

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 May 12, 2026, at 9:05 a.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 of the April 28, 2026, Board meeting was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following were present for public comment which was all in reference to the update from NextEra on the agenda later today: Ronnie D. Wilson, Lynn Mussman, Rex Mussman, Louise Wulf, Bill Burgess, Mary Burgess, Ken Real, Greg Scelin, Blaine Richards, Robert Wulf, Joe Hoarty, Jenny Hoarty, Randy Weaver, Laura Weaver, Dave Cassidy, Penny Aspegren, Mitch Hedden, Joe Casey, Michaela Ballard, Darrel Hayek, Dan Hendrickson, Rick Hughes, and Kay Hughes.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAINING FOR DISPATCHERS

County Sheriff, Mark McFarland informed the Board that Lincoln/Lancaster has a 20-week course to train dispatchers for \$3,900.00 per person and he would like to send two individuals. Mark would like to have an eighteen-month contract signed by the employee. After discussion, the Board agreed that this would be a great opportunity.

ROAD DISCUSSION

Highway Superintendent Doug Motis and the Board discussed a few grader specification changes. He also informed that Board that there are several areas on 1st Street and R Street that need to be patched. Doug will be getting a quote on patching these and crack sealing 1st Street, R Street, and Milligan South.

DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING TAX FORECLOSURES

Deputy County Attorney, Dan Werner was present to review the procedures of tax foreclosure with the Board. County Treasurer, Darcy Nun and Village of Exeter Board Member Michl were also present.

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:

911 Custom	Sup	77.00
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	1,388.61
Applied Connective Technologies	Ser, Equip	6,705.36
Barnas Drug, Inc.	Sup	22.98
Black Hills Energy	Uti	604.60
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Sup	249.68
Cidnet	Sup	300.00
City of Geneva	Uti	19.50
Clearly	Uti	579.51
Cornerstone Bank	SS	7,889.64
Dawn M. Stites	Rent	183.33
Dollar General – Regions 410526	Sup	24.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Ser, Sup	177.36
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	203.93
Fillmore County Clerk of District Court	Fees	204.00
Fillmore County Court	Fees	57.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	125,000.00
Fortify Group	Bonds	80.00
Geneva Building Supply	Rep	78.57

Geneva Family Dentistry	Ser	200.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup	7.99
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,915.60
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Main	1,244.60
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	314.75
HD Supply	Sup	786.05
Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC	Sup	1,730.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	660.00
Hometown Leasing	Ser	3,077.91
Jill R Cunningham	Rent	183.34
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Rep	468.00
Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices	Ser	4,117.98
Kimberly J Hirth	Rent	183.33
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	224.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law PC, LLO	Ser, Post	2,376.89
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	3,758.62
National Sheriff's Association	Wksh	530.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	718.72
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues	30.00
Nebraska Signal	Ads, Proc	3,940.92
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Rep	64.93
Noel Lawn Care	Ser	1,881.98
Point C	Ser	368.00
Postmaster	Post	370.00
Protex Central, Inc.	Ser	649.50
PurFoods, LLC	Sup	303.16
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	7,864.14
Sonya Glup	Mile	116.00
Stryker Sales, LLC	Sup	457.50
Thayer County Treasurer	Subscription	649.45
TK Elevator Corporation	Rep	671.19
Trans Union Risk and Alternative	Main	405.00
Unifirst Corporation	Sup	869.52
US Bank CPS	Sup, Post, Meals, Wksh, Equip	1,665.65
Weaver Pharmacy	Sup	108.59
Weber Behavioral Health	Ser	80.00
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Ser	87.50
Payroll	Salaries	69,426.90

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Auto Value Parts Stores	Parts, Main, Sup	807.57
Beatrice Sand and Gravel	Gravel	15,844.43
Black Hills Energy	Uti	241.04
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Rep	337.00
City of Geneva	Uti	88.50
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,446.60
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	371.27
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel, Uti	8,777.18
Geneva Building Supply	Sup, Misc	222.05
Geneva Implement Co., Inc.	Parts, Main	716.46
Geneva Parts City	Sup	28.12
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Tires, Main	341.72
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Hometown Leasing	Ser	172.26
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
LCL Truck Equipment, Inc.	Equip	1,700.00
Mark Betka, DBA Betka Plumbing, Heating	Rep, Equip	24,500.00
Martin Marietta	Rock	7,052.61
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	Gravel	32,826.77
Midwest Service & Sales	Parts	3,000.00
Midwest Steel Fabricators, Inc.	Rep	213.30
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	147.20
Nebraska Machinery Company	Parts, Ser, Rep	14,039.56
Nebraska Signal	Ads	348.25
Nichols Collision Center	Rep	1,000.00
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Rep, Main	16.25
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	116.15
Platte Valley Communications, Inc.	Equip	46.22
Power Plan	Parts, Rep	3,401.93
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,093.85
Sapp Bros, Inc. – York	Fuel	7,281.75
Village of Exeter	Uti	54.55
Village of Grafton	Uti	59.50
Village of Shickley	Uti	182.51
Vogt Enterprises, Inc.	Gravel	5,167.47
Werner Aggregates, Inc.	Gravel	38,862.40
William Blundell	Rep, Equip	14,800.00

