

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., March 11, 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 March 11, 2025, at 9:05 a.m.

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

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 February 25, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Neiman opened public comment period – Board members discussed LR13CA regarding inheritance tax and hearing scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Sluka will try to go testify and encouraged others to contact the Revenue committee and Senator Brandt.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY CONCERNS WITH THE BULLPENS**

Ronnie Wilson and Barbara Trapp were present to discuss maintenance and safety concerns with the bullpens, which the City of Geneva has a 99-year lease that was put into place on March 2, 1938. After discussion, a few Board members stated they will get on the City's agenda.

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

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

Plainsview Properties – install an electric line within the SW ¼, Section 19, across Road 13 between Road K and Highway 81, 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.

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.

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS**

After discussion, Cerny moved and Graham seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION #2025 – 08**

**WHEREAS:** Fillmore County and State entered into an agreement "Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads" (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BL2399 executed on September 21, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is the responsibility of the County to install all devices.

**WHEREAS:** the Fillmore County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

**WHEREAS:** the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Board of Fillmore County:

- (1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

### **FUEL TANKS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN SHOPS**

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to purchase five (5) 1,000-gallon double wall tanks for the out-of-town shops from Lichti Oil for approximately \$31,600.00. 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.

### **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 \$26.95, Bennett \$30.00, Bryant \$29.20, Chelsea \$28.45, Exeter \$30.75, Fairmont \$30.00, Franklin \$26.95, Geneva \$29.20, Glengary \$27.70, Grafton \$30.75, Hamilton \$27.70, Liberty \$29.20, Madison \$29.20, Momence \$29.20, Stanton \$28.45, West Blue \$30.00, and Stockpile \$20.80.

**Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Boyden Pit:** Belle Prairie \$29.20, Bennett \$32.25, Bryant \$30.75, Chelsea \$30.00, Exeter \$32.25, Fairmont \$32.25, Franklin \$28.45, Geneva \$31.50, Glengary \$29.20, Grafton \$33.05, Hamilton \$30.00, Liberty \$30.75, Madison \$31.50, Momence \$31.50, Stanton \$30.75, West Blue \$32.25, and Stockpile \$20.80.

**Gana Trucking & Excavating:** Belle Prairie \$36.75, Bennett \$36.75, Bryant \$37.35, Chelsea \$35.71, Exeter \$34.14, Fairmont \$36.46, Franklin \$37.85, Geneva \$35.39, Glengary \$36.46, Grafton \$35.99, Hamilton \$36.59, Liberty \$35.16, Madison \$35.56, Momence \$37.35, Stanton \$35.99, West Blue \$34.81, and Stockpile no bid.

**Curbside Construction, LLC:** Belle Prairie \$33.00, Bennett \$33.50, Bryant \$33.50, Chelsea \$33.00, Exeter \$34.50, Fairmont \$34.50, Franklin \$33.00, Geneva \$33.50, Glengary \$33.00, Grafton \$34.50, Hamilton \$33.00, Liberty \$33.50, Madison \$33.50, Momence \$33.50, Stanton \$33.00, West Blue \$34.50, and Stockpile \$24.00.

**Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel:** Exeter \$39.90, Fairmont \$38.43, Geneva \$39.75, Grafton \$39.90, Madison \$39.75, West Blue \$38.43, and Stockpile \$17.99. Did not bid on any of the other townships.

**DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction:** Belle Prairie \$24.75, Bennett \$27.00, Bryant \$27.15, Chelsea \$26.00, Exeter \$27.75, Fairmont \$27.75, Franklin \$24.50, Geneva \$27.15, Glengary \$25.40, Grafton \$24.75, Hamilton \$25.50, Liberty \$27.20, Madison \$27.20, Momence \$27.20, Stanton \$26.45, West Blue \$25.25, and Stockpile \$18.00.

**Harre Seed, Inc.:** \$6.00 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

**Fillmore Rock & Gravel:** \$5.50 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

#### **COARSE ROAD GRAVEL**

**Beatrice Sand & Gravel - Alex Pit:** Belle Prairie \$26.95, Bennett \$30.00, Bryant \$29.20, Chelsea \$28.45, Exeter \$30.75, Fairmont \$30.00, Franklin \$26.95, Geneva \$29.20, Glengary \$27.70, Grafton \$30.75, Hamilton \$27.70, Liberty \$29.20, Madison \$29.20, Momence \$29.20, Stanton \$28.45, West Blue \$30.00, and Stockpile \$20.80.

