

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., January 28, 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 28, 2025 at 9:05 a.m.

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

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 January 14, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Neiman opened public comment period and Wade Sluka and Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator informed the Board there is a wind farm meeting in Milligan on January 30, 2025, and reviewed our zoning regulations.

PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

After discussion, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer for \$27,335.00 which includes delivery. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Lightwine, 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	Main, Sup	675.00
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	177.04
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,008.32
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Rep	1,645.00
Peggy Birky	Meal	18.00
Kara Burda	Misc	13.50
William Burgess	Ret	84.00
City of Geneva	Uti	505.20
Clerk of the Supreme Court	Ser	130.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	6,955.32
Jill Cunningham	Dues	98.00
Patricia I. Engle	Meal	17.08
Entenmann – Rovin Co.	Sup	129.75
Environmental Systems Research Institute	Sup	1,100.00
Erdkamp Motors	Rep, Main	1,877.48
Exeter Senior Center	CASA & USDA Reim	588.20
Fairmont Aging Services	CASA & USDA Reim	2,595.70
Farmer & Son Funeral Homes, Inc.	Ser	2,325.00
Fillmore County Clerk	Sup	30.99
Fillmore Count Court	Fees	415.10
Fillmore County HRA	Sup	30.99
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	25,000.00
Geneva Senior Center Foundation	CASA & USDA Reim	4,044.00
Barbara (Erdkamp) Hein	Ret	96.00
John V. Hodge	Ser	1,874.50
IGY 6 Gunsmithing, LLC	Rep	203.38
Johnson Controls	Main	2,750.00
Lynn Peavey Company	Sup	34.75

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Medica Insurance	Insur	46,313.56
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	Dues	75.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	919.92
911 Custom	Equip, Sup	3,349.22
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	1,400.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	6,679.43
Security Equipment, Inc.	Rep	941.63
State of Nebraska DAS State Acctg	Ser	733.60
State of Nebraska Health & Human Svcs	Dec patient care	93.00
Luetta Strothkamp	Ret	96.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, PC, LLO	Ser	2,520.29
WEX Bank	Fuel	2,349.11
Payroll	Salaries	98,004.04

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,181.11
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,764.03
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	1,620.00
Gaylen Energy Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,078.95
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	70.75
Steven Jappert	Ret	96.00
Douglas Motis	Misc	46.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	465.49
Nichols Construction	Gravel	30,098.02
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	107.49
Protex Central, Inc.	Main	462.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,295.00
Riverside Portables, LLC	Main	240.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	345.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	616.42
Woods & Aitken	Ser	2,050.60
Payroll	Salaries	36,799.89

INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Asia Motors, Inc.	Equip	27,335.00
Edna F. Lichti Estate	Refund	6,000.00
Woods & Aitken	Ser	210.00

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:

CenturyLink	Ser	3,133.10
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ROAD DEPT/COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND FUND:

Union Bank & Trust	Interest	20,379.93
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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, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
 Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

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

Tallgrass Energy, LLC – install electrical line between NW ¼, Section 13 to the N ½ SW ¼, Section 14 across Road 6 between Road U and Road V, Bryant 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;

Tallgrass Energy, LLC – install electrical line between the N ½ NE ¼, Section 8 to the N ½ of the NW ¼, Section 9 across Road 3 between Road Hwy 74 and Road U, Bryant 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

Melissa M. Lawrence – install a gas line between the NE ¼, Section 35 to the NW ¼, Section 36 across Road L between Road 11 and Road 12, 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, Graham, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
 Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis informed the Board that the bridge located on Road Q between Road 19 and Road 20 is currently closed and needs to be replaced. Speece Lewis will work on getting the bridge sized.

Discussion regarding the Highway Superintendent position took place between the Board and Doug. Kylie Reinsch presented a letter regarding her experience working at the Road Dept and asking for Doug to be appointed the Highway Superintendent.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Brandon Hinrichs gave a presentation to the Board regarding programs that he would like to start in Fillmore County.

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

County Attorney, Jill Cunningham; County Treasurer, Darcy Nun; Clerk of the District Court, Peggy Birky; Chief Deputy, Mark McFarland; and County Clerk, Amy Nelson gave their quarterly update to the Board.

TAKE POTENTIAL ACTION ON REVOKING THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER 911 SERVICES (INCLUDING DISPATCHERS) FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/911 CENTER COMMITTEE

After discussion, Noel moved and Graham seconded the motion to revoke the power and authority over the 911 Services (including dispatchers) from the Communications/911 Center Committee. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

TAKE POTENTIAL ACTION ON ASSIGNING THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER 911 SERVICES (INCLUDING DISPATCHERS) TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF

Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to assign the power and authority over 911 Services (including dispatchers) to the County Sheriff. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

2024 4th QUARTER ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENTS

After review, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the 2024 fourth (4th) quarter accountability statements as presented from Clerk of the District Court, County Attorney, County Clerk (Section 125 and Register of Deeds), and County Sheriff. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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 the meeting at 11:06 a.m. until February 11, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Lightwine, 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 28th day of January 2025.

Attest

Chairman