

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 March 24, 2026, at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Chairman: Jeff Neiman
Members: Larry Cerny, Ralph Graham, Kenny Harre, Merle Noel, and Wade Sluka
Absent: Mark Lightwine
County Clerk: Amy Nelson
Visitor: Ronnie Wilson

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 March 10th meeting approved as presented.

SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE

Brenda Motis, Senior Services Director, gave her quarterly update to the Board.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

After review, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the following occupy county right-of-way permits as presented:

Bob Lovegrove – install an electrical line on Road 3, between Road D and Road E, between the SW ¼ of Section 20 and the NW ¼, Section 21, Grafton 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; and

Dustin Weber – install an electrical line on Road 24, between Road B and Road C, between the SE ¼ of Section 11 and the SW ¼ of Section 12, Exeter 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; and

HRW Farming – install an electrical line on Road 21, between Road I and Road J, between the NE ¼ of Section 17 and the NW ¼ of Section 16, 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, Neiman, Noel, and Sluka
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EXTEND AN EXISTING DRIVEWAY TO 80 FEET IN SECTION 13, MADISON TOWNSHIP

After discussion, Harre moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the extension of an existing driveway from 40 ft to 80 ft in the SE ¼ of Section 13, Madison Township. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GRAVEL BIDS

The gravel bids were opened at 9:45 a.m. The following bids were received:

Anderson Express: \$7.26 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location

Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Alex Pit: Belle Prairie \$30.17, Bennett \$33.56, Bryant \$31.86, Chelsea \$31.01, Exeter \$34.41, Fairmont \$33.56, Franklin \$30.17, Geneva \$32.71, Glengary \$31.01, Grafton \$34.41, Hamilton \$31.01, Liberty \$32.71, Madison \$32.71, Momence \$32.71, Stanton \$31.86, West Blue \$33.56, and Stockpile \$23.80.

Beatrice Sand & Gravel – Boyden Pit: Belle Prairie \$31.82, Bennett \$34.88, Bryant \$33.35, Chelsea \$33.35, Exeter \$34.88, Fairmont \$34.88, Franklin \$31.06, Geneva \$34.11, Glengary \$31.82, Grafton \$36.40, Hamilton

\$32.58, Liberty \$33.35, Madison \$34.11, Momence \$34.11, Stanton \$33.35, West Blue \$34.88, and Stockpile \$23.80.

Chelsea Ag, LLC: \$6.45 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

Harre Seed, Inc.: \$6.00 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel: \$7.00 per loaded mile until gas is below \$3.40 per gallon and then \$6.00 per loaded mile to haul from the stockpile at any location.

Mid-NE Aggregate: Bennett \$26.75, Chelsea \$33.75, Exeter \$29.00, Fairmont \$28.75, Geneva \$29.65, Grafton \$25.00, Madison \$29.60, Stanton \$34.75, West Blue \$25.75, and Stockpile \$14.00. Did not bid on any of the other townships.

Vogt Enterprises: Belle Prairie \$31.90, Bennett \$29.57, Bryant \$31.07, Chelsea \$31.23, Exeter \$29.90, Fairmont \$28.57, Franklin \$32.90, Geneva \$30.40, Glengary \$31.90, Grafton \$30.00, Hamilton \$31.73, Liberty \$31.07, Madison \$30.07, Momence \$30.40, Stanton \$31.07, West Blue \$29.57, and Stockpile \$32.00.

Werner Aggregate: Belle Prairie \$27.75, Bennett \$29.75, Bryant \$30.00, Chelsea \$29.25, Exeter \$29.25, Fairmont \$29.25, Franklin \$27.50, Geneva \$29.50, Glengary \$28.50, Grafton \$27.25, Hamilton \$28.50, Liberty \$30.00, Madison \$29.25, Momence \$30.50, Stanton \$29.25, West Blue \$27.75, and Stockpile \$20.75.

GRAVEL LETTING

Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to accept all gravel bids and authorized the Highway Superintendent to purchase from the lowest bidder as available. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

HAUL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH MEARS GROUP

After discussion, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the haul road agreement as presented for Mears Group, Inc. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HEARING FOR 300' TOWER IN SECTION 8, BRYANT TOWNSHIP

Opened public hearing for a 300 ft tower in Section 8, Bryant Township at 10:15 a.m. as advertised.

Ryan Streff with Summit Acquisition & Consulting Group informed the Board that they are wanting to install a new 300 ft. tower in the NE ¼, Section 8, Bryant Township. Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this permit. Doug Motis, Lyle Heinrichs, Ronnie Wilson, Dan Hendrickson, Brett Beavers, Steve Martin and Greg Scellin were present for the hearing.

