

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 22, 2025, at 9:09 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 July 8, 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:

Amazon Capital Services	Sup	329.40
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,190.51
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,480.00
Bryan Health	Sup	54.90
Brandie Conway	Wksh	130.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,531.54
Jill Cunningham	Rent	183.33
Dana Safety Supply, Inc.	Equip	3,290.04
Patricia I. Engle	Meals	39.96
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup	28.82
Farmer & Son Funeral Home, Inc.	Ser	300.00
Fillmore County Hospital	Ser	50.60
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	9,081.07
Fillmore County Medical Center, PC	Ser	37.32
Fillmore County Sheriff	Ser	50.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Insur	52.50
Futurity IT, Inc.	Maint	1,500.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	83.51
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	999.90
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc	Main, Rep	113.65
Guardian RFID	Equip, Maint	4,453.00
Hamilton County Sheriff	Boarding prisoners	950.00
Kimberly J. Hirth	Rent	183.33
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices	Ser	4,178.74
KBK Creative Designs	Sup	53.00
Kiesler Police Supply	Sup, Equip	1,223.75
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	197.00
Kaleb Kotas	Misc	39.95
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	1,866.12
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Sup	238.50
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	710.89
Medica Insurance	Insur	51,871.67
MIPS, Inc.	Sup	204.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center	Lodging	75.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	2,403.90
PB Electronics	Rep	133.00
Physicians Laboratory, PC	Ser	2,750.00
Platte Valley Communications	Sup, Equip	29,777.90
Region V Services	Ser	856.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,412.51
St of Nebraska Dept of Correctional Serv	Boarding prisoners, Ser	9,492.01
St of Nebraska Health & Human Serv	Ser	90.00
Dawn M. Stites	Rent	183.34
Stryker Sales, LLC	Sup	300.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, PC, LLO	Ser	500.40
Thayer County Treasurer	Subscription	314.17
United States Treasury	Misc	154.56

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USDA, APHIS, General	Ser	2,635.10
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	318.95
WEX Bank	Fuel	4,684.92
Windstream	Uti	266.39
Payroll	Salaries	63,390.99

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Amazon Capital Services	Sup	62.73
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
Beatrice Sand and Gravel	Gravel	24,118.71
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,183.11
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,868.15
Exeter Lumber, LLC	Sup	110.55
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	2,234.26
Geneva Home Center	Sup	121.26
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	35.96
Johnson Service Company	Ser, Maint	3,925.00
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	369.51
NMC Exchange, LLC	Parts, Ser, Maint	9,455.96
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	100.27
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,449.06
Riverside Portables, LLC	Ser	200.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	4,975.00
Western Oil II, LLC	Fuel	60.13
WEX Bank	Fuel	1,212.13
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Ser	2,844.50
Payroll	Salaries	38,382.31

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	223.77
Windstream	Uti	33.67

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:**

CenturyLink	Uti	3,133.09
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**ROAD DEPT/COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND FUND:**

Union Bank & Trust	Principal & Interest	150,609.93
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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.

**BAILIFF BUDGET REQUEST**

Judge Barga submitted the bailiff's budget request of \$10,094.67 for fiscal year 2025/2026.

**PEST CONTROL FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS**

After discussion, Harre moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the quote from Ecolab to perform monthly pest control services at the Courthouse, East Building, East Extension Building, and Road Dept. 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.

**MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES FOR COUNTY AUDIT**

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the management agreement with Contryman Associates, PC to complete the County audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, not to exceed \$17,000.00. 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.

**BRYANT TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT LETTER WITH MANNING & ASSOCIATES FOR BUDGET PREPARATION FOR 2025/2026**

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Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the management letter with Manning & Associates to prepare the 2025/2026 budget for Bryant Township. 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.

#### **GENEVA TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT LETTER WITH MANNING & ASSOCIATES FOR BUDGET PREPARATION FOR 2025/2026**

Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the management letter with Manning & Associates to prepare the 2025/2026 budget for Geneva Township. 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.

#### **MARRIAGE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

After discussion, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the marriage license agreement with Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2031. 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.

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

After review, Lightwine 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 Q and Road R, Momence 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

Glenwood Technologies – install fiber optic cable along North Exeter Ave in Exeter, between North Boundary Street, Exeter and Road D, Exeter 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.

