

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., April 8, 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 April 8, 2025, at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Chairman: Jeff Neiman  
Members: Larry Cerny, Ralph Graham, Mark Lightwine, Merle Noel, and Wade Sluka

Absent: Kenny Harre  
County Clerk: Amy Nelson

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 March 25, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Sluka informed the Board that he was contacted by the Company that was proposing a new wind turbine project in the Glengary Township area that they are putting this project on hold for the time being.

#### **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. Joe reported that the City Council approved the purchase of crushed rock/fines on a portion of the East bullpen to see how this works. The City has ordered signs to be placed around both bullpens alerting the public of the condition. The City might also try an area using asphalt millings to see which one would work best. Ronnie Wilson, Barbara Trapp, Darcy Nun, Brenda Motis, and Doug Motis were present for discussion.

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW COUNTY OCCUPY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

After review, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the new Permit to Construct Telecommunications Utilities on County Right-of-Way and Permit to Construct Utilities on County Right-of-Way permit applications as approved by the Deputy County Attorney and to increase the fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00 effective immediately. Upon roll call, the vote was follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **PRESENTATION BY GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS REGARDING GOVERNMENT PURCHASING OPTIONS**

Jesse Bracewell with Government Solutions gave a presentation to the Board regarding purchasing using Source Well which is allowed under Nebraska Revised State Statute §23-3109.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING 911 COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE PROJECT**

Sheriff Mark McFarland and Emergency Manager Jean Engle presented a diagram adding towers and repeaters in Exeter, Shickley, and Milligan to enhance communications for all departments (police, fire, and rescue) within the County and new repeaters at the Geneva tower location.

After discussion, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to authorize them to move forward with the 911 Communications upgrade with First Wireless. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **SHERIFF VEHICLE PURCHASE**

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve a new pickup from Erdkamp Motors for the Sheriff office for approximately \$40,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HEARING FOR BOECK FARM OUTFITTERS,  
LOCATED IN SECTION 10, EXETER TOWNSHIP**

Chairman Neiman opened the hearing at 11:04, Zoning Administrator Graham presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission and an overview of the conditional use permit. No one appeared to testify for or against the permit.

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to close the hearing and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Boeck Farm Outfitters 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.

**AMENDED STENDEL FARMS SUBDIVISION**

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham submitted the Amended Stengel Farms Subdivision located in the SE ¼, Section 17, Momence Township

After review, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the Amended Stengel Farms Subdivision as presented with the following legal description: a tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 17; thence N00°00'00"E (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 687.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N00°00'00"E, on said East line, a distance of 1955.00 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 17 and the Southeast corner of a tract of land as recorded in Deed book 89, page 47; thence N90°00'00"W perpendicular to the East line of said Southeast Quarter and on the South line of said tract of land, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S00°00'00"W, parallel with and 100.00 feet west of said East line, a distance of 1955.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, perpendicular to said East line a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 4.49 acres, more or less, including 1.48 acres, more or less, of County Right-of-Way.

Legal description – Lot 1: a tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 17, thence N00°00'00"E (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1587.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N00°00'00"E, on said East line, a distance of 1055.00 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 17 and the Southeast corner of a tract of land as recorded in Deed book 89, page 46; thence N90°00'00"W perpendicular to the East line of said Southeast Quarter and on the South line of said tract of land, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S00°00'00"W, parallel with and 100.00 feet West of said East line, a distance of 1055.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, perpendicular to said East line a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.42 acres, more or less, including 0.80 acres, more or less, of County Right-of-Way.

Legal description – Lot 2: a tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 17; thence N00°00'00"E (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 687.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N00°00'00"E, on said East line, a distance of 900.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"W perpendicular to the East line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S00°00'00"W, parallel with and 100.00 feet West of said East line, a distance of 900.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, perpendicular to said East line a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.07 acres, more or less, including 0.68 acres, more or less, of 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.

**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	473.61
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser	5,274.04
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep, Main	196.46
B & J Automotive, LLC	Main	78.73
Todd Bauer	Mtgs	105.00
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,730.00
Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC	Meals	41.85
Betka Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Ser, Rep	340.00
Black Hills Energy	Uti	1,226.29
Todd Boller	Mtgs	135.00
Charm-Tex	Sup	134.60
City of Geneva	Uti	505.20
Clearly	Uti	405.50
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,022.71

