

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., March 25, 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 Equalization 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.

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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 Equalization room.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the January 9, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION HEARING

County Treasurer, Darcy Nun submitted a Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption for VSL Geneva, LLC for a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan, 2007 Ford Turtle Top Bus, and 2012 Dodge Ram 1500.

Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemptions for VSL Geneva, LLC for a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan, 2007 Ford Turtle Top Bus, and 2012 Dodge Ram 1500. Carried 5-2, Graham and Sluka nay.

ADJOURNMENT

As there were no other items to come before the Board of Equalization, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., April 8, 2025. Carried 7-0.

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.

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., March 25, 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.

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MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham informed the Board that Morley Most resigned at their March meeting and Tyler Williams is interested in being on the planning commission.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DISCUSSION

Blake Bauer, President of FCDC; Jennifer Ashe, FCDC member; and Eric Johnson, FCDC Director were present to discuss putting together a document that identifies what the County and the FCDC Board is responsible for. Blake, Eric, and Amy Nelson will put together a document to present and have approved by both the FCDC Board and the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors.

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	244.97
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,211.12
Axline Power Services ‘APS’	Main, Ser	914.60
Axon Enterprises, Inc.	Equip	515.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,284.52
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup, Ser	286.96
Fillmore County Medical Center	Ser	37.29
Fillmore County Sheriff	Fees	100.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	450,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser	35.00
Funk Medical and Mobility	Equip	345.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup	158.11
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,352.02
Graham Tire Grand Island	Tires	805.24
Hall County Sheriff	Ser	8.92
Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office	Boarding prisoners	1,850.00
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Grand Island	Lodging	880.00
Johnson Controls	Ser	2,750.00
Jami Knerl	Sup, Meals	156.45
Lancaster County Sheriff	Ser	81.82
Medica Insurance	Insur	50,918.65
Gatlin Motis	Sup	30.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers	Wksh	175.00
Nebraska Door & Window, LLC	Rep	248.98
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,469.06
Michael Potter	Sup	30.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	6,906.68
State of Nebraska DAS State Accounting	Ser	196.00
State of Nebraska Dept of Correctional Int	Boarding prisoners, Sup	5,907.08
State of Nebraska Health & Human Serv.	Patient care	84.00
State of Nebraska State Patrol	Main	852.50
Sullivan Shoemaker PC, LLO	Ser	57.50
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	157.64
WexBank	Fuel	4,229.50
Windstream	Uti	379.80
York County Sheriff	Ser	19.00
Payroll	Salaries	62,689.51

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	186.49
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co.	Fuel	8,876.52
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,408.74
Heather Clark	Ser	55.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,697.75
Gaylen Energy Supply, LLC	Uti	502.50
Geneva Home Center	Sup	123.02
Geneva Parts City	Parts, Sup	207.67
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	71.01
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc.	Equip	338,555.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	80.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	624.28
Derek O’Connor	Misc	1,736.00
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	112.11
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,262.72
Riverside Portables, LLC	Ser	240.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	10,771.60
VanKirk Bros Contracting	Box Culvert	190,718.49
Western Oil II, LLC	Parts	120.50
WexBank	Fuel	596.20
Woods Aitken, LLP	Ser	3,424.75
Payroll	Salaries	35,921.76

FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND:

PB Electronics	Equip	2,230.00
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Applied Connective Technologies	Equip	11,961.39
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

First Wireless, Inc.	Rep	1,326.50
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	211.07
Platte Valley Communications	Main	516.35

CLAIMS APPROVED

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Carried 7-0.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FILLMORE COUNTY FUNDS FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

After discussion, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement with Glenwood contributing \$350,000.00 toward the match for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. Carried 7-0.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

