

The Fillmore County Board of Equalization convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., November 26, 2024, in the Courthouse Boardroom in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Neiman presiding. Members present were Noel, Sluka, Graham, Cerny, Harre, and Lightwine. 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 9:06 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes of the October 22, 2024, Board meeting were approved as presented.

**2024 CERTIFICATION OF TAXES TO BE COLLECTED**

County Assessor, Melissa Houchin presented the 2024 Certification of Taxes as follows: Real: \$25,815,593.42, Personal Property: \$1,758,560.56, and Centrally Assessed: \$463,574.92.

**MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION HEARING**

County Treasurer, Darcy Nun submitted a Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption for Geneva United Methodist Church for a 2017 Ford Transit Van and a 2015 Ford Transit Van.

Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemptions for Geneva United Methodist Church for a 2017 Ford Transit Van and a 2015 Ford Transit Van. Carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no other items to come before the Board of Equalization, Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., December 10, 2024. Carried 7-0.

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:07 a.m., November 26, 2024, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Neiman presiding. The 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 was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the November 12, 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:**

A Street Auto Parts Southwest	Rep	40.07
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,059.04
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep, Main	242.99
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Rep	325.00
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Rep	130.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	6,134.05
County Vets' Service Officers Assoc. of NE	Dues	200.00
Election Workers	Salaries	7,689.80
Erdkamp Motors	Rep, Main	235.28
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	76.00
Fillmore County Hospital	Ser	1,503.28
Fillmore County HSA	Insur	3,267.51
Fillmore County Sheriff	Fees	294.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	150,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Fees	50.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip	3,520.34
Geneva Home Center	Sup	242.23
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Equip	712.92
Graham Tire Grand Island	Tires	595.68
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	Boarding Prisoners	2,600.00

HD Arms, LLC	Equip	500.00
HD Supply	Sup	358.17
Jim's U-Save Pharmacy	Sup	21.90
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Post, Sup	4,057.01
Lee Enterprises	Ads	187.40
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Sup	238.50
Lynn Peavey Company	Sup	354.48
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	646.48
Medica Insurance	Insur	48,705.79
Mid-American Benefits, LLC	Insur	333.25
Nebraska Assoc of County Officials	Wksh	1,440.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,505.50
Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association	Wksh	75.00
Precision Signs & Graphics, LLC	Sup	260.00
Prosource Specialties, LLC	Sup	305.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Equip	948.63
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,845.59
Lon Schoenholz	Ser	90.00
Security Equipment, Inc.	Ser	1,066.56
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg	Ser	733.60
State of Nebraska Health & Human Serv	Ser	5,085.00
State of Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	Ser	105.00
34 Electric, LLC	Equip, Rep	990.87
Victory Too Graphics	Sup	35.00
Village of Grafton	Rent	35.00
Village of Shickley	Rent	35.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	2,929.02
Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	105.00
Woodwards Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	30.00
York News-Times	Sup	331.99
Payroll	Salaries	87,467.51

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Amazon Capital Services	Sup	14.99
AT & T Mobility	Uti	46.90
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Rep, Equip	1,445.00
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,084.67
Certified Truck & Trailer, Inc.	Rep	93.65
Cornerstone Bank	SS	3,293.64
James Michael Fitzgerald, Trustee	Easement, Fencing	774.73
Gaylen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	1,958.06
Geneva Home Center	Sup	28.99
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	75.75
Harre Seed, Inc.	Ser	8,085.00
Richard Hoarty	Easement, Fencing	774.73
John Deere Financial	Parts, Rep	203.12
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Ser	70.00
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	Gravel	25,744.65
Nebra Iowa Industrial Fasteners Corp	Sup	189.11
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	290.18
Nichols Construction	Gravel	68,218.29
Northern Truck Equipment Corp.	Parts, Equip	482.19
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	92.85
Quill, LLC	Sup	39.98
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,872.93
Riverside Portables, LLC	Main	240.00
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	1,944.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	7,330.53
Truck Center Companies	Sup	39.44
Village of Fairmont	Uti	23.61
WEX Bank	Fuel	581.30
Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	1,462.79
Payroll	Salaries	43,761.87

**FRIENDS OF THE COURTHOUSE FUND:**

34 Electric, LLC	Equip, Ser	1,427.13
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**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:**

Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	70.00
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**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	172.78
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	Insur	63.00
Windstream	Uti	33.67

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:**

CenturyLink	Uti	3,129.63
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**AG SOCIETY BOND FUND:**

Union Bank &amp; Trust Co.

