

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., January 14, 2025, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Nebraska Signal and posted on the County Clerk's office door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened on January 14, 2025 at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Chairman: Jeff Neiman  
Members: Larry Cerny, Kenny Harre, Merle Noel, and Wade Sluka  
County Clerk: Amy Nelson  
Absent: Ralph Graham and Mark Lightwine

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Neiman announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Board of Supervisors room.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the December 23, 2024, meeting and the January 9, 2025, reorganization meeting approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Neiman opened public comment period and Ronnie Wilson requested that a full size United States Constitution be added to the boardroom.

### **OREGON KILN**

Kim Slezak, SAF Certified Forester with UNL Forest Management/Rural Forestry requested to place an Oregon Kiln around the East Building. After discussion, the Board approved this to be placed on the south or southwest corner of the garage that is located near the East Building.

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

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

Don Bristol – install electrical line between SE ¼, Section 15 to the NE ¼, Section 22 across Road D between Road 16 and Road 17, 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;

Don Bristol – install electrical line between SE ¼, Section 10 to the SW ¼, Section 11 across Road 17 between Road B and Road C, 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;

Windstream Nebraska, LLC – install telecommunication line between SE ¼, Section 22 to the SW ¼, Section 23 across Road W between Road 22 and Road 23, Franklin 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

Perennial Public Power District – install 3 phase primary underground line within the SW ¼, Section 19 across Road 13 between Road J and Road K, Geneva 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, Harre, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka  
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

### **SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SPEECE LEWIS FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

After discussion, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the Master Professional Services Agreement with Speece Lewis beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, for acting as the Highway Superintendent as needed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

### **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:**

Aging Partners	Sup	81.36
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	804.33
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser	5,043.24
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep	93.01
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,480.00
Axline Power Services	Equip	6,992.78
Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC	Meals	128.45
Black Hills Energy	Uti	2,361.19
Blue to Gold, LLC	Training	650.00
Todd Boller	Mtgs	135.00
Carquest of Geneva	Main	62.99
City of Geneva	Uti, training	605.60
Clearly	Uti	405.28
Contryman Associates, PC	Ser	16,500.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	13,074.30
Gaylord Craddock	Mtgs, Mile	173.34
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	4,478.40
Jill Cunningham	Rent, Sup	217.34
Dollar General – Regions 410526	Sup	20.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	1,534.11
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Rep	13.34
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	237.96
Fillmore County Clerk	Misc	22.00
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	36.00
Fillmore County Development Corp	Wksh	225.00
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	9,241.62
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	75,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser	50.00
Gall's LLC	Sup	146.23
Geneva Home Center	Sup	457.77
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	716.75
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Main	746.53
Glenwood	Uti	374.70
Graham Tire Company	Tires	176.55
Carol Hoarty	Mtgs	105.00
HD Supply	Sup	527.81
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,788.45
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Post, Sup	4,133.40
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	224.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	1,873.42
Krueger Land Surveying	Ser	380.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	581.69
Medica Insurance	Insur	47,294.85
Memorial Community Health	Ser	1,472.21
Mid-American Benefits, LLC	Ser	333.25
Mike's Radiator and Tire Repair	Rep	60.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser, Sup	3,832.80
Murray Law, PC, LLO	Ser	788.50
NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors	Dues	100.00
Nebraska Clerk of District Court Assos.	Dues	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Sales tax	29.32
Nebraska Door & Window, LLC	Rep	142.50
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	621.47
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues	200.00
The Nebraska Signal	Ads, Proc	447.12
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Wksh	150.00
Nick's Farm Store	Equip	21,300.00
Conner Nun	Misc	50.00
Logan Peppard	Misc	50.00
Police Officer's Association of Nebraska	Sup	78.50
Postmaster	Post	325.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	425.04
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Region V Systems	Ser	1,926.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	12,879.10
Blaine Richards	Mtgs, Mile	91.44
Joseph M. Smith	Ser	171.00
Southeast District Assessor's Association	Dues	75.00
Sparq Data Solutions	Ser	4,100.00
State of Nebraska DAS State Accounting	Ser	537.60
State of Nebraska Dept of Correctional Int.	Boarding prisoner, Ser	2,841.19