After discussion, Graham moved and Sluka seconded motion to close the public hearing at 10:23 a.m. as there was no other public comment. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 300' TOWER IN SECTION 8, BRYANT TOWNSHIP

Noel moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for The Towers, LLC to construct up to a 300 ft tower in the E ½ of the NE ¼, Section 8, Bryant Township as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OVERSIZE PERMIT FEE

After discussion, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to set the oversize permit fee for Mears Group, Inc. at \$2,500.00 for the project. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ALLIANCE FOR FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN NEBRASKA

Steve Martin with the Alliance for Future of Agriculture in Nebraska presented to the Board some figures on dairy and chicken farms as well as discussing our setback regulations for these two types of conditional use permits. Nick Haack with Nebraska Farm Bureau, Brett Beavers, Shaundee Graham, Ronnie Wilson, and Greg Scellin were present for discussion.

TJK SUBDIVISION

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham presented the TJK Subdivision located in the NE ¼, Section 8, Franklin Township.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the TJK Subdivision located in the NE ¼, Section 8, Franklin Township with the following legal description: commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska; thence N00°22'42"W (assumed bearing) on the East line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 81.50 feet to the North line of North Railway Street; thence N89°55'38"W on said North line, a distance of 489.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N89°55'38"W on said North line, a distance of 740.61 feet o the East line of Summit Street in the Village of Ohiowa; thence N00°53'54"E on said East line, a distance of 593.54 feet; thence S89°55'38"E parallel with the North line of said North Railway Street, a distance of 727.47 feet to the West line of a tract of land as recorded in Instrument No. 2019-00982; thence S50°22'12"E on said West line, a distance of 593.50 feet to the point of beginning containing 10.00 acres, more or less. Subdivision is also split into two (2) lots. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Eric Johnson, Fillmore County Development Corp. Director, gave an update to the Board along with Blake Bauer.

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:

Adams County Justice Center	Boarding prisoners	385.00
Aging Partners	Main	675.00
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	387.57
American Fence Company of Lincoln	Rep	422.72
AT & T Mobility	Uti	1,570.14
Auto Value Parts Stores	Sup	122.44
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	1,480.00
BTS Communications	Equip	150.00
CIDNET	Sup	300.00
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,215.84
Diane Deepe	Ser	280.00
Drivers License Guide Company	Sup	33.95
Eakes Office Solutions	Sup	460.00
Exeter Senior Center	Pass-thru	37.10
Fairmont Aging Services	Pass-thru	150.50
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	109.92
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	1,620.83
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	125,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Insur	52.50
Geneva Home Center	Sup	41.97
Geneva Senior Center Foundation, Inc.	Pass-thru	420.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Sup	289.49
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Main	2,860.25
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices	Ser	4,033.46
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	2,335.67
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Sup	238.50
Madison National Life Insurance Company	Insur	672.77
Medica	Insur	59,047.29
Murray Law PC, LLO	Ser	2,184.50
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,759.69
Nebraska Signal	Ads, Sup	96.83
NIRMA	Training	1,161.00
Positive Promotions, Inc.	Sup	461.47

PurFoods, LLC	Meals	270.48
Reeves Company, Inc.	Sup	71.18
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,210.73
State of Nebraska-Health & Human Service	Ser	24.00
WexBank	Fuel	3,503.58
Windstream	Uti	157.46
York State Bank	Insur	7,187.50
Payroll	Salaries	62,143.25

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
Bowman Consulting Group, LTD	Ser	4,072.50
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	984.72
Certified Truck & Trailer, Inc.	Parts, Rep	797.22
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,721.82
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	68.20
John Deere Financial	Parts	62.54
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	160.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	467.18
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	124.78
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,203.29
Riverside Portables, LLC	Main	160.00
Werner Aggregates, Inc.	Gravel	6,087.99
WexBank	Fuel	1,042.96
Payroll	Salaries	36,741.72

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	188.38
Windstream	Uti	151.94

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND:

CenturyLink	Uti	3,144.21
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Harre moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX UPDATE

Darcy Nun, County Treasurer gave an update to the Board on the delinquent real estate taxes.

LAWN SPRAYING QUOTES FOR EAST BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE

After review of the two (2) quotes, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to award the lawn spraying to Noel Lawn Care for the East Building for \$1,254.32 and Courthouse \$5,678.40. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, Neiman, and Sluka
Nays: None Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Noel

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR REGION 5 SYSTEMS

After review, Harre moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the request for additional funding for fiscal year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$1,725.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADDITIONAL CAMERA FOR COURTHOUSE

After discussion, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to move an existing camera and install a new camera in the Courthouse for additional security. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Neiman 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 personnel authorized by Statute to be discussed in executive session. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried, executive session began at 11:28 a.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Graham moved and Noel seconded the motion to return to open session at 11:50 a.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. until April 14, 2026. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Harre, 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 March 2026.

Attest

Chairman