

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., March 12, 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 10:24 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the February 27, 2024, 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:

Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	495.97
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Equip	5,107.86
Aurora Fire Department	Boarding prisoners	320.00
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep	5.73
B & J Automotive, LLC	Rep	729.10
Paul Bauer	Ser	1,600.00
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Rep	211.00
Black Hills Energy	Uti	1,427.81
City of Geneva	Uti	389.45
Clearly	Uti	400.67
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,950.67
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.33
Dollar General – Regions 410526	Sup	150.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup, Equip	2,168.42
Patricia I. Engle	Meals	26.45
Farmer & Son Funeral Home	Ser	2,075.00
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	108.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Interest	2,252.05
Galls, LLC	Sup	182.99
Geneva Home Center	Rep	2.15
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	69.61
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep	443.21
Glenwood	Uti	309.75
Greg's Market	Misc	403.85
Hall County Sheriff	Mile	14.40
Dawn M. Henry	Rent	183.34
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
The Home Depot Pro	Sup	499.19
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,745.74
Johnson Controls	Rep	311.00
Jury Fees	Jury Fees	2,176.98
Eric Johnson	Misc	230.00
Brendon Kegin	Witness	20.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	224.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	1,900.31
Krueger Land Surveying	Ser	665.00
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz, PC, LLO	Ser	813.50
Lynn Peavey Company	Sup	132.57
Memorial Community Health	Ser	77.56
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center	Dues	100.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,241.57
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center	Training	10.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	697.52
The Nebraska Signal	Pro, Ad	1,410.88
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Wksh	150.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	Lodging	218.98
North American Invasive Species Management Association	Wksh	400.00
Police Officers' Association of Nebraska	Sup	67.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	405.72
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,875.29
Alexis Schmidt	Mile	126.50
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg OCIO	Ser	985.60
State of Nebraska Dept of Correctional	Boarding prisoner	2,800.85

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Sullivan Shoemaker PC, LLO	Ser	2,086.93
Superior Outdoor Power Center	Rep, Equip	16,523.83
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup, Reim	296.38
TK Elevator Corporation	Main	318.90
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	573.94
UNL – Nebraska Extension	Wksh	100.00
US Bank, CPS	Post, Misc, Fuel, Sup, Lodging	751.30
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	206.70
Windstream	Uti	152.90
Woodwards Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	30.00
York County Sheriff	Mile	18.50
Payroll	Salaries	86,565.44

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Action Auto Supply	Sup, Equip	269.84
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Sup, Main	840.66
Black Hills Energy	Uti	834.86
Carquest of Geneva	Sup	17.99
City of Geneva	Uti	96.85
Heather Clark	Ser	80.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,515.67
Custom Products Corporation	Sup	562.00
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Rep, Sup	111.28
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	7,620.95
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel, Equip	31,523.03
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts	107.20
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	20.95
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires	6,486.80
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Rep	12.00
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,262.80
Hometown Leasing	Ser	161.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
The Nebraska Signal	Ad	64.64
NMC Exchange, LLC	Parts, Ser, Rep, Main	18,388.21
Power Plan	Parts, Ser	11,825.34
Quill, LLC	Sup	200.83
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,185.26
ROD Truck Centers	Parts	640.53
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	3,051.65
34 Electric, LLC	Ser	1,892.29
Village of Exeter	Uti	22.25
Village of Fairmont	Uti	63.04
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.50
Western Oil II, LLC	Rep	111.66
Windstream	Uti	176.23
Payroll	Salaries	33,274.26

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Johnson Controls	Equip	23,987.88
Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	165.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	172.00
Platte Valley Communications	Rep, Equip	595.10
Windstream	Uti	33.67

HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	February taxes	1,194.85
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Noel moved and Lightwine 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 Sluka seconded the motion to approve the fee reports for February 2024 as presented:

County Clerk \$28,093.34 (State \$19,383.55 & County \$8,709.79)
Clerk of the District Court \$1,896.96
County Sheriff \$978.84

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.

EXTENSION OFFICE CARPET REPLACEMENT

After discussion, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to accept the quote from Geneva Home Center for \$685.40 to replace the carpet in the entry way of the Extension Office. 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.

CLARIFICATION TO VACATION TIME SCHEDULE IN THE HANDBOOK

After review and discussion, Cerny moved and Sluka seconded the motion to make a change to the employee handbook regarding vacation time increasing 8 hours per year beginning in the sixth (6) year of employment (6 years, 88 hours; 7 years, 96 hours; 8 years, 104 hours; 9 years, 112 hours; and 10 years and up, 120 hours), the change is only in year nine (9) where the handbook reads 114 hours versus 112 hours. 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

After review, Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permits as presented:

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road 23, Road 24, and Road K, (Section 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11) Liberty 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road 16, Road A and Road 17, (Section 23, 24, 25, and 26) Fairmont 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road J, Road 14, Road 15 and Road 16, (Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22) Madison 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road 5, Road 6, Road P and Road R, (Section 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36) Momence Township and (Section 29, 30, 31, and 32) Stanton 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road P and Road 20, (Section 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 30) 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road S, Road 3 and Road 4, (Section 3, and 4) Bryant Township and (Section 33 and 34) Momence 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road P, Road 14 and Road 15, (Section 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20) Chelsea 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road J and Road 4, (Section 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22) Bennett 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road W and Road 20, (Section 19, 20, 29, and 30) Franklin Township and (Section 23, 24, 25, and 26) Belle Prairie 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

Glenwood – install fiber optic cable along Road B, Road C, Road 2 and Road 3, (Section 4, 5, 8, 16, and 17) Grafton 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.

