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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

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

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Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **GENEVA TOWNSHIP 2025/2026 BUDGET**

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After discussion, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 10:26 a.m. as there was no public present for discussion. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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**ONE- AND SIX-YEAR PLAN**

Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 19**

**ACCEPTING THE ONE (1) & SIX (6) YEAR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF FILLMORE, NEBRASKA.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chairman and Supervisors of Fillmore County that:

It is hereby found and determined that:

1. The program for distribution of the Highway Allocation Funds provide additional funds to counties for road related maintenance and construction.
2. In order to qualify for said funds the County must, among other things, prepare an annual One (1) and Six (6) Year Program for highway improvements, conduct a local public hearing and submit the results to the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards.
3. The County of Fillmore, Nebraska does hereby adopt the 2025 – 2026 One (1) and Six (6) Year Program as proposed by the Fillmore County Highway Superintendent.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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**2025 – 2026 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED**

Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 20**

**WHEREAS**, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Fillmore County, Nebraska as follows:

Section 1: That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget for Fillmore County for said fiscal year.

Section 2: That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriate to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Section 3: That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

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.

**SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

After completion of the special tax hearing on September 19, 2025, at 6:05 p.m., Graham moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 21**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the Fillmore County resolves that:

The 2025 – 2026 property tax request be set at:

i. General Fund	\$ 6,037,460.65
ii. Road Building Fund	\$ 156,248.05
iii. Ag Society Building Fund	\$ 69,360.03
iv. Hospital Operating Fund	\$ 113,327.38

- The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.18 percent.
- The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes from last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.210257 per \$100 of assessed value.
- The Fillmore County Board of Supervisor proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.218522 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Fillmore County will **increase** last year's budget by 9.16 percent
- A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

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.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., October 14, 2024. 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.

September 23, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
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Attest

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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.

**SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

After completion of the special tax hearing on September 19, 2025, at 6:05 p.m., Graham moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 21**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the Fillmore County resolves that:

The 2025 – 2026 property tax request be set at:

i. General Fund	\$ 6,037,460.65
ii. Road Building Fund	\$ 156,248.05
iii. Ag Society Building Fund	\$ 69,360.03
iv. Hospital Operating Fund	\$ 113,327.38

- The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 4.18 percent.
- The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes from last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.210257 per \$100 of assessed value.
- The Fillmore County Board of Supervisor proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.218522 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Fillmore County will **increase** last year’s budget by 9.16 percent
- A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

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.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., October 14, 2024. 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.

September 23, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
September 2025.

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Attest

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Chairman

BRYANT TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

Opened public hearing at 8:45 a.m. for the Bryant Township budget hearing. The Board reviewed the budget documents and had some discussion among them. As no one appeared to testify for or against, therefore Chairman Neiman closed the hearing at 8:54 a.m.

GENEVA TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

Opened public hearing at 8:55 a.m. for the Geneva Township budget hearing. The Board reviewed the budget documents and had some discussion among them. As no one appeared to testify for or against, therefore Chairman Neiman closed the hearing at 9:04 a.m.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

The hearing on the county's budget for 2025/2026 was opened at 9:05 a.m. as advertised. County Board and Clerk reviewed the budget documents. Greg Scellin with the Nebraska Signal was present for discussion, no one appeared to testify for or against, therefore Chairman Neiman closed the hearing at 9:12 a.m.

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 September 23, 2025, at 9:13 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 September 9, 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, Equip	1,853.58
Anderson Ford of Lincoln	Equip	45,987.00
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,385.20
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,850.00
Brandie Conway	Sup	71.46
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,655.74
Diesel Pickup Shop	Main	70.59
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	409.56
Fairfield Inn & Suites	Lodging	404.85
Fillmore County Treasurer	Interest	1,946.19
First Concord Benefits Group	Ser	52.50
Geneva Building Supply	Sup	122.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	342.06
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Main	86.62
Kim Griess	Misc	35.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	579.80
Hometown Leasing	Ser	179.25
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Main	2,750.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices	Ser, Sup, Post	4,211.88
Kiesler Police Supply	Equip	448.50
Lancaster County Sheriff	Fees	8.19
Lynn Peavey Company	Sup	538.77
Medica Insurance	Insur	56,215.92
MIPS, Inc.	Misc	16.46
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	160.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	2,306.30
Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	200.00
Region 5 Systems	Ser	856.00

Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,553.80
Secretary of State – Election Division	Wksh	85.00
State of Nebraska – DAS Central Finance	Ser	537.60
State of Nebraska – Health & Human Serv	Patient Care	93.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, PC, LLO	Ser	3,200.63
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	Wksh	115.00
Brandy VanDeWalle	Lodging, Wksh, Uti, Mile	1,174.48
WEX Bank	Fuel	5,896.46
Nick Wollenburg	Fuel	37.04
York State Bank	Insur	7,175.00
Payroll	Salaries	66,083.92

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Amazon Capital Services	Sup	223.00
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,549.78
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,737.42
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	9,271.64
Geneva Home Center	Sup	38.47
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	379.62
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	102.90
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,331.10
Riverside Portables, LLC	Main	160.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	7,200.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	994.79
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Ser	1,136.00
Payroll	Salaries	36,634.89

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

CenturyLink	Uti	10.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	209.28
Windstream	Uti	33.67

**911 WIRELESS FUND:**

CenturyLink	Uti	3,123.09
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**CLAIMS APPROVED**

Sluka moved and Cerny 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.

**RELEASE PLEDGE SECURITY**

Graham moved and Noel seconded the motion to release the pledge security held by Wells Fargo Bank and Southern Nebraska Public Power District, CUSIP #843460EC6 in the amount of \$645,000.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

**EAST BUILDING SNOW REMOVAL**

Supervisor Cerny informed the Board that there is a John Deere mower with a snow blower attachment at the Road Department that we can use to remove the snow from the sidewalks this winter.

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR BRYANT TOWNSHIP**

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to authorize up to one percent (1%) additional budget authority for fiscal year 2025/2026 as allowed by statute 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.

**BRYANT TOWNSHIP 2025/2026 BUDGET**

Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the 2025/2026 Bryant Township budget as advertised and 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.

#### **AUDIT WAIVER FOR BRYANT TOWNSHIP**

Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to request an audit waiver for the 2025/2026 fiscal year 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.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR GENEVA TOWNSHIP**

Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to authorize up to one percent (1%) additional budget authority for fiscal year 2025/2026 as allowed by statute 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.

#### **GENEVA TOWNSHIP 2025/2026 BUDGET**

Cerny moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the 2025/2026 Geneva Township budget as advertised and 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.

#### **AUDIT WAIVER FOR GENEVA TOWNSHIP**

Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to request an audit waiver for the 2025/2026 fiscal year 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.

#### **GENERATOR FOR THE 911 TOWER**

Emergency Manager, Jean Engle and Jeff Andrews with Andrews Electric discussed the issues that have occurred with the generator at the 911 tower over the last year. Andrews Electric Co, Inc, 34 Electric LLC, and Cummins (only included generator no labor) submitted quotes for either a propane or diesel generator with a transfer switch.

After discussion, Harre moved and Sluka seconded the motion to accept the quote from Andrews Electric Co., Inc. for a propane generator in the amount of \$41,987.00 including transfer switch. 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.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION**

Highway Superintendent, Doug Motis asked the Board about starting the process to purchase a motor grader through Sourcewell Cooperating purchasing. After discussion, the Board agreed to start the process.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ONE-AND SIX-YEAR PLAN**

Opened public hearing for One- and Six-Year plan at 10:15 a.m. as advertised. Board discussed the one- and six-year plan with the Highway Superintendent.

After discussion, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to close the public hearing at 10:26 a.m. as there was no public present for discussion. 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.

**ONE- AND SIX-YEAR PLAN**

Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 19**

**ACCEPTING THE ONE (1) & SIX (6) YEAR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF FILLMORE, NEBRASKA.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chairman and Supervisors of Fillmore County that:

It is hereby found and determined that:

1. The program for distribution of the Highway Allocation Funds provide additional funds to counties for road related maintenance and construction.
2. In order to qualify for said funds the County must, among other things, prepare an annual One (1) and Six (6) Year Program for highway improvements, conduct a local public hearing and submit the results to the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards.
3. The County of Fillmore, Nebraska does hereby adopt the 2025 – 2026 One (1) and Six (6) Year Program as proposed by the Fillmore County Highway Superintendent.

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.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION**

After review and discussion, Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Conservation Easement Application submitted by United States of America USDA-NRCS and Michael Lichti for the NE ¼, Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, 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.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION**

After review and discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the Conservation Easement Application submitted by United States of America USDA-NRCS and Wetlands America Trust, Inc. for the SE ¼, Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, 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 BILL**

After discussion, Harre moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the bill from Geneva Public Library for Geneva Township in the amount of \$150.00 for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. 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.

**2025 – 2026 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED**

Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 20**

**WHEREAS**, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Fillmore County, Nebraska as follows:

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Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

**ADJOURN**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., October 14, 2024. 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.

September 23, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
September 2025.

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Attest

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Chairman