



Fillmore County Board Minutes



July 27, 2021

The Fillmore County Board of Supervisors convened in open and public session at 9:13 a.m., July 27, 2021, in the Boardroom of the Courthouse in Geneva, Nebraska with Chairman Neiman presiding. Members present were Noel, Sluka, Graham, Cerny, and Lightwine. Harre was absent. The County Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was given by publication. A copy of the publication is on file in the County Clerk's office. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Agenda was approved as presented. The Chairman noted that the public meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Chairman of the Board, Neiman declared the minutes from the July 13, 2021, meeting approved as presented.

UPDATE FROM ADRIAN SMITH'S OFFICE

Jarod Reimers, representative from Adrian Smith's office in Grand Island, gave an update to the Board via conference call.

BID LETTING FOR PROJECT C30(445) PATCHWORK ON ROAD L AND ROAD 12

Bid letting for Project C30(445) patchwork on Road L (R Street in Geneva) and Road 12 (1st Street in Geneva) were opened at 9:30 a.m. as advertised. The following bid was received:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Constructors, Inc., Lincoln, NE	\$130,626.65

PATCHWORK PROJECT C30(445) LETTING

After review by Speece Lewis and discussion, Sluka moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to accept the bid and award to Constructors, Inc. for \$130,626.65. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH SPEECE LEWIS FOR PROJECT C30(442) BETWEEN SECTION 16 AND SECTION 17, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the contract with Speece Lewis Engineers for Project C30(442) for a concrete box culvert located between Section 16 and Section 17, Hamilton Township for \$11,450.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH SPEECE LEWIS FOR PROJECT C30(443) BETWEEN SECTION 24 AND SECTION 25, MADISON TOWNSHIP

Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion to approve the contract with Speece Lewis Engineers for Project C30(443) for a concrete box culvert located between Section 24 and Section 25, Madison Township for \$11,450.00. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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



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Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH SPEECE LEWIS FOR 2021 FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

After discussion, Graham moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the contract with Speece Lewis Engineers to perform the 2021 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections on nine (9) bridges costing \$1,180.00 per bridge. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

OTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT ITEMS

Highway Superintendent, Pat Halbur and Deputy County Attorney, Daniel Werner (via conference call) discussed the Burress Road, after discussion there needs to be further review and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Pat also requested further guidance on how much maintenance was requested on the Geneva and Bryant Township roads for future.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Jared Stephens would like to put an outside flag depository at the East Office Building as his Eagle Scout project. After discussion, the Board approved Jared to do this project and to work with Jennifer Slezak and Larry Cerny for placement.

RICENBAW SUBDIVISION

Jennifer Slezak, Zoning Administrator submitted the Ricenbaw Subdivision located in the NW ¼, Section 15, Exeter Township to the Board.

After discussion, Graham moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve the Ricenbaw Subdivision located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Exeter Township further described as: a tract of land in the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska, being more particularly described as follows: commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of said Section 15; thence S87°47'57"W (assumed bearing) on the North line of said Northwest quarter a distance of 160.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence S02°12'03"E, perpendicular to said North line, a distance of 635.00 feet; thence S87°47'57"W, parallel with said north line, a distance of 268.00 feet; thence N02°12'03"W, perpendicular to said North line, a distance of 635.00 feet to said North line; thence N87°47'57"E, on said North line, a distance of 268.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 3.91 acres, more or less, including 0.20 acres, more or less, of County Road Right-of-Way.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

After discussion with Zoning Administrator Jennifer Slezak, Noel moved and Graham seconded the motion referring the Conservation Easement submitted by Upper Big Blue NRD to the Planning Commission pursuant to Nebraska Statute 76-2,112. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None



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The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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:

All Makes	Sup	85.31
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	645.72
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insur	60,597.96
Central Nebraska Cremation & Mortuary Ser	Ser	850.00
Mel Coetzee	Sup	63.55
Cornerstone Bank	SS	5,747.77
Exeter Senior Center	USDA pass thru	7.00
Fairmont Aging Services	USDA pass thru	508.90
Faller Landscape	Sup	477.15
Farmer & Son Funeral Home	Ser	506.00
Fillmore County Court	Fees	365.88
Fillmore County Medical Center	Ser	308.92
Fillmore County Sheriff	Ser	160.73
Fillmore County Treasurer	Transfer	50,000.00
First Concord Group, Inc.	Insur	1,893.15
Futurity IT, Inc	Ser	1,500.00
Geneva Family Dentistry	Ser	57.00
Geneva Home Center	Sup	505.95
Geneva Senior Center	USDA pass thru	1,347.50
Hall County Sheriff	Ser, Mile	20.95
Lancaster County Sheriff	Ser	18.59
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insur	27.24
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Wksh	787.00
Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Inc	Ser	2,000.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	2,407.96
NIRMA	Insur	66,760.00
Public Health Solutions	Ser	1,800.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Post	700.00
Region V Systems	Ser	1,926.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	5,444.90
Secretary of State Election Division	Sup	10.00
Seward County Sheriff	Ser	64.02
State of Nebraska Health & Human Serv	June patient care	799.31
Thayer County Sheriff	Ser	19.00
Verizon Wireless	Ser	989.27
WEX Bank	Fuel	3,761.33
Windstream	Uti	145.09
York Animal Clinic	Ser	239.66
Payroll	Salaries	82,781.98

