

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 August 25, 2026, at 9:10 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 August 11, 2026, Board meeting was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronnie Wilson asked the Board why they were not hanging the open meetings act on the wall versus having a copy in the room for inspection. Mary Burgess, Kris Schropfer and Penny Aspegren were present for a portion of the meeting.

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:

34 Electric, LLC	Rep	2,609.42
Amazon Capital Services	Sup, Rep	2,083.54
AT & T Mobility	Uti, Equip	2,353.49
Bryan Health	Ser	45.10
Angela Driver	Ser	170.15
Exeter Senior Center	Pass-thru	37.10
Fairmont Aging Services	Pass-thru	156.10
Fillmore County Clerk of District Court	Fees	132.00
Fillmore County HRA	Insur	1,047.45
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	75,000.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip	470.10
Galls, LLC	Sup	722.50
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Rep	582.90
Geneva Senior Center Foundation, Inc.	Pass-thru	432.60
Great Plains Uniforms	Sup	40.00
GT Distributors, Inc.	Equip	486.95
HD Supply	Sup	749.28
Thomas Hudiburgh	Fuel	52.00

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Joe Watt Police Cars	Equip	16,000.00
John Deere Financial	Rep	472.11
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC, LLO	Ser, Post	2,334.89
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	671.08
Medica	Insur	55,631.81
Mid-American Research Chemical	Sup	1,365.00
Taylor Murphy	Meal	23.85
National Sheriff's Association	Dues	155.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	40.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	1,702.19
Pocket Press, LLC	Sup	45.98
PurFoods, LLC	Sup	316.94
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Ser	948.63
Security Equipment, Inc.	Ser	1,205.97
Stalker Radar / Applied Concepts, Inc.	Rep	2,712.00
State of Nebraska – DAS State Accounting	Ser	22.00
Carroll Verhage	Equip	50.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	6,161.95
Ziema Roofing Company	Rep	515.00
Payroll	Salaries	64,255.20

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Culverts	6,203.50
Amazon Capital Services	Sup	97.86
Anjanette Bauer	Ser	540.00
Bowman Consulting Group, LTD	Ser	2,930.00
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,305.48
Corey J & Christy L. Geiger	Easement	1,341.10
Gaylen Energy Supply, LLC	Fuel	4,439.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup, Parts	25.97
Grafton Mini-Mart	Fuel	89.68
Grafton Oil, Inc.	Fuel	3,902.31
Harre Seed, Inc.	Gravel	16,638.00
Hooker Bros	Gravel	7,653.90
John Deere Financial	Rep, Sup	145.04
Mussman Excavating	Ser	1,732.50
Nebraska Association of County Officials	Wksh	80.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	421.71
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	111.95
Riverside Portables	Main	80.00
US Bank CPS	Main	414.96
Verizon	Ser	478.24
Western Oil II, LLC	Fuel	192.37
WEX Bank	Fuel	1,865.54
Payroll	Salaries	42,018.66

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TOURISM FUND:

AT & T Mobility	Uti	82.61
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INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Woods & Aitken, LLP	Ser	1,748.00
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	241.52
Windstream	Uti	151.02

911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND:

CentryLink	Uti	3,152.56
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CLAIMS APPROVED

Cerny moved and Sluka 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.

2025/2026 COUNTY INVENTORY

Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the 2025/2026 Inventory for all offices as presented by the office holder. 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.

DRIVEWAY PERMIT

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the 100-foot driveway permit from Shawn Gross located in the NW ¼, Section 11, Fairmont Township (located on Road 17, between Road B and Road C). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cerny, Graham, Lightwine, Neiman, and Noel

Nays: Harre and Sluka

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

PROPOSED FORCE MAIN SEWER FOR VILLAGE OF SHICKLEY

Shickley Village Board member Bart Brinkman and a representative from JEO were present for the discussion regarding placing a force main sewer line in the county right-of-way either along Road 6 or Road 7.

After further discussion, the Board requested that the Village try to get the landowners to allow this on their property. If that is not possible, then the Board needs more information as to where the lift stations will be located, determination of depth in the ditches, among a few other items that need to be determined and then come back to a future Board meeting.

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS BOXES AT THE EAST BUILDING

Brenda Motis, Senior Services Director, requested that the Board allow the East Building to have a couple lighted Christmas boxes on the corner of the East Building, adding them to the decorations on main street. The \$200.00 cost for the boxes to be shared with the committee and the County. After discussion, the Board members offered to give a donation personally to the committee for these boxes. Lori Loontjer and Cheryl Myers were present for discussion.

COUNTY BURIAL AGREEMENT AND POLICY

After review and discussion, Harre moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the new county burial agreement and policy with Farmer & Sons Funeral Home for \$2,000.00 plus transportation. 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.

CASA BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2026/2027

Frank Heinisch, Chairman of the Board of Directors for CASA submitted a budget request of \$15,000.00 for fiscal year 2026/2027.

PHONE SYSTEM FOR COUNTY OFFICES

County Clerk, Amy Nelson presented three quotes for a new phone system due to current vendor increased rates. Quotes received: Business Telecommunications Systems for \$7,880.00 to purchase phones, Applied Connective for \$7,243.00 to purchase phones, and Glenwood Telecommunications for \$1,157.25 per month leasing for five years.

After review and discussion, Harre moved and Cerny seconded the motion to accept the quote from Business Telecommunications Systems purchasing the phones in the amount of \$7,880.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

FILLMORE COUNTY HOSPITAL UPDATE AND BUDGET REQUEST

Chris Nichols, CEO and Dayle Harlow, CFO presented their budget and budget request of \$100,000.00 as well as their capital budget to the Board.

COUNTY'S HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

After reviewing, Harre moved and Neiman seconded the motion to continue with Medica for the county's health insurance. Renewal is October 1, 2026, with a 9.26% increase. 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.

COUNTY'S HSA CONTRIBUTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

After discussion, Cerny moved and Graham seconded the motion to keep the County's HSA contribution for single at \$1,300.00 and for family at \$2,600.00 beginning October 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.

RADIO UPGRADE FOR FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENTS

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve giving Exeter, Fairmont, Geneva, Grafton, Milligan, and Shickley Fire & Rescue departments \$10,000.00 each for upgrading their radios with a paid receipt or an invoice to be paid to First Wireless. 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 DISCUSSION

The Board and County Clerk reviewed a few items within the budget to be in compliance with State regulations. The Joint Public Hearing will be on Sept. 23rd at 6:05 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Fillmore County Courthouse.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Graham moved and Harre seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. until September 8, 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 25th day of August 2026.

Attest

Chairman