Interest

863.93

**CLAIMS APPROVED**

Cerny moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Carried 6-0, abstaining with conflict: Harre.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY-BASED JUVENILE SERVICES AID**

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid. Carried 7-0.

**BOWS ON COUNTY BUILDING FOR HOLIDAYS**

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to have holiday bows put on the county building doors by the Exeter Community Club. Carried 7-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO EXTENSION BOARD**

Noel moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to appoint Brent Kramer to the Extension Board effective January 1, 2025 for three years. Carried 7-0.

**FUNDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

After discussion, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to fund employees health savings accounts quarterly. Carried 7-0.

**OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS**

After review, Noel moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permits as presented: GW Land Corp – install underground pipe between the SW ¼, Section 4 and the SE ¼, Section 5 across Road 3, between Road N, and Hwy 41, Momence Township; and Windstream Nebraska, LLC – install telecommunications line between SE ¼, Section 23 and the SW ¼, Section 24 across Road 6 between Road P and Road Q, Momence Township. Carried 7-0.

**AWARD MOTOR GRADER BID**

After discussion, Sluka moved and Neiman seconded the motion to award the motor grader bid to A-1 Iron Corp for the 2024 Sany SMG200 C-8 for \$249,995.00. Failed 1-6, nays: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, and Noel.

**AWARD MOTOR GRADER BID**

After further discussion, Neiman moved and Noel seconded the motion to award the motor grader bid to NMC for a 2025 CAT 140 for \$337,800.00. Failed 3-4, nays: Graham, Harre, Noel, and Sluka,

**AWARD MOTOR GRADER BID**

After discussion, Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to award the motor grader bid to Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Co. for a 2025 John Deere 770GP for \$338,555.00. Carried 5-2, Neiman and Sluka nay.

**APPROVE CONTRACT WITH VANKIRK FOR PROJECT C30(293) ON ROAD D BETWEEN ROAD 6 AND ROAD 7**

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the contract with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for Project C30(293) on Road D between Road 6 and Road 7 in the amount of \$242,977.85. Carried 7-0.

**GRAFTON SHOP BATHROOM QUOTES**

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis presented four (4) quotes ranging from \$28,900.00 to \$35,735.00 to place a bathroom in the Grafton County Shop.

After discussion, Harre moved and Noel seconded the motion to award the Grafton County Shop bathroom to Bill Blundell and Mark Betka for \$28,900.00. Carried 7-0.

**OTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

Doug Motis, Assistant Highway Superintendent informed the Board that he had NMC inspect the 2014 Caterpillar 12M3 motor grader for a trade-in value of \$70,850.00. The Board and Doug discussed minimum maintenance signs that need to be placed on all township roads per Nebraska State Statute. Will discuss both items at the next meeting along with permit fees.

**DISCUSSION WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS**

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Brandon Vincitie and Jaxon Hair with Johnson Controls presented three different maintenance agreements for the Board to review. After discussing, the Board requested that they put together a different proposal and come back to a future meeting.

#### **REPLACEMENT OF VALVES AND PLACING GLYCOL FOR THE CHILLER**

Brice McDowell, Project Team Lead with Johnson Controls discussed the replacement of valves for the chiller and adding glycol to the system so that it will not freeze.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the replacement of valves and to add glycol to the system. Carried 7-0.

#### **ESTIMATE FROM BETKA PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING FOR TOILETS IN THE JAIL**

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Harre seconded the motion to replace the three (3) toilets in the jail from Betka Plumbing. Failed 3-4, nays: Graham, Harre, Noel, and Sluka.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Neiman moved and Sluka 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 to receive advice from legal counsel on a personnel matter authorized by Statute to be discussed in executive session. Carried 7-0, executive session began at 11:28 a.m.

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to return to regular session at 11:44 a.m. Carried 7-0.

#### **SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE**

Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to accept the separation agreement and general release between the County and Darren Pfeifer. Carried 6-1, Harre nay.

#### **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., December 10, 2024. Carried 7-0.