

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., February 13, 2024, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Neiman presiding. Members present were Noel, Sluka, 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 adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the January 23, 2024, reorganization and regular meeting approved as presented.

EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE

Brandy VanDeWalle presented an update to the Board of what programs they are offering and what other items they are working on and workshops they are attending. Carley Swartzendruber has been hired as the Office Manager.

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:

Amazon Capital Services	Equip, Sup	498.49
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Sup	5,084.20
Auto Value Parts Stores	Sup, Rep	112.68
Paul Bauer	Ser	1,850.00
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Rep	626.00
Black Hills Energy	Uti	2,512.17
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insur	65,707.27
Carquest of Geneva	Sup	5.99
City of Geneva	Uti	515.00
Clearly	Uti	400.67
Mel Coetzee	Misc	50.00
Brandie Conway	Misc	50.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	11,800.70
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.33
Dollar General – Regions 410526	Sup	20.50
Drivers License Guide Company	Sup	33.95
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup, Equip	1,057.37
Kyle Eggers	Misc	50.00
Exeter Senior Center	USDA Reim	42.70
Fairmont Aging Services	USDA Reim	127.40
Jake Farley	Misc	50.00
Farmer & Son Funeral Homes, Inc.	Ser	2,075.00
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Ser	37.00
Fillmore County Hospital	Ser	190.40
Fillmore County Sheriff	Fees	66.52
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer, Misc	300,010.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser, Insur	2,671.26
Gage County Sheriff	Ser	56.10
Geneva Floral	Misc	59.13
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	519.97
Geneva Senior Center Foundation	USDA Reim	383.60
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	591.93
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep	463.97
Glenwood	Uti	309.75
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	Boarding prisoner	2,635.00
Dawn M. Henry	Rent	183.33
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.34
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,739.16
Jim's U-Save Pharmacy	Sup	69.59
Jami Knerl	Misc	50.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	251.00
Stephen J. Kraviec	Ser, Post	1,907.55
Krueger Land Surveying	Ser	665.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Ser	18.70
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz, PC, LLO	Ser	715.50
Mark McFarland	Misc	50.00
Lola Merrigan	Misc	50.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser, Sup	3,809.61
Gatlin Motis	Wksh, Misc	150.00

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Nebraska Association of County Ext. Board	Wksh	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	200.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	Dues	50.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	771.45
The Nebraska Signal	Ads, Pro	1,648.24
Nick's Farm Store	Main	713.12
North American Invasive Species Management Association	Wksh	40.00
Darren Pfeifer	Misc	50.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	444.36
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Region V Systems	Ser	2,568.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	11,667.43
Steven Roemmich	Post, Misc	67.55
Saunders County Sheriff	Fees	72.40
Alexis Schmidt	Mile	63.52
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg OCIO	Ser	537.60
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg – Central Finance OCIO	Ser	22.00
State of Nebraska Dept. of Correctional	Boarding prisoners	3,794.70
State of Nebraska Health & Human Serv.	Patient care-Jan	93.00
State of Nebraska Public Health Envir. Lab	Ser	105.00
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup	296.38
34 Electric, LLC	Rep	109.06
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	689.45
US Bank CPS	Fuel, Sup, Rep, Post	712.59
Brandy VanDeWalle	Mile, Sup	28.00
VanDiest Supply Company	Sup	2,084.50
Reid Velte	Ser	437.50
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	181.89
Western Oil II, LLC	Fuel	101.73
Windstream	Uti	158.64
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	80.00
Payroll	Salaries	171,808.64

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Culverts	16,080.00
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Main	690.12
B's Enterprises, Inc.	Parts, Equip	735.00
Paul Bauer	Ser	510.00
Black Hills Energy	Uti	1,769.94
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Rep	252.50
Donald L. & Linda J. Bristol	Fencing	773.50
Carquest of Geneva	Sup, Parts	452.61
City of Geneva	Uti	73.60
Cornerstone Bank	SS	6,333.12
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup	72.42
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel, Tires, Rep	18,428.30
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	13.56
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires	686.15
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Sup	293.00
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,398.05
Hometown Leasing	Ser	161.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
Lee Enterprises	Ads	34.10
Lichti Oil	Fuel, Sup, Parts	4,445.04
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Ser	35.00
Michael Todd & Company, Inc.	Equip	16,409.11
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	17.43
NMC Exchange, LLC	Parts, Ser, Equip, Main	307,771.61
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	182.75
Platte Valley Communications	Parts	65.80
Power Plan	Parts, Main	3,776.26
RDO Truck Centers	Parts	198.42
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,489.28
Sapp Bros, Inc – York	Fuel	5,741.52
Verizon	Ser	1,008.60
Village of Exeter	Uti	22.25
Village of Fairmont	Uti	54.97
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.52
Village of Shickley	Uti	109.69
Western Oil II, LLC	Fuel, Parts	1,673.76
Windstream	Uti	176.23
Payroll	Salaries	83,522.65