#### **EXETER AND FAIRMONT COUNTY SHOP BATHROOM BIDS**

Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis informed the Board that he had received two bids for adding bathrooms in the Exeter and Fairmont County shops: Erb Plumbing - \$33,742.69 for Fairmont and \$40,758.08 for Exeter and Bill Blundell & Betka Plumbing - \$37,300.00 for Fairmont and \$39,300.00 for Exeter.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve Erb Plumbing for the Fairmont shop for \$33,742.69 and Betka Plumbing for the Exeter shop for \$39,300.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**

Brad Slaughter, Managing Director, Public Finance with Northland discussed the lease purchase of equipment option and what a payment would look like. No action was taken; further research and discussion at a future meeting.

#### **VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Veterans Service Officer, Nick Wollenberg informed the Board that Butch Long has resigned from the Veterans Service Committee. Nick has presented five (5) names to the committee, and they recommended Miranda Beck.

Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to appoint Miranda Beck to the Veterans Service Committee for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 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.

### **EAGLEVIEW CONTRACT**

After review by Deputy County Attorney, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to authorize County Assessor, Melissa Houchin to sign the Eagleview contract. 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.

### **CENTRAL SQUARE FOR SHERIFF/DISPATCH**

Sheriff, Mark McFarland presented a quote from a new software program that would be used by Sheriff, dispatch, and jail.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the Central Square program in the amount of \$55,081.49. 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.

### **TAX SALE**

County Treasurer, Darcy Nun presented the Board with a list of properties that are one year delinquent in taxes and requested that a tax sale be placed on these six (6) properties.

At the request of the County Treasurer, Graham moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION #2025 – 12**

**WHEREAS**, the County Treasurer of Fillmore County has reported in writing to the County Board setting out a complete list of all parcels of real estate in the county on which taxes are delinquent and which were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in Fillmore County and said real estate taxes have been delinquent for a period of three or more years.

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has examined the same and while it may direct the issuance of tax sale certificates to the county upon any parcel of real estate upon which there are any delinquent taxes, it shall, as to all parcels of real estate upon which taxes are delinquent for three or more years, either enter an order directing the foreclosure of the lien of such taxes or shall enter an order for the County Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such parcels for real estate, to be foreclosed in the manner provided in Section 77-1901 to 77-1918, Nebraska Revised Statutes.

**WHEREAS**, more than two consecutive years have elapsed upon real estate which has been offered for sale and not sold for want of bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three years will have elapsed since the issuance of such respective certificates of tax sale and by reason thereof the right of redemption of the owners or claimants of such respective tract has expired;

**BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, that the County Board shall direct the County Attorney to commence foreclosure on such liens or certificates on all real estate which has heretofore been advertised and offered for sale and remains unsold for want of bidders and certificates of tax sale issued thereupon

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.

### **SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT**

Darcy Nun, County Treasurer presented the semi-annual statement for the Board to review.

### **BUDGET REVIEWS**

The following budgets were reviewed throughout the day: Roads, Highway Bridge Buyback, Veteran's Service Office, Planning & Zoning, East Office Building, Assessor, Clerk of the District Court, District Judge, Sheriff, 911 Communications Center, Law Enforcement Program K-9, Law Enforcement Grant, Jail, Federal Drug Law Enforcement, Noxious Weed, Treasurer, Building & Grounds, Senior Services, Emergency Management,

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911 Emergency Management, 911 Wireless Service, Attorney, Board, Clerk, Register of Deeds, Elections, Data Processing, Employment Security, Insurance, Economic Development, Surveyor, County Medical Relief & Assistance, Institutions, Miscellaneous, Economic Development – Tourism, ROD Preservation & Modernization, Friends of the Courthouse, Opioid Recovery, COVID American Rescue, Inheritance Tax, Road Dept/Courthouse Bond, and Ag Society Building Bond.

**QUARTERLY MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS**

County Assessor, Melissa Houchin; Clerk of the District Court, Peggy Birky; County Treasurer, Darcy Nun; County Attorney, Jill Cunningham; County Sheriff, Mark McFarland; and County Clerk, Amy Nelson gave their quarterly update to the Board during budget reviews.

**JAIL INSPECTION**

After review, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion that the jail inspection was in good condition and the kitchen remodel has been completed. It was noted that we will need to do something with the floors and walls in the jail cells in the near future. 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.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Cerny moved and Sluka seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m. until August 12, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2025.

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Chairman