

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
December 9, 2025

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, in the boardroom of the Custer County Courthouse. Chairperson Blowers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and reported the Open Meeting Laws are posted on the north wall and publication of the meeting notice was on December 4, 2025. The following board members were present – Blowers, Longmore, Parliament, Markham, Kleeb, Gibbons and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Markham 2nd by Longmore to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025, Roll call vote.
Ayes-All

Committee reports were given by Markham, Parliament, Gibbons, Kleeb

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$156,020.99, SS- \$11,633.93, Ret- \$8,529.46, Exp- \$1,065.29

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	IT	7,039.49
ARMOR EQUIPMENT	Repairs	2,391.24
ARNOLD SENTINEL	Publ	136.48
BC/BS OF NEBRASKA	Prem	973.59
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	479.20
BROKEN BOW MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Serv	4,344.09
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supply	136.14
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Publ	12.87
CUSTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Fuel	352.67
CUSTER COUNTY IMPREST ACCOUNT	ACH	10.00
CUSTER TRANSFER STATION INC	Fees	12.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	1,844.42
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	Supply	66.59
ERICKSON LAW LLC	Fees	(2,537.50)
GARRETT TIRES, TREADS & APPLIANCES	Supply	121.00
GATEWAY MOTORS INC.	Repairs	1,203.89
GROCERY KART	Grocery	536.22
HEALING HEARTS & FAMILIES	Juv Grant	38,880.02
KCNI-AM RADIO	Ads	125.00
KIM STEFKA	Serv	97.85
KIRKPATRICK CLEANING SOLUTIONS, INC	Supply	527.99
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	4.92
LOUP VALLEY LIGHTING INC	Supply	307.53
MID-NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL SERVICES BB	Labor	168.00
MIPS INC	Prog	4,242.98
NE ASS'N OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Dues	225.00
O'BRIEN'S HARDWARE	Supply	33.98
PETERSON LEGAL SERVICES PC LLO	Fees	1,381.08
PRESTO-X	Serv	77.25
QUILL CORPORATION	Supply	84.73
RT ACE HARDWARE	Supply	68.89
SENNETT DUNCAN JENKINS & WICKHAM	Fees	5,679.01

SEVEN SPRINGS INC	Supply	41.00
SIKYTA LAW OFFICE LLC	Fees	772.50
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOCIATES PC LLO	Fees	1,325.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	Maint	120.00
TAYLOR HEATING & COOLING INC	Repairs	264.50
TOBEY LAW	Fees	1,287.50
TRANSIT WORKS	Repairs	303.17
TROTTER SERVICE	Repairs	588.25
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	2,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	260.12
VILLAGE UNIFORM	Serv	40.00
ZELLE HUMAN RESOURCE SOLUTIONS	HR	5,000.00

Motion by Longmore 2nd by KleeB to approve the General Fund Claims, Roll call vote.
Ayes-Markham, Parliament, KleeB, Longmore, Gibbons

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$95,856.45, SS-\$7,192.21, Ret-\$4,318.74, Exp-\$335.30

AKRS EQUIPMENT	Parts	158.19
ARROW SEED COMPANY	Seed	12.30
AT&T MOBILITY	Serv	929.00
BK COMMODITIES INC	Shipping	7,791.94
BROKEN BOW AUTO PARTS	Parts	116.27
BROKEN BOW MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Serv	860.11
CALLAWAY LIGHT & WATER	Serv	92.12
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supply	52.71
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CO	Supply	275.89
CUSTER COUNTY POSTAGE	Postage	84.30
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	115.07
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	57.41
FASTENAL COMPANY	Parts	105.07
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	190.09
H T C INCORPORATED	Parts	685.16
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS	Parts	340.46
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING COMPANY	Parts	535.99
K & R REESE FARMS LLP	Shipping	4,522.50
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS INC	Material	10,006.35
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	Testing	10.00
MELHAM MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	Testing	103.00
MIPS INC	Serv	384.64
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	Parts	307.10
MYERS CONSTRUCTION INC	Shipping	4,725.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC NE MACHINERY CO	Parts	1,654.40
O'REILLY AUTO PART	Parts	351.65
PAULSEN, INC	Material	418.85
ROSS ELECTRIC INC	Serv	113.41
RT ACE HARDWARE	Parts	94.46
SARGENT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Serv	103.96

STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING INC	Painting	35,854.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	79.88
WENQUIST INC.	Parts	1,127.35

Motion by Parliament 2nd by Markham to approve Road Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$25,377.64, SS-\$1,897.27, Ret-\$1,416.91

CENTURYLINK	Serv	421.13
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	588.31
IAMRESPONDING	Serv	4,569.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	1,120.27

Motion by Parliament 2nd by Markham to approve Communications Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

DEEDS PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND CLAIMS:

MIPS INC	Serv	205.30
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Motion by Markham 2nd by Parliament to approve Deeds Preservation/Modernization Fund Claims. Roll Call Vote. Ayes-All

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND CLAIMS:

BROKEN BOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Promo	10,000.00
CEDC/SJNSB VISITOR CENTER	Adv	2,750.00

Motion by Markham 2nd by Parliament to approve Visitors Promotion Fund Claims. Roll Call Vote. Ayes-All

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND CLAIMS:

ANSLEY AREA ROTARY CLUB	Sign	12,000.00
ANSLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GROUP	Upgrade	5,000.00
ARNOLD CEMETERY BOARD	Fence	3,000.00
BROKEN BOW AMBULANCE SERVICE	Timer	4,500.00
SEVEN VALLEY'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Flooring	5,000.00
VILLAGE OF OCONTO	Library	2,000.00
WILD ROSE GALLERY	Upgrade	1,350.00

Motion by Markham 2nd by Parliament to approve Visitors Improvement Fund Claims. Roll Call Vote. Ayes-All

Nominations for Vice Chair were taken Markham was nominated by Gibbons 2nd by Longmore. Roll Call Vote. Ayes-Kleeb, Parliament, Longmore, Gibbons, Markham abstain

The County Board discussed the Cash in Lieu option offered for Custer County.