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Dawn M. Stites	Rent	183.34
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup	314.17
34 Electric, LLC	Rep	108.85
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters & Certified Legal Video, LLC	Ser	415.76
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	Ser	449.00
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	545.53
US Bank CPS	Sup, Equip, Dues, Meals	916.50
USDA, APHIS, General	Ser	2,845.25
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	23.68
Windstream	Uti	155.78
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Misc	80.00
York State Bank	Insur	2,500.00
Payroll	Salaries	184,977.59

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

A Street Auto Parts Southwest	Sup, Equip	167.66
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Sup, Main	443.74
B's Enterprises, Inc.	Blades	15,840.00
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	510.00
Beatrice Sand and Gravel	Gravel, Rock	22,293.74
Black Hills Energy	Uti	945.61
Carquest of Geneva	Parts, Sup	174.56
City of Geneva	Uti	68.95
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,271.73
County Wide Directory	Sup	310.00
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	279.90
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	433.41
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	9.97
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup	19.47
Erdkamp Motors	Rep	2,802.89
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel, Uti	1,630.72
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts, Main	1,165.24
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires	5,372.48
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Sup	15.00
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,028.37
Hometown Leasing	Ser	166.36
John Deere Financial	Parts	51.55
Kennametal, Inc.	Parts, Rep	1,873.55
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
LCL Truck Equipment, Inc.	Parts, Rep	494.11
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	Gravel	10,076.25
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	160.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Misc	334.73
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	228.00
Nichols Construction	Gravel	61,642.49
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Rep	168.77
NMC, Inc.	Parts, Rep, Ser	6,837.71
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	249.76
Power Plan	Parts, Rep	1,575.72
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	4,513.08
Sapp Bros, Inc – York	Fuel	1,300.50
34 Electric, LLC	Rep	378.49
Verizon	Ser	504.30
Village of Exeter	Uti	27.15
Village of Fairmont	Uti	28.30
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.50
Village of Milligan	Uti	45.00
Village of Ohioa	Uti	48.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	151.93
Western Oil II, LLC	Fuel	134.50
Payroll	Salaries	70,260.58

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM FUND:**

SENTC	Dues	200.00
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**REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:**

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

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	226.94
Windstream	Uti	33.67

**HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:**

Fillmore County Hospital	Dec taxes	20,285.23
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**CLAIMS APPROVED**

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**DECEMBER 2024 FEE REPORTS**

After review, Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the December 2024 monthly fee reports as presented:

**County Clerk \$33,962.55** (State \$22,995.66 & County \$10,966.89)  
**Clerk of the District Court \$1,322.47**  
**County Sheriff \$1,869.81**

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**UPDATE HOLIDAY POLICY IN THE HANDBOOK**

After discussion, Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion that the holiday policy in the handbook be updated so that the Board Chair or Vice-Chair must approve any declaration of a State or Federal holiday with final wording being approved by an Attorney with NIRMA and then it will be sent out to all employees. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS BOARD**

Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to appoint Cerny to the Public Health Solutions Board with Graham as the alternate. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**O'BRIEN SUBDIVISION**

Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator submitted a plat for O'Brien Subdivision located in the NE ¼ and the SE ¼, Section 4, Geneva Township.

After review, Harre moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the O'Brien Subdivision, a tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 3 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, and being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4, this being the point of beginning; thence N01°40'57"W (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence S88°19'03"W, perpendicular to said East line, a distance of 220.00 feet; thence S01°47'02"E, a distance of 700.49 feet; thence N88°11'27"E, perpendicular to said East line, a distance of 220.00 feet to the East line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence N01°48'33"W on said East line, a distance of 560.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.54 acres, more or less, including 0.53 acres, more or less, of County Right-of-Way.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**QUARTERLY MEETING WITH APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Throughout the meeting Todd Boller, Noxious Weed Superintendent; Nick Wollenberg, Veterans Service Officer; Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator; Brenda Motis, Senior Services Director; and Jean Engle, Emergency Manager; gave their quarterly update to the Board.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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Jean Engle and Whitney Peppard members of the Safety Committee gave an update to the Board regarding the security equipment and requested funds to have an Attorney give a training session on harassment.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. until January 28, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Harre, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

State of Nebraska)  
County of Fillmore) ss.

I, Amy Nelson, the undersigned County Clerk of Fillmore County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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Attest

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Chairman