stephen J. Kraviec	Ser, Post	1,869.50
Lee Enterprises	Ad	105.00
Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz, PC, LLO	Ser	220.00
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Sup	238.50
Mikes Radiator and Tire Repair	Rep	35.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,241.57
Brenda Motis	Post	41.42
Murray Law PC, LLO	Ser	3,405.50
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Dues	2,206.66
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Cntr	Lodging	250.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	997.58
The Nebraska Signal	Ads, Proc	325.74
NIRMA	Insur	87,410.00
Postmaster	Post	300.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	412.50
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	6,004.81

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Blaine Richards	Mile	31.44
Lon Schoenholz	Rep	420.00
Security Equipment, Inc.	Main, Rep	692.95
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg.	Ser	448.00
State of Nebraska Dept. of Correctional	Boarding prisoners	2,800.85
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup	2,117.04
34 Electric, LLC	Rep, Main	1,598.91
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	486.32
US Bank, CPS	Post, Rep, Sup, Lodging	821.69
USDA, APHIS, General	Ser	6,133.78
Gary Warren	Mile	39.30
Windstream	Uti	146.31
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Uti	140.00
Payroll	Salaries	93,029.11

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

AFC Industries	Sup	265.59
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	85.96
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co.	Fuel	2,996.28
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Sup, Main	211.87
Paul Bauer	Ser	510.00
Beatrice Sand and Gravel	Gravel	29,691.91
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	1,340.09
Black Hills Energy	Uti	69.14
Carquest of Geneva	Parts, Sup	69.83
City of Geneva	Uti	63.95
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,489.33
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts	30.40
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	30.17
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Sup, Parts	272.00
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,241.24
Hometown Leasing	Ser	156.13
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	55.00
Lichti Oil	Fuel	5,752.77
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	Gravel	29,270.91
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
Mussman Excavating	Ser	1,798.00
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	70.00
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Rep	97.00
NIRMA	Insur	66,827.00
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	64.88
Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	150.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,176.19
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	7,195.69
Verizon	Uti	693.81
Village of Exeter	Uti	22.25
Village of Fairmont	Uti	22.98
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.54
Village of Milligan	Uti	28.50
Village of Ohioa	Uti	48.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	77.04
Payroll	Salaries	32,943.72

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM FUND:**

Provicus C/O Jacob Nutter, CEO	Ser	195.00
Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council	Wksh	200.00

**REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:**

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Windstream	Uti	1,731.22

**ROAD DEPT/COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND FUND:**

Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	30,000.00
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**HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:**

Fillmore County Hospital	June taxes	464.53
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**CLAIMS**

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**FEE REPORTS FOR JUNE 2023**

After review, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the following fee reports for June 2023:

**County Clerk \$17,472.59 (State \$10,729.56 & County \$6,743.03)**  
**Clerk of the District Court \$1,957.68**

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**JAIL INSPECTION**

After review by several Supervisors the jail inspection was in order, noting again that the kitchen needs a lot of repairs or to be replaced and they are in need of some shelving.

**BAILIFF BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2023/2024**

Bailiff budget request for 2023/24 is \$13,335.69 for Fillmore County was submitted for review.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MURPHY TRACTOR**

Cody Cure and Jake Ryba with Murphy Tractor presented the Board with a yearly contract versus the eighteen (18) month contract for four (4) motor graders.

After discussion, Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the maintenance contract on four (4) John Deere motor graders with Murphy Tractor with the following amounts \$6,919.40, \$7,163.00, \$5,089.00, and \$7,286.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**REVIEW ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

The Board and Highway Superintendent, Pat Halbur reviewed the Road Dept. budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.

**BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION**

Shari Wurtz-Miller, CEO; Alice Herman, serving Fillmore & Thayer counties; and Heather Lytle, Administrative Director with Blue Valley Community Action gave their annual update and budget request of \$4,469.00 for fiscal year 2023/2024.

**DISTRICT #1 PROBATION**

Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer presented an annual report to the Board with a budget request of \$4,631.55 for fiscal year, 2023/2024.

**QUARTERLY MEETING WITH APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Brenda Motis; Senior Services Director; Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator; Todd Boller, Noxious Weed Superintendent; and Mark McFarland, Deputy Emergency Manager gave their quarterly update to the Board.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRACT WITH CITY OF GENEVA FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

Sheriff Roemmich and Chief Deputy McFarland met briefly to discuss the contract with the City of Geneva for law enforcement services. After discussion, Supervisors Graham and Harre, Sheriff, and Chief Deputy will meet with the committee from the City and report back to the Board at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BRYANT TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION**

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

**RESOLUTION #2023 – 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 2023/2024: General Fund \$12,189.00

**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: Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka  
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

**GENEVA TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION**

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

**RESOLUTION #2023 – 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following is said Board's request for budget year 2023/2024: General Fund \$9,823.00.

**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: Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka  
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

**PRINT VENDOR FOR LB 644 POSTCARDS**

After discussion, Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the State Print Shop as the print vendor for LB 644 postcards. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**CHILLER BID DISCUSSION**

Several of the vendors that submitted bids for the Chiller at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were present to answer questions and concerns from the Board. After discussion, the Board requested vendors to submit references for the Board to contact and to award at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FEE REPORT FOR JUNE 2023**

After review, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the following fee report for June 2023: **County Sheriff \$1,498.46.**

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**SALARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Ralph Graham, Mark Lightwine, and Merle Noel members of the Salary committee informed the Board that the Salary committee met with some officials and department heads to discuss employees and their recommendations for increases.

After a lengthy discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the recommendations from the Salary committee for employee increases, change will be effective July 9<sup>th</sup>. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY**

After discussion, Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to increase the Highway Superintendent's salary for 2023/2024 to \$65,500.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**ASSISTANT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY**

After discussion, Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to increase the Assistant Highway Superintendent's salary for 2023/2024 to \$29.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR SALARY**

After discussion, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the Senior Services Director's salary for 2023/2024 to \$24.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER SALARY**

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the Emergency Manager's salary for 2023/2024 to \$51,750.00 annually. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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 2023/2024 to \$26.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**CUSTODIAN / GROUNDSKEEPER'S SALARY**

After discussion, Neiman moved and Graham seconded the motion to increase the head Custodian/Groundskeeper salary for 2023/2024 to \$22.00 and Assistant Custodian to \$20.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / VETERANS ASSISTANT SALARY**

After discussion, Neiman moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to increase the Planning and Zoning Administrator/Veterans Service Assistant salary for 2023/2024 to \$19.75 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka  
Nays: None Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Graham

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIRECTOR SALARY**

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After discussion, Lightwine moved and Neiman seconded the motion to increase the Director of Fillmore County Development Corporation salary for 2023/2024 to \$22.00 an hour. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., July 25, 2023. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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