After review, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permit as presented: Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along Road 6 between Road O and Road P; along Road O between Road 6 and Road 7; along Road 7 between Road N and Road O; along Road 7 between Road Q and Road P; along Road Q between Road 7 and Road 9; and along Road 8 between Road N and Hwy 41, Momence and Stanton Townships; Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along Road 12 between Road O and Road S; along Road P between Road 12 and Hwy 81; along Road Q between Road 11 and Road 12; along Road R between Road 10 and Road 12; along Road 11 between Road R and Road S; and Road 12 between Road R and Road S, Stanton Township; Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along Road 6 between Road J and Hwy 41; along Road 9 between Road L and Hwy 41; along Road 10 between Road L and Hwy 41; and Road 12 between Hwy 41 and Road O, Stanton Township; Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along Road U between Road 6 and Road 8; along Road V between Road 5 and Road 10; along Road W between Road 8 and Road 9; along Road X between Road 4 and Road 11; along Road 6 between Hwy 74 and Road X; and Road 9 between Road W and Road Y, Bryant and Hamilton Townships; and Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along Road M between Hwy 81 and Road 22, along Road 15 between Road L and Road M, along Road L between Road 15 and Road 16, along Road 16 between Road J and Road L, along Road 17 between Road M and Hwy 41, along Road 18 between Road M and Road O along Road 20 between Road K and Road M, Chelsea and Madison Townships. Carried 7-0.

WORK ORDER AGREEMENT WITH SPEECE LEWIS FOR PROJECT C30(454) ROAD Q BETWEEN ROAD 19 AND ROAD 20, GLENGARY TOWNSHIP

After discussion, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the work order with Speece Lewis for Project C30(454) for Road Q between Road 19 and Road 20 for a box culvert. Carried 7-0.

NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

After review, Noel moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the annual fire sprinkler contract for 2025 in the amount of \$320.00 for the Road Department. Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NEW COUNTY OCCUPY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis presented two new County Occupy Right-of-Way permits to the Board for their review. Doug will have the Deputy County Attorney review them and bring back for Board approval.

APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AND SALARY

After a lengthy discussion, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to appoint Assistant Highway Superintendent Doug Motis to Highway Superintendent with an hourly rate of \$34.50 effective April 1, 2025. Carried 4-3, Cerny, Lightwine and Sluka nays.

TERMINATION OF SPEECE LEWIS CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to terminate the contract with Speece Lewis for Highway Superintendent effective April 30, 2025, and request County Clerk to send a letter. Carried 7-0.

COPIER LEASE FOR THE EXTENSION OFFICE

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the lease with Eakes Office Solutions for a new copier at the Extension office and authorized Brandy VanDeWalle to sign the lease. Carried 7-0.

EXTENSION OFFICE UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR POLLINATOR GARDEN

March 25, 2025

Brandy VanDeWalle gave an update to the Board regarding the Stem Day that they had in Fillmore County for all 1st through 6th grade students in Fillmore County. Jody Gartner was present for the discussion regarding adding a pollinator garden at the East Building.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the pollinator garden to be located on the East side of the Extension office building for approximately \$1,000.00 to be paid out of the East Office Building budget. Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY OF GENEVA REGARDING BULLPENS

Joe Casey and Kyle Svec with the City of Geneva were present for discussion regarding the bullpens. After discussion, Joe will take back to his committee about the possibility of adding some gravel to a portion of the bullpen to see how it will work. The cost estimate to replace the concrete in the bullpens is around \$750,000.00.

LUNDBERG SUBDIVISION

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham submitted the Lundberg Subdivision located in the W ½ of the SW ¼, Section 4, Madison Township

After review, Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Lundberg Subdivision as presented with the following legal description: a tract of land located in the West half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska being described as follows: commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 4; thence N01°52'06"W (assumed bearing) on the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4, a distance of 1180.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N88°07'54"W, perpendicular to said West line a distance of 515.00 feet; thence N01°52'06"W, parallel to said West line, a distance of 370.00 feet; thence S88°07'54"W, perpendicular to said West line, a distance of 515.00 feet to said West line; thence S01°52'06"E, on said West line, a distance of 370.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 4.37 acres, more or less, including 0.28 acres, more or less, of County Right-of-Way. Carried 7-0.

NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR COURTHOUSE

After review, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the annual fire sprinkler inspection for 2025 in the amount of \$460.00 for the Courthouse. Carried 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to appoint Tyler Williams to fill the term of Morley Most effective immediately to the Planning Commission. Carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

Agenda item "PurpleAir Monitor will be discussed at a future Board meeting. As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. until April 8, 2025. Carried 7-0.

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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.