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Geneva Dirt Works, Inc.	Ser	8,820.00
Horizontal Boring & Tunneling Co.	Ser	5,417.50
Johnson Controls	Equip	19,989.89
K & K 1116, LLC	Ser	7,800.00
Midland Radio Corporation	Equip	5,351.20
Mussman Excavating, LLC	Ser	8,040.00
SKB Farms, Inc.	Ser	1,350.00
Sargent Drilling	Ser	585.00
Bill Softley	Ser	600.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

CenturyLink	Uti	1,613.90
First Wireless, Inc.	Rep	1,025.75
Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Windstream	Uti	33.67

911 WIRELESS FUND:

Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	Insur	55.44
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HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	January taxes	11,384.15
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Lightwine 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.

GIRLS ON THE RUN USING EAST BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

Chesley Lefever requested to use the conference room at the East Building from March to the first part of May for "Girls on the Run" as they had last year. After discussion, the Board approved the use of the conference room two days a week.

JANUARY 2024 FEE REPORTS

After review, Cerny moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the January 2024 fee reports as presented:

County Clerk \$11,808.20 (State \$7,680.97 & County \$4,127.23)
Clerk of the District Court \$1,334.38
County Sheriff \$1,262.43

Upon roll call, the vote was as follow:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

BRYANT TOWNSHIP BILL

Sluka moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bill for Bryant Township submitted from Manning & Associates, PC for preparing 2023/24 budget and audit waiver in the amount of \$663.50. 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 BILL

Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bill for Geneva Township submitted from Manning & Associates, PC for preparing 2023/24 budget and audit waiver in the amount of \$663.50. 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.

ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Supervisors and Assistant Highway Superintendent Doug Motis discussed the different snow removal prices that were submitted. Discussed using the FEMA equipment rental rates that are published every year in the future. Call out time was discussed, and it will remain the same with two hours being paid for those that are called out. Doug presented two bids for a snowblower attachment ranging from \$183,500 to \$226,500.00 and after discussion the Board decided to continue using private businesses to assist with large amounts of snow. Road Department dress code was discussed allowing employees to wear shorts. Employees will be given the dress code policy, and they will sign acknowledging this and will be filed in their personal files. Doug informed the Board that they are getting the heaters installed in the out-of-town shops.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Eric Johnson, Fillmore County Development Corp. Director, presented an update to the Board. FCDC annual banquet will be February 21st in Milligan.

STENGEL FARMS SUBDIVISION

After review and discussion, Lightwine moved and Harre seconded the motion to authorize Chairman Neiman to sign the Stengel Farms Subdivision as presented after all the signatures have been completed with the following legal description: a tract of land located in the Southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the 6th p.m., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 17; thence N00°00'00"E (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Southeast quarter, a distance of 687.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N00°00'00"E, on said East line, a distance of 1955.00 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 17 and the Southeast corner of a tract of land as recorded in deed book 89, page 47; thence N90°00'00"W perpendicular to the East line of said Southeast quarter and on the South line of said tract of land, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S00°00'00"W, parallel with and 100.00 feet west of said East line; a distance of 1955.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, perpendicular to said East line a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 4.49 acres, more or less, including 1.48 acres, more or less, of 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.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

County Clerk, Amy Nelson informed the Board that Pieper's Plumbing from York estimates that repairs on the main water line from the courthouse to the street will be between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00.

The Board discussed options for lighting down the two staircases in the courthouse. After the discussion, Amy will talk to an electrician for additional ideas, and there will be further discussion at a future meeting.

EAST WING OF EXTENSION OFFICE

The East wing of the Extension office is currently being used for storage of County equipment, old Medical Clinic records, and Senior Services lift chairs. After discussion, the Medical Clinic records have been there for over ten (10) years and the Board will request that they be removed by April 1, 2024.

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 advice from legal counsel with respect to pending litigation 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 Jerry Pigsley with Woods Aitken, LLP and the County Clerk to remain. Executive session began at 10:51 a.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to return to open session at 11:14 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.

UPDATE ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT/TOWER UPGRADES

Emergency Manager, Jean Engle and Chief Deputy/Deputy Emergency Manager, Mark McFarland gave an update to the Board that they have made arrangements in all communities with the exception of Exeter to have

communications equipment placed either on the water tower or to place a smaller tower on County property for the upgrades that are needed. They will be able to get a quote soon since they have this in place and will report back to the Board soon.

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Jean Engle, Emergency Manager presented an updated interlocal agreement with the Southeast Planning Exercise Training (PET) Region to provide cooperative public safety services by and among the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York.

Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve and sign the interlocal agreement for cooperative public safety services by and among the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York for five years. 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.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE

Chief Deputy, McFarland informed the Board that there is an opportunity to purchase a 2024 Ford F150 pickup from the State bid for \$44,739.00.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 pickup for the Sheriff's office and to be paid out of Inheritance Tax. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., February 27, 2024. 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