2024/2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Neiman requested that all Board members be thinking of projects and purchases for the 2024/2025 budget year. Neiman has also requested that the Assistant Highway Superintendent do the same, so we are not scrambling in July.

GRAVEL BIDS

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

REGULAR ROAD GRAVEL

Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Alex Pit: Belle Prairie \$23.64, Bennett \$27.18, Bryant \$25.72, Chelsea \$25.05, Exeter \$27.18, Fairmont \$26.50, Franklin \$23.64, Geneva \$25.72, Glengary \$24.32, Grafton \$27.91, Hamilton \$24.32, Liberty \$25.72, Madison \$25.72, Momence \$25.72, Stanton \$25.05, West Blue \$26.52, and Stockpile \$18.65.

Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Powell Pit: Belle Prairie \$26.98, Bennett \$29.76, Bryant \$28.37, Chelsea \$27.96, Exeter \$29.07, Fairmont \$29.07, Franklin \$25.87, Geneva \$28.79, Glengary \$26.71, Grafton \$29.76, Hamilton \$27.54, Liberty \$27.96, Madison \$28.37, Momence \$29.07, Stanton \$27.96, West Blue \$29.07, and Stockpile \$18.65.

Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Boyden North Pit: Belle Prairie \$26.59, Bennett \$29.48, Bryant \$28.04, Chelsea \$27.32, Exeter \$28.76, Fairmont \$28.76, Franklin \$25.58, Geneva \$28.18, Glengary \$26.59, Grafton \$30.21, Hamilton \$27.03, Liberty \$28.04, Madison \$28.18, Momence \$28.76, Stanton \$27.32, West Blue \$29.48, and Stockpile \$18.65.

Gana Trucking & Excavating: Belle Prairie \$35.90, Bennett \$35.90, Bryant \$36.50, Chelsea \$34.86, Exeter \$33.29, Fairmont \$35.61, Franklin \$37.00, Geneva \$34.54, Glengary \$35.61, Grafton \$35.14, Hamilton \$35.74, Liberty \$34.31, Madison \$34.71, Momence \$36.50, Stanton \$35.14, West Blue \$33.96, and Stockpile no bid.

DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction: Belle Prairie \$21.55, Bennett \$23.50, Bryant \$23.60, Chelsea \$22.60, Exeter \$24.10, Fairmont \$24.10, Franklin \$21.30, Geneva \$23.60, Glengary \$22.05, Grafton \$21.50, Hamilton \$22.20, Liberty \$23.65, Madison \$23.65, Momence \$23.65, Stanton \$23.00, West Blue \$21.95, and Stockpile \$15.65.

Kenny Harre: \$5.50 per mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

COARSE ROAD GRAVEL

Beatrice Sand & Gravel-Alex Pit: Belle Prairie \$23.64, Bennett \$27.18, Bryant \$25.72, Chelsea \$25.05, Exeter \$27.18, Fairmont \$26.50, Franklin \$23.64, Geneva \$25.72, Glengary \$24.32, Grafton \$27.91, Hamilton \$24.32, Liberty \$25.72, Madison \$25.72, Momence \$25.72, Stanton \$25.05, West Blue \$26.52, and Stockpile \$18.65.

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Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Boyden North Pit: Belle Prairie \$26.59, Bennett \$29.48, Bryant \$28.04, Chelsea \$27.32, Exeter \$28.76, Fairmont \$28.76, Franklin \$25.58, Geneva \$28.18, Glengary \$26.59, Grafton \$30.21, Hamilton \$27.03, Liberty \$28.04, Madison \$28.18, Momence \$28.76, Stanton \$27.32, West Blue \$29.48, and Stockpile \$18.65.

Mid-NE Aggregate: Bennett \$24.25, Exeter \$27.00, Fairmont \$26.00, Geneva \$26.00, Grafton \$22.50, Madison \$26.00, West Blue \$22.50, and Stockpile \$12.50. Did not bid any of the other townships.

DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction: Belle Prairie \$21.55, Bennett \$23.50, Bryant \$23.60, Chelsea \$22.60, Exeter \$24.10, Fairmont \$24.10, Franklin \$21.30, Geneva \$23.60, Glengary \$22.05, Grafton \$21.50, Hamilton \$22.20, Liberty \$23.65, Madison \$23.65, Momence \$23.65, Stanton \$23.00, West Blue \$21.95, and Stockpile \$15.65.

Kenny Harre: \$5.50 per mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

GRAVEL LETTING

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to accept all gravel bids and authorize the Assistant Highway Superintendent to purchase from the lowest bidder as available. 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

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Agenda item lawn spraying at East Building and Courthouse will be discussed at the next meeting. As there was no other business to come before the Board, Harre moved and Sluka seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., March 26, 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