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Gaylord Craddock	Mtgs, Mile	176.40
Jill Cunningham	Rent, Sup	190.83
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup, Copies	1,383.37
Sharon Elznic	Mtgs, Mile	34.60
James Engle	Mtgs, Mile	126.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	114.59
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	108.00
Fillmore County HRA	Reim petty cash	1,479.81
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer, Sup	50,020.00
First Concord Benefits Group, LLC	Ser	35.00
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,471.13
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Main	82.89
Richard Girmus	Mtgs, Mile	23.40
Glenwood Telecommunications	Uti	374.70
Matt Hafer	Mtgs, Mile	26.20
Matt Harre	Mtgs, Mile	37.40
HD Supply	Sup	451.48
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
Carol Hoarty	Mtgs	105.00
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,605.80
John's Typewriter Services	Equip	325.00
Jami Knerl	Sup	76.99
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	224.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law PC, LLO	Ser	50.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Ser	7.46
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	688.01
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,295.30
Morley Most	Mtgs, Mile	37.40
Nebraska Association of County Extension	Dues	100.00
Ridge Neal	Sup	160.62
Nebraska Clerks of the District Court Assoc.	Wksh	75.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	468.17
The Nebraska Signal	Pro, Ads	616.10
Mariah Newmyer	Mile	154.70
Nick's Farm Store	Rep, Sup	373.69
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	Lodging	250.00
North American Invasive Species Management Association	Wksh	576.52
Point C	Ser	403.00
Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	1,030.00
Reeves Company, Inc.	Sup	35.43
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	6,894.11
Blaine Richards	Mtgs, Mile	92.40
Alexis Schmidt	Mile	289.99
State of Nebraska DAS State Accounting	Ser	537.60
Dawn M. Stites	Rent	183.34
Allan Stuckey	Mtgs, Mile	36.00
Svehla Law Offices	Ser	230.00
Thayer County Treasurer	Sup	314.17
34 Electric, LLC	Equip, Rep	11,780.00
Unifirst Corporation	Ser	580.15
US Bank, CPS	Sup, Lodging, Post, Meals	907.76
USDA, APHIS, General	Ser	4,198.27
Windstream	Uti	275.03
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Uti	87.50
York County Sheriff	Ser	73.48
Payroll	Salaries	57,155.18

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Equip	516.00
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	234.09
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co.	Fuel	1,368.90
Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Sup, Main	263.69
Black Hills Energy	Uti	407.45
City of Geneva	Uti	86.50
Cornerstone Bank	SS	3,549.83
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	11.25
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	297.56
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	3,557.22
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts	126.82
Geneva Parts City	Parts, Sup	86.44
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep	103.50
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	1,030.86
Hometown Leasing	Ser	166.36
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
Nebraska Association of County Engineers Hwy Superintendent	Wksh, Dues	160.00

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Nick's Farm Store Co.	Misc	23.69
NMC, Inc.	Parts, Ser	6,719.01
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	106.84
Power Plan	Ser	19,319.66
Protex Central, Inc.	Main	360.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,899.82
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	1,402.50
US Bank, CPS	Post	29.20
Verizon	Ser	504.30
Village of Exeter	Uti	29.00
Village of Fairmont	Uti	61.06
Village of Milligan	Uti	45.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	177.05
Payroll	Salaries	47,060.05

**REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:**

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

CenturyLink	Uti	3,133.10
First Wireless, Inc.	Rep	2,640.34
Gaylen Energy Supply DBA Lichti Oil	Fuel	64.99
Glenwood Telecommunications	Uti	64.95
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office	Insur	78.94
Windstream	Uti	33.67

**HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:**

Fillmore County Hospital	March taxes collected	4,096.21
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**CLAIMS APPROVED**

Lightwine moved and Cerny 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.

**FEE REPORTS FOR MARCH 2025**

After review, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the fee reports for March 2025 as presented:

**County Clerk \$19,034.98** (State \$12,458.61 & County \$6,576.37)  
**Clerk of the District Court \$1,022.80**  
**County Sheriff \$2,553.61**

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Lightwine, 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; Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator; Brenda Motis, Senior Services Director; and Jean Engle, Emergency Manager; gave their quarterly update to the Board.

**APPOINT SALARY COMMITTEE FOR 2025/2026**

After discussion, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to appoint Supervisors Graham, Lightwine, and Neiman to the salary committee for fiscal year 2025/2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

**JAIL INSPECTION**

Graham, Noel, and Sluka completed the jail inspection noting that the cell lights have been replaced, kitchen remodel will begin in a couple of weeks, cell toilets should be delivered in June, and everything else was in proper order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Sluka moved and Graham 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 consider in executive session pending litigation authorized by Statute to be discussed in executive session. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried, executive session began at 11:34 a.m.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to return to open session at 12:07 p.m. 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**

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 12:08 p.m. until April 29, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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Attest

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Chairman