

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

The hearing on the county's budget for 2026/2027 was opened at 8:15 a.m. as advertised. County Board and Clerk reviewed the budget documents. Greg Scellin with the Nebraska Signal was present for discussion, no one appeared to testify for or against, therefore Chairman Neiman closed the hearing at 8:21 a.m.

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 September 25, 2026, at 8:22 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.

2026 – 2027 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED

Graham moved and Cerny seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026 – 17

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 25th day of August 2026.

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

Section 1: That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget for Fillmore County for said fiscal year.

Section 2: That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriate to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Section 3: That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

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.

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

After completion of the special tax hearing on September 23, 2026, at 6:05 p.m., Sluka moved and Harre seconded the introduction of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026 – 18

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Fillmore County resolves that:

The 2026 – 2027 property tax request be set at:

i. General Fund	\$ 6,438,533.09
ii. Road Building Fund	\$ 166,853.07
iii. Ag Society Building Fund	\$ 2,123.10
iv. Hospital Operating Fund	\$ 116,406.57

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.36 percent.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes from last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.199816 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The Fillmore County Board of Supervisor proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.210707 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Fillmore County will **increase** last year's budget by 13.21 percent
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 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.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Cerny moved and Graham seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:05 a.m., October 13, 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 September 2026.

Attest

Chairman