Payroll	Salaries	32,820.17
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM:</u>		
Provicus, LLC	Ser	315.00
<u>REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND:</u>		
MIPS, Inc.	Ser	154.62
<u>OPIOID RECOVERY FUND:</u>		
Region V Systems	Transfer	32,000.00
<u>911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:</u>		
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Uti	64.95
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	164.42
Windstream	Uti	120.14
<u>HOSPITAL OPERATING / TAXES FUND:</u>		
Fillmore County Hospital	Taxes – April	40,679.88

CLAIMS APPROVED

Graham 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.

FEE REPORTS FOR APRIL 2026

After review, Lightwine moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the fee reports as presented for April 2026:

County Clerk \$23,851.79 (State \$15,672.36 & County \$8,179.43)
Clerk of the District Court \$3,182.36
County Sheriff \$2,299.04

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.

BUDGET MAKING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 / 2027

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to appoint the County Clerk, Amy Nelson as the budget making authority for fiscal year 2026/2027. 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.

APPOINT SALARY COMMITTEE FOR 2026 / 2027

After discussion, Graham moved and Sluka seconded the motion to appoint Supervisors Cerny, Harre, and Sluka to the salary committee for fiscal year 2026/2027. 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.

APPOINT FINANCE/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to appoint Sluka, Lightwine, Graham, County Clerk, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer to the Finance/Infrastructure Committee. 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.

BECKLER SUBDIVISION, SW ¼, SECTION 25, EXETER TOWNSHIP

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham presented the Beckler Subdivision located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Exeter Township.

After discussion, Noel moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the Beckler Subdivision described as follows: a tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 8 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 25; thence N00°03'20"W (assumed bearing) on the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 25, a distance of 1900.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N59°26'46"E, a distance of 277.00'; thence N33°11'11"E, a distance of 163.00 feet; thence N00°03'20"W, parallel with the West line of said Southwest Quarter, a distance of 287.00 feet; thence S89°56'40"W, perpendicular to said West line, a distance of 328.03 feet to said West line; thence S00°03'20"E, on said West line, a distance of 563.91 feet to the point of beginning containing 3.43 acres, more or less, including 0.42 acres, more or less, of county road 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.

DUNSE SUBDIVISION, E ½ OF SECTION 20, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator presented the Dunse Subdivision located in the East ½ of Section 20, Franklin Township.

After review, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the Dunse Subdivision described as follows: a tract of land commencing at the East ¼ corner of Section 20 T5N R1W of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, and the point of beginning; thence South 00°07'18" West (a Fillmore County LDP bearing; and the basis of bearing for this legal description) on the East line of the Southeast ¼ of Section 20, a distance of 241.81 feet; thence North 89°54'14" West, a distance of 670.00 feet; thence North 00°06'44" East, a distance of 385.00 feet; thence South 89°54'14" East, and perpendicular to the West line of the Northeast ¼, a distance of 670.00 feet, to a point on the East line of the Northeast ¼, thence South 00°05'46" West, on the East line of the Northeast ¼, a distance of 143.19 feet, to the point of beginning and containing a calculated area of 257,957.73 square feet of 5.92 acres.

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.

UPDATE FROM NEXTERA

Devon Pishalski with NextEra gave an update to the Board regarding the solar project that is still in the discovery stage. NextEra will be having a public meeting in six (6) to eight (8) weeks to give further information to the public regarding the project. After the update there were several in attendance from the morning public comment period and Lynn W. Yates, Brenda Fehr, Carol Rosenquist, Robert Schropfer, Tom Hoarty, Patty Scarborough, Alexis Philbrick, W. Erik Wood, and Doni Harris.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Neiman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. until May 26, 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 12th day of May 2026.

Attest

Chairman