**Beatrice Sand & Gravel - Boyden Pit:** Belle Prairie \$29.20, Bennett \$32.25, Bryant \$30.75, Chelsea \$30.00, Exeter \$32.25, Fairmont \$32.25, Franklin \$28.45, Geneva \$31.50, Glengary \$29.20, Grafton \$33.05, Hamilton \$30.00, Liberty \$30.75, Madison \$31.50, Momence \$31.50, Stanton \$30.75, West Blue \$32.25, and Stockpile \$20.80.

**Mid-NE Aggregate:** Bennett \$25.50, Exeter \$28.75, Fairmont \$27.75, Geneva \$27.00, Grafton \$24.00, Madison \$28.00, West Blue \$24.25, and Stockpile \$13.50. Did not bid on any of the other townships.

**Ackerman Rock & Gravel Co.:** Exeter \$42.80, did not bid any of the other townships.

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**Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel:** Exeter \$39.90, Fairmont \$38.43, Geneva \$39.75, Grafton \$39.90, Madison \$39.75, West Blue \$38.43, and Stockpile \$17.99. Did not bid on any of the other townships.

**Overland Sand & Gravel:** Stockpile \$17.25, did not bid on any of the other townships.

**DPL Enterprises, Inc., DBA Nichols Construction:** Belle Prairie \$24.75, Bennett \$27.00, Bryant \$27.15, Chelsea \$26.00, Exeter \$27.75, Fairmont \$27.75, Franklin \$24.50, Geneva \$27.15, Glengary \$25.40, Grafton \$24.75, Hamilton \$25.50, Liberty \$27.20, Madison \$27.20, Momence \$27.20, Stanton \$26.45, West Blue \$25.25, and Stockpile \$18.00.

**Harre Seed, Inc.:** \$6.00 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

**Fillmore Rock & Gravel:** \$5.50 per loaded 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, Lightwine, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka  
Nays: None                                      Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Harre

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **BRIDGE REPAIRS ON ROAD Q BETWEEN ROAD 19 AND ROAD 20**

After discussion, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to put a twin 12 x 8 box culvert and to start the design and bid process. Speece Lewis estimated the project to cost between \$150,000.00 and \$170,000.00. 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.

#### **SURPLUS OF OIL TANK**

At the request of Assistant Highway Superintendent, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to declare the oil tank as surplus. Upon the 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 ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR GENEVA TOWNSHIP FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT**

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to allow the Road Department additional authority for Geneva Township up to \$8,000.00 due to a new residence being built within the township and having to bring up a dirt road. 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.

#### **OTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis informed the Board that he will be working on the occupy county right-of-way permit rules and regulations.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AND SALARY**

After a lengthy discussion, Harre moved and Noel seconded the motion to appoint Assistant Highway Superintendent Doug Motis to Highway Superintendent with a salary of \$73,000.00 effective April 1, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion failed.

After further discussion, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to appoint Assistant Highway Superintendent Doug Motis to Highway Superintendent with a salary of \$70,000.00 effective April 1, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried, Doug Motis did not accept or decline the offer, wanted time to think it over.

