

A regular meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session, 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 July 8, 2025, at 9:10 a.m.
Present: Chairman: Jeff Neiman
Members: Larry Cerny, Ralph Graham, Kenny Harre, Mark Lightwine, Merle Noel, and Wade Sluka
County Clerk: Amy Nelson

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the June 24, 2025, meeting approved as presented.

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:

A Street Auto Parts Southwest	Sup	77.78
Ackland Construction, Inc.	Rep	1,695.00
Allan Stuckey	Mtgs, Mile	108.00
Amazon Capital Services	Lodging, Sup, Equip	890.21
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Equip	5,281.65
Auto Value Parts Stores	Rep	94.03
B & J Automotive, LLC	Rep, Main	981.33
Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC	Meals	630.25
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	676.00
Black Hills Energy	Uti	142.91
Blaine Richards	Mtgs, Mile	138.60
Carol Hoarty	Mtgs	105.00
Chaney Chemical, Inc.	Sup	886.00
City of Geneva	Uti	1,158.10
Clearlyfly	Uti	404.95
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,488.03
Derek Axline DBA Axline Power Services	Rep	2,997.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup, Equip, Ser	770.10
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	183.02
Fillmore County Clerk of the District Court	Fees	218.00
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	4,813.57
Fillmore County Sheriff	Sup	50.00
Gaylord Craddock	Mtgs, Mile	176.40
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Main, Rep	524.27
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	314.75
HD Supply	Sup	442.36
Heath, Inc.	Rep	65.00
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,416.73
James Engle	Mtgs, Mile	126.00
Janssen of York	Main	179.00
Kaleb Kotas	Fuel, Sup	361.31
Ken Ekeler	Rep, Main	150.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	27.00
Krueger Land Surveying, LLC	Ser	380.00
Lincoln Lock & Safe	Rep	291.90
Lon Schoenholz	Rep	186.00
Mark Betka DBA Betka Plumbing & Heating	Equip	20,555.26
Matt Hafer	Mile	52.40
Matt Harre	Mile	112.20
Mid-American Research Chemical	Sup	1,315.00
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,758.65
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Rep	54.05
NIRMA	Insur	93,511.00
Noel Lawn Care	Ser	1,584.38
PIP Marketing, Signs, & Print	Sup	41.54
Point C	Insur	348.75
Point C Health	Ser	75.00

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Postmaster	Post	400.00
Precision Signs and Graphics, LLC	Sup	20.00
PurFoods, LLC	Sup	405.72
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	1,299.06
Reg Noel	Mile	36.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,398.80
Richard Girmus	Mile	70.20
Sharon Elznic	Mile	103.80
The Nebraska Signal	Pro, Ads	792.03
Todd Bauer	Mtgs	105.00
Todd Boller	Mtgs	135.00
Tyler Williams	Mile	112.20
Unifirst Corporation	Sup	577.15
US Bank CPS	Sup, Wksh, Post, Lodging	1,488.52
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	117.50
Payroll	Salaries	63,685.93

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

A Street Auto Parts Southwest	Parts	17.14
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Parts, Main	195.15
Auto Value Parts Stores	Sup, Parts, Main	1,763.14
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	1,574.86
Black Hills Energy	Uti	92.20
City of Geneva	Uti	86.50
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,647.88
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	365.07
Gaylen Energy Supply, LLC	Equip	1,358.00
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts	12.00
Geneva Parts City	Parts, Sup	36.33
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep	93.35
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Hometown Leasing	Ser	166.36
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
NIRMA	Insur	69,957.00
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	88.47
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,256.86
The Nebraska Signal	Ads	247.52
US Bank CPS	Rep	981.65
Verizon	Uti	502.30
Village of Exeter	Uti	27.15
Village of Fairmont	Uti	59.63
Village of Milligan	Uti	45.00
Village of Ohioa	Uti	48.00
Village of Shickley	Uti	168.34
Payroll	Salaries	35,535.04

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	154.62
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Broadband project	125,000.00
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Andrews Electric Co., Inc.	Rep, Main	466.28
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95

HOSPITAL OPERATING FUND:

Fillmore County Hospital	June taxes	647.62
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. 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.

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AGREEMENT WITH REGION 5 SYSTEMS

After review by the Deputy County Attorney, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) Agreement with Region 5 Systems beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 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.

FEE REPORTS FOR JUNE 2025

After review, Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the June 2025 fee reports as submitted:

County Clerk \$18,139.53 (State \$10,626.30 & County \$7,513.23)
Clerk of the District Court \$1,593.67
County Sheriff \$2,050.12

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.

BRYANT TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION

After discussion, Sluka moved and Lightwine seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025 – 01 BT

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivision subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County is the levy authority for the Bryant Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following is said Board’s request for budget year 2025/2026: General Fund \$13,048.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has Interlocal Agreements of \$7,350.00 as a lid exclusion and it not included in the above tax request as allowed by law.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

GENEVA TOWNSHIP PRELIMINARY LEVY ALLOCATION

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

RESOLUTION #2025 – 01 GT

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivision subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County is the levy authority for the Geneva Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following is said Board’s request for budget year 2025/2026: General Fund \$10,521.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has Interlocal Agreements of \$7,350.00 as a lid exclusion and it not included in the above tax request as allowed by law.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT FUNDING FOR NEBRASKA

The Board discussed that Nebraska was losing about \$16K in the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) broadband infrastructure grant program with Fillmore County dropping from 212 eligible to 117, which is 44.81%.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to send letters to United States Senators Smith, Fischer and Ricketts, Governor Pillen and Senator Brandt regarding the decrease in funding to BEAD. 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.

DISCUSSION WITH ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis and the Board discussed the increase in the price of gravel and budgeting for the same number of miles as in past years. Further discussion will take place during the budget process.

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET REQUEST

Shari Weber, CEO, Heather Lytle, Administrative Director, and Cassie Pfeifer, Site Leader of Fillmore County Head Start with Blue Valley Community Action presented the annual report and budget request of \$4,600.00 for fiscal year 2025/2026.

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET REQUEST

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) presented the annual report, projects happening within Fillmore County, and budget request of \$6,288.00 for fiscal year 2025/2026.

INSURANCE RENEWAL DISCUSSION WITH BENEFIT MANAGEMENT

Dan Duren, Benefit Advisor with Benefit Management informed the Board that the October 2025 renewal with Medica would increase by 8.3%. Dan reviewed the benefits offered to the employees along with a couple changes. Dustin or Dan will be scheduling employee meetings before the renewal date.

QUARTERLY MEETING WITH APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

Todd Boller, Noxious Weed Superintendent; Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator; and Jean Engle, Emergency Manager; gave their quarterly update to the Board.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. until July 22, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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 8th day of July 2025.

Attest

Chairman