Motion by Longmore 2nd by Markham to increase the amount from \$475 to \$600 per month. Roll call vote Kleeb-no, Gibbons-no, Parliament-no, Markham-yes, Longmore-yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Parliament 2nd by Kleeb to increase the amount from \$475 to \$500 per month. Roll call vote Markham-yes, Longmore-no, Parliament-yes, Gibbons-yes, Kleeb-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #35-2025 stating that in Cash in Lieu will increase to \$500.00 effective January 1, 2026.
Motion by Gibbons 2nd Parliament. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Custer County Emergency Manager Mark Rempe presented a new Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) system to enhance emergency services provided to the public. Rempe reported he had negotiated savings on the product. A contract to purchase the system for \$95,000, followed by a \$49,000 annual maintenance fee. Rempe noted the system cost would be in the range of \$219,000, and that E/M would be able to make the transition with no change to their budget. Rempe also said if additional emergency management organizations work with Custer County, the annual fee would be split between the groups. The Board tabled the issue by asking Rempe to research other options to ensure due diligence and open communication with all affected organizations.

Board of Equalization Motion by Longmore 2nd Markham to adjourn as the County Board and convene as the Board of Equalization at 10:50 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all
Assessor Taylor handed out tax corrections.

Clifford & Gaylean Olson LLC – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated parcel 00006980 (-)13.26 Motion to approve tax corrections made by Gibbons 2nd by Kleeb. Roll call vote. Ayes- All

Design Homes Inc-Lane Chesley – Parcel 000673255 - Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated(+)213.32
Design Homes Inc-Lane Chesley – Parcel 000673250 - Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated(-)213.32
Gene Tullis – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated– parcel 000686400 (+)12.08
Bryce Nansel – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated000658510 (-)32.84
Bryce Nansel – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated000658515 (-).22
Motion to approve all Dist. 5 tax corrections made by Blowers 2nd by Parliament. Roll call vote. Ayes- All

Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000131700 (-)68.26
Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000132000 (-)5.46
Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000132100 (-)68.26
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Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000132300 (-)34.14
Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000132400 (-)34.14
Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000131800 (-)68.26
Conroy Land Company – Quiet title filed May 2025 – parcel should have been inactivated, Lomax vacated in 2024 parcel 000131800 (-)34.14
Motion to approve all Dist. 6 tax corrections made by Longmore 2nd Parliament Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Wayne & Deborah Slingsby Rev Tt – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated Parcel 000351810 (-)12.22 Motion to approve all Dist. 7 tax corrections made by Parliament 2nd by Longmore. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Blakeman Cattle LLC – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated Parcel 000449715 (-)37.20

Bindewald Family LTD – Update in MIPS after Original Correction Approved-School Credit not calculated Parcel 000449700 (-)37.22

Motion to approve all Dist. 4 tax corrections made by Markham 2nd by Longmore. Roll call vote. Ayes-All.

Motion by Longmore, 2nd Parliament, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the County Board at 11:03 a.m., Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Parliament, 2nd Kleeb, to direct County Treasurer Bryant to mail the 2025 Tax Statements. (SS77-1701). Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Treasurer Bryant presented the Resolutions for transferring funds. Motion by Parliament, 2nd Longmore, to approve Res. 33-2025 to transfer per 2025-26 budgeted funds, from Co. General Fund to Co. Road Fund \$3,261,553.44 or 41.9391%. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Markham, 2nd Longmore, to approve Res. 34-2025 to transfer per 2025-26 budgeted funds, from Co. General Fund to Road Hard Surface Sinking Fund or \$716,500 or 9.2132%. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Highway Superintendent Jacobsen presented Change Order #2 to direct the contractor Saul Ramos Construction to finish grading operations in their contract, deduct the seeding and hotmix asphalt placement from the contract and add to the contract edge-line paint and narrow shoulder signing and delineation of the driving surface. After the contractor has completed CO#2 it is recommended to close out the contract and obligations with Saul Ramos Construction regarding this project. Motion by Blowers 2nd Parliament to approve CO#2 Roll call vote. Ayes-all

One application to cross county r-o-w was presented

Motion by Parliament 2nd Longmore to approve an application to cross county r-o-w with fiber optic cable for Hamilton, Rd 457. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Healing Hearts & Family – SueEllen Koepke requested the annual grant application MOU signed for the diversion program. Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Parliament to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Longmore to approve the September monthly fee reports for the Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk District Court, Sheriff, and Recycling. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Custer County Weed Superintendent Tim Conover provided his end-of-year report. Conover stated he had conducted 123 inspections through the year, covering 19,300 acres, and that Custer County is currently in compliance with Nebraska Department of Agriculture requirements. Conover was awarded the 2024 NDA Region 3 Inspector Award for making “a substantial impact on controlling and preventing the spread of noxious weeds, protecting agricultural productivity and safeguarding the environment for future generations.” The Supervisors agreed with this assessment and thanked Conover’s efforts.

Discussion was held on the use of the Custer County Board of Supervisors Proposal/Request/Report

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on December 9, 2025, were sent to members of the County Board, County Attorney and all others requesting the same. Notice was posted at the Custer County Courthouse, the County website, and in the Custer County Chief. The agenda for the next regular meeting to be held on **Tuesday, December 30, 2025**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk