

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 February 24, 2026, at 9:03 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 February 10th 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	Rep	27.74
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	1,021.02
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,468.28
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,850.00
Bear Graphics, Inc.	Sup	115.90
Business World Products, Inc.	Equip	718.00
Cidnet	Sup	300.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	8,390.69
Crossroads Awards	Misc	72.00
Jill R Cunningham	Misc	45.00
Diane Deepe	Ser	630.00
Ecolab	Ser	165.00
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	Sup	133.18
Exeter Senior Center	Pass-thru	189.00
Fairmont Aging Services	Pass-thru	840.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	276.21
Fillmore County Medical Center, PC	Ser	37.31
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	50,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Ser	52.50
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	428.31
Geneva Senior Center Foundation, Inc.	Pass-thru	413.00
Geneva Tree Service	Ser	4,480.00
Graham Tire Company	Tires	552.00
Granite Garage Floors – Nebraska	Rep, Ser	10,992.00
HD Supply	Sup	878.48
Hometown Leasing	Ser	1,689.84
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices	Ser	4,528.10
Kelch Plumbing, Heating & Refrig, Inc.	Rep	587.55
Kravec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	2,335.67
Medica Insurance	Insur	56,451.96
Mid-American Research Chemical	Sup	1,727.00
MIPS, Inc.	Sup	439.75
Midwest Card and ID Solutions, LLC	Ser	2,250.00
Murray Law, PC, LLO	Ser	2,204.20
Taylor Murphy	Sup, Fuel	64.26
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	40.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,992.33
Nebraska Signal	Subscription	60.00
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Post	41.22
Overtime Grill and Lounge	Misc	100.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Ser	948.63
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	8,281.58
Security Equipment, Inc.	Ser	1,190.97
State of Nebraska – DAS Central Finance	Ser	22.00
State of Nebraska – Health & Human Serv	January patient care	93.00
Stop Stick, LTD	Equip	1,525.00
Trans Union Risk and Alternative	Main	405.00

US Bank, CPS	Sup, Wksh, Equip, Meals	1,650.26
Windstream	Uti	149.89
Winzer	Sup	287.69
WEX Bank	Fuel	3,430.01
Payroll	Salaries	64,836.64

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,117.96
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,603.86
Erb Plumbing, Inc.	Rep	3,500.00
Geneva Building Supply	Sup	58.76
Geneva Home Center	Sup	33.96
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	122.08
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	568.65
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	140.24
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,202.97
Riverside Portables, LLC	Main	200.00
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	4,935.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	512.27
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Ser	36.00
Payroll	Salaries	35,136.84

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	229.88
Windstream	Uti	150.39

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:

CenturyLink	Uti	3,144.21
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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.

PROTEX CENTRAL QUOTE FOR FIRE ALARM INSPECTION – COURTHOUSE

Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the three-year quote for a semi-annual fire alarm system inspection for 2026, 2027, and 2028. 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.

PROTEX CENTRAL QUOTE FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS INSPECTION – COURTHOUSE

Sluka moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the three-year quote for an annual fire extinguishers inspection for 2026, 2027, and 2028. 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.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS FROM C & C CARLSON INVESTMENTS, LLC

Chairman Neiman opened the hearing at 9:16 a.m. as advertised for both the Class C and Class L liquor license.

Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to close the liquor license hearing at 9:20 a.m. as no one appeared to testify for or against. 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.

C & C CARLSON LIQUOR LICENSE – CLASS C

Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to approve the application for a Class C liquor license for C & C Carlson Investments, LLC 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.

C & C CARLSON LIQUOR LICENSE – CLASS L

Cerny moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the application for a Class L liquor license for C & C Carlson Investments, LLC 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.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS TO THE TREASURER’S OFFICE

After discussion with County Treasurer, Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2026 - 07

WHEREAS, Nebraska law authorizes a county board to permit the acceptance of partial payments for the discharge of delinquent personal property, leased land, and mobile home taxes, including any interest, penalties, fees, or other charges arising from such delinquency, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1719.03 and §77-1704.02; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of partial payments may assist taxpayers in resolving delinquent tax obligations while preserving Fillmore County’s full statutory collection authority; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law expressly provides that partial payments held in escrow do not suspend, delay, or otherwise affect any tax collection procedures, including distress warrants or other enforcement actions, until the delinquency is fully satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law further provides for the striking of certain delinquent personal property, leased land, and mobile home taxes under specific conditions pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1738;

WHEREAS, the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors desires to establish clear authorization and conditions under which the Fillmore County Treasurer may accept, hold, or apply partial payments in escrow in full compliance with state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fillmore County, Nebraska, that:

1. The Fillmore County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept partial payments for delinquent personal property taxes, including leased land and mobile homes, and any associated interest, penalties, fees, or other charges, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1719.03 and §77-1704.02.
2. All partial payments shall be held in escrow until accumulated payments are sufficient to satisfy either the full delinquency or at least one-half of the taxes currently due, including all applicable charges.
3. The Treasurer may establish reasonable payment conditions, including minimum or periodic payments, applied uniformly and consistently.
4. Escrowed funds shall remain the property of the taxpayer, be held in trust, may be commingled as permitted by law, and any interest earned shall be retained by Fillmore County. Escrowed funds shall be applied to the oldest delinquencies first.
5. Acceptance of partial payments shall not suspend or affect any tax collection or enforcement procedures.
6. Upon sale of property, escrowed funds shall be returned to the payor or applied as directed, in accordance with law.

This resolution supersedes any prior resolutions on partial payments and shall take effect February 24, 2026.

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.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT

After review, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permit as presented: Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. – boring fiber optic line under Road I, between Road 20 and Road 21, between Sections 8 and 17, Liberty Township. The owner will cooperate fully with the officials of Fillmore County and keep them fully and immediately informed of all construction and 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.

CHANGES TO GRAVEL BID PROCESS

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the changes to the gravel bid process and bid blank form. 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.

USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES

Ryan Powers, District Supervisor, introduced Evan Blankenbaker to the Board as the new Biological Technician. Ryan gave a brief update on LB 1231 which was introduced in this session.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. until March 10, 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.

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 24th day of February 2026.

Attest

Chairman