

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 28, 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

Visitor: Brian Mumm

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 July 14, 2026, Board meeting was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Casey submitted a letter requesting an independent environmental and avian migration studies for the proposed NextEra Energy Solar Project (letter on file in Clerk’s office), Greg Scelin made clarification of how many papers are sold from the Nebraska Signal and some clarifications regarding solar. There was discussion regarding the July 27th presentation regarding nameplate capacity tax and other topics.

OCCUPY COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

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

- Manning Grain/Manning Rail, Inc. – work around railroad crossing on Road 18, between Road I and Road J, between the NE ¼, of Section 14 and the NW ¼, Section 13, Madison 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
- Manning Grain/Manning Rail, Inc. – work around railroad crossing on Road 17, between Road H and Road I, between the NE ¼ of Section 10 and the NW ¼ of Section 11, Madison 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
- Manning Grain/Manning Rail, Inc. – work around railroad crossing on Road I, between Road 17 and Road 18, between the SE ¼ of Section 11 and the NE ¼ of Section 14, Madison 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.

PROPOSED FORCE MAIN SEWER FOR VILLAGE OF SHICKLEY

Agenda clarification, this is for the Village of Shickley and not the Shickley County Shop. After review of proposed map, the Board requested a Village of Shickley Board member attend the next meeting on August 11th to get clarification.

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.

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>		
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Equip	767.15
AT & T Mobility	Uti	831.28
Bryan Health	Ser	20.20
Cass County Sheriff’s Office	Fees	66.25
Centec Cast Metal Products	Equip	3,506.50

Cidnet	Sup	300.00
City of Geneva	Uti	1,863.75
Cornerstone Bank	SS	8,458.18
Epp Foundation Repair	Rep	5,618.47
Fillmore County Hospital	Misc	75.00
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	1,997.17
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	100,000.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Insur	52.50
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip	6,760.32
Galls, LLC	Sup	404.35
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	1,751.56
Geneva Tire and Auto, Inc.	Rep, Main	799.03
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Sup	282.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc.	Ser	3,400.00
Lynn Peavey Company	Sup	508.56
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	728.27
Medica Insurance	Insur	54,756.70
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Dues	2,614.83
Nebraska Door and Window, LLC	Rep	120.75
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,482.65
Noel Lawn Care	Main	1,584.38
Overtime Grill and Lounge	Misc	1,500.00
Point C Health	Ser	75.00
RR Donnelley	Sup	98.75
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	8,187.66
Skalka & Baack & Fiala Law Firm	Ser	1,048.20
State of Nebraska-DAS State Acctg	Ser	537.60
TK Elevator Corporation	Rep	361.76
United States Treasury	Insur	152.68
Wex Bank	Fuel	5,159.94
Payroll	Salaries	72,758.52

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Culverts	2,952.90
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	189.88
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co.	Fuel	5,776.00
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,769.53
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,898.48
Galyen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	14,419.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup	21.98
Geneva Super Foods	Sup	7.09
Hooker Bros	Gravel	16,197.15
Kopchos Sanitation, Inc.	Uti	70.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Sup	72.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	361.07
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	113.02
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,512.23
Riekes Equipment	Rep	791.35
Vogt Enterprises, Inc.	Gravel	11,425.08
Wex Bank	Fuel	2,365.90
Payroll	Salaries	39,018.68

INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Woods & Aitken, LLP	Ser	608.00
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911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND:

Century Link	Uti	3,152.56
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Harre moved and Lightwine 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.

SKIP FLU CONTRIBUTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

After discussion, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the contribution of \$900.00 to Public Health Solutions for the SKIP Flu Program. 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.

HARRE SUBDIVISION, MADISON TOWNSHIP

Zoning Administrator, Shaundee Graham submitted the Harre Subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Madison Township to the Board.

After review, Harre moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the Harre Subdivision as presented with the following legal description: a tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 2; thence S89°35'50"W (assumed bearing) on the South line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 600.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N02°27'34"W, a distance of 443.00 feet; thence N53°03'43"W, a distance of 183.00 feet; thence N31°57'53"W, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence N89°37'53"W, a distance of 139.00 feet; thence S12°06'07"W, a distance of 216.00 feet; thence S00°27'19"E, a distance of 464.00 feet to the South line of said Southeast Quarter; thence N89°35'50"E on said South line, a distance of 420.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 5.54 acres, more or less, including 0.32 acres, more or less, of 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.

CENTRAL ADDITION OF VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN

Shaundee Graham, Zoning Administrator submitted the Central Addition to the Village of Milligan including several tracts to the Board.

After review, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded to approve the Central Addition to the Village of Milligan located within Section 11, Glengary Township as presented with the following legal descriptions:

Block 1 – Central Addition: a tract of land located in the original town of the Village of Milligan, being in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being described as follows: commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 11; thence N89°49'09"W (assumed bearing), on the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1215.04 feet to the East right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad, this being the point of beginning; thence S26°09'13"E, on the East line of said abandoned railroad, a distance of 909.11 feet to the North line of 6th Street in the Village of Milligan; thence S89°43'49"W, on said North line, a distance of 222.30 feet to the West right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad; thence N26°09'13"W, on said West line, a distance of 645.50 feet to the West line of the East half of the Southeast Quarter; thence N00°08'52"W, on said West line, a distance of 237.98 feet to the Northwest corner of the East half of the Southeast Quarter; thence S89°49'09"E, on the North line of said East half of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 106.72 feet to the point of beginning containing 3.87 acres, more or less.

Block 2 – Central Addition: a tract of land located in the original town of the Village of Milligan, being in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska being described as follows: commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11; thence S89°49'09"W (assumed bearing), on the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1215.04 feet to the East right-of-way line of the abandoned railroad; thence S26°09'13"E on the East line of said abandoned railroad, a distance of 975.79 feet to the South right-of-way line of 6th Street in the Village of Milligan, this being the point of beginning; thence S89°43'49"W, on the South right-of-way of said 6th Street, a distance of 111.15 feet to the centerline of the abandoned railroad; thence S26°09'13"E, on said centerline, a distance of 333.76 feet to the North right-of-way line of 5th Street; thence N89°42'05"E, on said North line a distance of 111.12 feet to the East right-of-way line of said railroad; thence N26°09'13"W on said East right-of-way line, parallel with the centerline of said railroad, a distance of 333.70 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.77 acres, more or less.

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.

MILEAGE RATE

After discussion, Cerny moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to adopt the 2026 IRS mileage rate \$0.76 per mile, motorcycle \$0.705 per mile and \$0.79 per mile for the Sheriff's office to serve papers effective July 1, 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.

2026 2nd QUARTER ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENTS

After review, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the 2026 second (2nd) quarter accountability statements as presented from Clerk of the District Court, County Attorney, County Clerk (Section 125, HRA Reimbursement, and Register of Deeds), and Soldiers & Sailors. 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 FOR EAST OFFICE BUILDING

Harre moved and Sluka seconded the motion to approve the three (3) year quote from Protex Central for the fire extinguishers at the East Office Building for a total of the three years of \$119.00. 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.

PROTEX CENTRAL QUOTE FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR EAST OFFICE BUILDING

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the three (3) year quote from Protex Central for the fire alarm system at the East Office Building for a total of the three years of \$1,130.00. 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.

JAIL INSPECTION

After review, Noel moved and Graham seconded the motion that jail inspection was completed on July 14, 2026, and other than the walls needing repaired, the remainder of the jail was in good order. 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.

HOPE CRISIS CENTER UPDATE AND BUDGET REQUEST

Carmen Hinman, Executive Director of Hope Crisis Center gave an annual report and budget request of \$8,000.00 for fiscal year 2026/2027.

AGING PARTNERS ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET REQUEST

Jill Engel, Areawide Coordinator of Aging Partners and Brenda Motis gave an annual report and budget request of \$22,284.00 for fiscal year 2026/2027. Rhonda Stokebrand and Linda Heinisch were present for the discussion.

BUDGET REVIEWS

The following budgets were reviewed throughout the day: Highway Bridge Buyback, Assessor, Clerk of the District Court, District Judge, County Court, Extension, Sheriff, 911 Communications Center, Law Enforcement Program K-9, Law Enforcement Grant, Jail, Federal Drug Law Enforcement, Treasurer, Building & Grounds, 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, Opioid Recovery, LATCF (Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency), Inheritance Tax, Road Dept/Courthouse Bond, Ag Society Building Bond, and Hospital operating/taxes.

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.

DISCUSSION REGARDING QUOTES FROM FIRST WIRELESS

Sheriff, McFarland presented quotes from First Wireless for replacing the dispatch consoles/computers for \$14,078.80 and to add the GPS module on the new communications system in the amount of \$36,064.45.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

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

ADJOURN

July 28, 2026

“Water/Ice machine rental for Extension office” was tabled for a future meeting. As there was no other business to come before the Board, Lightwine moved and Harre seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. until August 14, 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 28th day of July 2026.

Attest

Chairman