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Culverts	1,761.75
Bi-Versal Services, LLC	Ser	1,133.58
C & M Supply, Inc.	Fuel	1,735.02
Cornerstone Bank	SS	2,465.30
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	3,772.94
Geneva Building Supply	Sup	59.02
Geneva Home Center	Sup	25.17



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John Deere Financial	Rep	139.10
Lichti Oil	Fuel	4,543.90
Mike's Radiator & Tire	Rep	2,024.98
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials	Wksh	150.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	406.50
Newman Traffic Signs	Sup, Parts	5,202.30
Nichols Construction	Gravel	22,894.58
NIRMA	Insur	58,978.00
Perennial Public Power District	Uti	94.68
Protex Central, Inc.	Main	150.00
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Ret	2,188.25
Speece Lewis Engineers	Ser	6,812.60
US Bank CPS	Sup	14.68
Verizon Wireless	Uti	41.12
Village of Fairmont	Uti	20.24
Village of Grafton	Uti	42.56
Frank Votipka	Easement	50.00
WEX Bank	Fuel	3,574.24
Payroll	Salaries	32,997.09

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, Inc.	Ser	460.00
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911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Nebraska Public Power District	Uti	288.95
Windstream	Uti	1,984.36

CLAIMS APPROVED

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

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

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEWS

The following budgets were reviewed throughout the day: Building & Grounds, Road Dept, Clerk of the District Court, District Judge, Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Investigator – RAP, Law Enforcement Grant, Assessor, Treasurer, Planning & Zoning, East Office Building, Board, Clerk, Register of Deeds, Elections, Data Processing, Employment Security, Insurance, Economic Development, Surveyor, County Medical Relief & Assistance, Institutions, Miscellaneous, ROD Preservation & Modernization, Federal Drug Law Forfeiture, Friends of the Courthouse, Inheritance Tax, Road Dept/Courthouse Bond, and Ag Society Building Bond.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Darcy Nun, County Treasurer submitted the semi-annual report for the Board to review.

911 TOWER LIGHT REPLACEMENT QUOTE

Emergency Manager, Jean Engle submitted a quote from Zephyr Towers for replacement of the lighting on the 911 Tower.

After discussion, Sluka moved and Lightwine seconded the motion to approve the quote from Zephyr Towers to replace the lighting in the 911 tower with LED bulbs and to remove any mounts that are not being used for \$16,797.96. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:



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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

2021 2nd QUARTER ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENTS

After review, Cerny moved and Noel seconded the motion to approve the 2021 second (2nd) quarter accountability statements as presented from Clerk of the District Court, County Attorney, and County Clerk (Section 125 and Register of Deeds) accounts. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Probation District #1 submitted a budget request of \$4,309.38 and District Court Bailiff submitted a budget request of \$10,782.83 for fiscal year 2021/2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried and requested that the Highway Superintendent remain. Executive session began at 3:01 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to return to open session at 3:57 p.m. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SALARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Ralph Graham, Mark Lightwine, and Wade Sluka members of the Salary committee informed the Board that the Salary committee is recommending a three (3%) to five (5%) percent cost of living increase for hourly employees (except seasonal employees).

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Cerny seconded the motion to approve a five (5%) percent cost of living raise for hourly employees (except seasonal employees) starting on July 25, 2021. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY



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After discussion, Noel moved and Lightwine seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Highway Superintendent's salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ASSISTANT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SALARY

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to leave the Assistant Highway Superintendent's salary at the direction of the Highway Superintendent.

SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR SALARY

After discussion, Sluka moved and Noel seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Senior Services Director's salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGER SALARY

After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Emergency Manager's salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED SUPERINTENDENT SALARY

After discussion, Noel moved and Graham seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Noxious Weed Superintendent's salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

CUSTODIAN / GROUNDSKEEPER'S SALARY

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Custodian/Groundskeeper salary for 2021/2022 including the East Office Building Custodian. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / VETERANS ASSISTANT SALARY



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After discussion, Sluka moved and Graham seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Planning and Zoning Administrator/Veterans Service Assistant salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

FILLMORE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORP DIRECTOR SALARY

After discussion, Lightwine moved and Sluka seconded the motion for a five (5%) percent cost of living increase in the Fillmore County Development Corporation Director salary for 2021/2022. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

STARTING WAGES

After discussion, the Board agreed to leave the starting wage scale as is on the bottom end and increase the top end of each a dollar and to have two categories for Sheriff deputies those certified and uncertified.

ADJOURN

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Sluka moved and Cerny seconded the motion to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., August 10, 2021. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Attest

Chairman