### 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	2,022.94
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Equip	5,336.48
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep	76.97
Axline Power Services "APS"	Ser, Main	3,028.42
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,480.00
Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC	Meals	629.50
Black Hills Energy	Uti	2,646.80
Charm Tex	Sup	363.60
CIDNET	Sup	300.00
City of Geneva	Uti	500.15
Clearly	Uti	405.28
Brandie Conway	Parking, Sup	36.17
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,558.96
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	340.20
Jill R. Cunningham	Rent	183.33
Dollar General	Sup	28.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	636.58
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	Sup	115.00
Sharon Elznic	Mtgs, Mile	67.52
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	165.02
Fillmore County Clerk of District Court	Fees	173.00
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	3,559.02
Fillmore County Med Center	Ser	264.24
Fillmore County Treasurer	Interest	2,049.98
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser	35.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip	2,172.84
Fortify Group	Sup	80.00
Geneva Tire	Rep, Main	398.47
Richard Girmus	Mtgs, Mile	23.04
Glenwood	Ser	314.75
Shawn Gray	Post	18.55
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Equip	750.00
Matt Hafer	Mtgs, Mile	51.44
Hamilton County Sheriff's Department	Boarding prisoners	2,150.00
Matt Harre	Mtgs, Mile	72.88
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.34
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,605.80
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC	Ser, Mile, Sup	4,167.12
KBK Designs	Sup	669.40
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	197.00
Kravec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser	1,873.42
L-Tron Corp	Equip	2,352.50
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	710.89
Mid-American Research Chemical	Sup	576.75
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,295.30
Morley Most	Mtgs, Mile	36.44
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	80.00
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Wksh	600.00
Nebraska Door & Window, LLC	Rep	248.98
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center	Sup	75.00
The Nebraska Signal	Ads, Proc	1,424.24
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Wksh	150.00
Nick's Farm Store	Rep	90.44
Reg Noel	Mtgs, Mile	35.10
Platte Valley Communications of Hastings	Sup, Equip	29,841.90
Point C	Ser	348.75
Precision Signs & Graphics, LLC	Sup	3,766.00
PurFoods, LLC	Meals	386.40
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,311.59
State of Nebraska Dept of Corrections	Board prisoners, Med	6,346.51
Dawn M. Stites	Rent	183.33
Allan Stuckey	Mtgs, Mile	35.10
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup	314.17
Sullivan Shoemaker PC, LLO	Ser	2,484.71
TK Elevator Corporation	Ser	329.91
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	462.23

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University Nebraska Lincoln	Equip	2,297.00
US Bank CPS	Post, Sup, Equip, Wksh	2,170.55
Van Diest Supply Company	Sup	1,430.85
Reid Velte	Ser	337.50
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	87.50
York State Bank	HSA funding	7,187.50
Payroll	Salaries	64,962.06

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	256.22
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co.	Fuel	1,594.32
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep, Sup, Main	573.19
Black Hills Energy	Uti	1,201.67
City of Geneva	Uti	91.40
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,727.53
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup	60.95
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	350.72
Friesen Chevrolet, Inc.	Rep	643.00
Gaylen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel, Uti	2,502.87
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	35.67
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires, Main	2,327.40
Geneva Welding & Supply, Inc.	Sup	50.00
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	129.90
Hometown Leasing	Ser	166.36
Metrocount USA, Inc.	Equip	959.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
Nebraska Industrial Fasteners Corporation	Sup	344.68
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	28.34
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Main	12.59
NMC, Inc.	Rep, Ser	3,411.62
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	165.41
Power Plan	Rep, Parts	4,423.70
Protex Central, Inc.	Equip	726.01
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,309.45
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	3,574.28
Spring Creek Repair & Farm Supply	Rep	189.80
Verizon	Ser	504.30
Village of Exeter	Uti	27.15
Village of Fairmont	Uti	32.99
Village of Grafton	Uti	85.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	159.47
Payroll	Salaries	36,314.00

**REGISTRER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:**

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	148.48
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**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:**

Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Equip	7,408.00
gWorks	Ser	27,968.00

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

Glenwood	Uti	64.95
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**HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:**

Fillmore County Hospital	February taxes	1,569.33
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**CLAIMS APPROVED**

Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented with a correction to Nebraska Door & Window from \$121.50 to 248.98. 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 FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

After review, Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the fee reports for February 2025 as presented:

**County Clerk \$15,885.22** (State \$10,285.04 & County \$5,600.18)  
**Clerk of the District Court \$1,831.45**  
**County Sheriff \$1,186.13**

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.

**ESTIMATES FOR LAWN SPRAYING AND FERTILIZATION FOR COURTHOUSE AND EAST BUILDING**

<u>VENDOR:</u>	<u>COURTHOUSE:</u>	<u>EAST BUILDING:</u>
Hebron Lawn Care (5 steps)	\$ 8,897.50 for both Courthouse & East Building	
Noel Lawn Care (4 steps)	\$ 5,678.40	
East Building Irrigated portion		\$ 659.12
East Building Non-Irrigated portion		\$ 595.20

**LAWN SPRAYING**

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to have Noel Lawn Care for a total of \$6,932.72 for both the Courthouse and East Building. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Lightwine, Neiman, and Sluka  
Nays: None                      Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Noel

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**APRIL 2025 BOARD MEETING**

After discussion, the April 22, 2025, meeting will be moved to April 29, 2025.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. until March 25, 2025. 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.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Attest

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Chairman