

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR  
February 24, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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 February 19, 2026. The following board members were present – Blowers, Parliament, Markham, Kleeb, Longmore and Govier and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk. Gibbons excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Markham, 2nd by Parliament approve minutes from February 10, 2026  
Roll call vote. Ayes-All Longmore abstain

Committee reports were given.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$125,052.37, SS-\$9,055.19, Ret- \$8,666.41, Exp-\$2,085.18

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	IT	7,068.98
ARNOLD SENTINEL	Publ	36.00
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC, LLO.	Pub Def	8,438.00
BROKEN BOW AIRPORT AUTHORITY	Support	2,166.66
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	6.00
BURWELL TRIBUNE	Publ	44.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE & SPRINKLER REPAI	Serv	2,400.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Publ	322.42
CUSTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Support	3,000.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	202.08
CUSTER TRANSFER STATION INC	Rent	9,600.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	Prog	564.00
DATAVANT	Fee	20.00
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE	Groc	164.57
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	995.29
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	Supply	195.79
GRAFIX SHOPPE	Supply	453.49
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	219.40
GREELEY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fee	49.71
GROCERY KART	Groc	919.88
GROCERY KART - CARDBOARD	Cardboard	195.00
HEALING HEARTS & FAMILIES	Grant	33,686.52
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	Prem	1,588.24
MEDICA	Prem	24,588.92
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS MIS	Serv	96.00
MIPS INC	Prog	896.00
NACO	Reg	275.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	Reg	150.00
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	Lodging	260.00
NPZA	Reg	235.00
PITNEY BOWES INC	Serv	135.27
PRESTO-X	Serv	77.25

QUILL CORPORATION	Supply	187.88
SENNETT DUNCAN JENKINS & WICKHAM	Fee	8,890.26
SIKYTA LAW OFFICE LLC	Fee	525.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOCIATES PC LLO	Fee	6,581.25
SYNDICATE PUBLISHING	Publ	181.60
THOMPSON REUTERS	Books	507.00
TROTTER SERVICE	Serv	50.00
TROTTERS WHOA & GO WEST	Fuel	2,555.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.22
VILLAGE UNIFORM	Serv	40.00

Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Govier to approve the General Fund Claims, Roll call vote.  
Ayes-all

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$69,977.24, SS-\$5,162.66, Ret-\$4,395.19, Exp-\$1,327.20

AKRS EQUIPMENT	Parts	163.87
BEAVER BEARING	Parts	38.36
BK COMMODITIES INC	Shipping	12,637.94
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	Parts	554.23
CENTRAL NEBRASKA DIESEL	Parts	100.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supply	164.28
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CO	Supply	2,297.66
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS	Supply	3,151.39
COPYCAT PRINTING	Supply	1,050.97
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Publ	95.23
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	555.89
FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT	Lodging	309.90
FARRITOR AUTO PARTS	Parts	775.00
GARRETT TIRES, TREADS & APPLIANCES	Parts	428.95
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	190.03
GRINT'S FARM SUPPLY	Parts	59.90
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS	Parts	473.46
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING COMPANY	Parts	204.20
KARLY MACK	Serv	500.00
KORT TRANSFER, LLC	Shipping	1,162.80
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS INC	Material	18,398.81
MEAD LUMBER	Supply	3.59
MEDICA	Prem	14,358.86
MYERS CONSTRUCTION INC	Shipping	71,759.70
NACO	Reg	420.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC NE MACHINERY CO	Parts	716.64
O'BRIEN'S HARDWARE	Parts	29.99
OVERTON SAND & GRAVEL	Material	2,625.81
ROAD BUILDERS MACHINERY & SUPPLY	Parts	411.98
ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	Parts	1,602.88
RT ACE HARDWARE	Parts	81.95
S & L SANITARY	Serv	74.00
SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	Fuel	20,353.12
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	Signs	203.28

SPENCER QUARRIES INC	Material	25,752.81
SYNDICATE PUBLISHING	Publ	87.22
V-BAR SALES & SERVICE	Parts	321.27
WENQUIST INC.	Parts	3,967.33

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

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$16,702.9,SS-\$1,219.02,Ret-\$1,127.46

CYRACOM INTERNATIONAL INC	Serv	4.83
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	Serv	844.80
FM 92.3 KBEAR COUNTRY	Ads	100.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	446.96
MEDICA	Prem	3,868.94
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	Serv	211.20

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

REPURPOSED CDBG HOUSING GRANT FUND

CENTRAL NE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIS	Admin	170.00
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Motion by Parliament 2nd by Govier to approve Repurposed CDBG Housing Grant Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Audit report was presented. Motion by Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to accept 2024-2025 audit report from Contryman Associates P.C. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Letter of understanding from McChesney, Martin, Sagehorn PC for help with the 2026-2027 budget at the cost of \$7,100. Motion by Kleeb 2<sup>nd</sup> Markham to accept said letter. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Kelly Flynn presented a recycling update. Discussion was held about possible grant funds available in the future.

Chris Jacobsen Highway Superintendent and Nick Olson Assistant Highway Superintendent presented special purchase options for a Pneumatic Roller 24K to 32K ton. Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> Longmore to purchase a 2020 CAT CW16 with 620 hrs. from NMC for \$97.7K. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Also presented were options for two(2) used motor graders. Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> Longmore to purchase a 2018 CAT 12 M3 motor grader with 3828 hrs. for \$160K and a 2020 CAT140-15 motor grader with 2133 hrs. for \$235K. Both machines will be purchased from NMC. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

One application to cross right of way was presented from Garth Ostergard for a 1 1/4 ' water pipe for the purpose of a hydrant located on Stop Table Rd 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile north from Rd782/Stop Table intersection. Motion by Blowers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament to approve application. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to close bids on the Patrol Car. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Sheriff Osmond presented a single bid for a 2026 Police Pursuit Vehicle, 4 x 4 pickup from Gateway Chevrolet. Discussion was held to allow the Custer County Highway Dept to purchase the 2021 Chevy from Gateway for \$1,500 over the trade in value.

Motion was made to accept the bid for the 2026 Chevy Silverado for \$49,460 with trade of 2021 Chevy Silverado \$21,555 for a price of \$27,205 was made by Longmore 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to accept this bid. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Sheriff Osmond also presented a quote from Taylor Heating & Cooling for a new HVAC unit for the jail. Osmond told the board the unit needed to be replaced last year and again this year. Only requested a bid from Taylor because everything in the jail is serviced by Taylor's. Price is cheaper than the one purchased two years ago. Motion by Blowers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to approve installation of the Daikin Rooftop Unit for \$15,786.00 with funds coming from the Sinking Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

In his final item on the agenda Sheriff Osmond presented a bid from IDEMIA, for a LiveScan System. This system would allow fingerprints to be sent directly to NSP (Nebraska State Patrol) AFIS. There is no other company that offers this product. With the previous program NSP provided funding for the program. Osmond stated he will apply for NIRMA Assist grant; funds are not guaranteed and not available until 2027. Cost would be \$22,642. More likely than not this will put the jail over budget.

#### **Board of Equalization**

**Motion by Kleeb 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament to adjourn as the County Board and convene as the Board of Equalization at 10:30 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Assessor Taylor handed out tax corrections.**

**Motion by Kleeb 2<sup>nd</sup> by Govier to approve the following Tax List Corrections for Dist. #1  
Darrell D & Ruth Ann Myers LE Ethal RE(001441300) 2022 State Audit-Reduced  
Homestead From 100% to 80% (+)190.08  
Connie Bottorf RE(000298220) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 70%  
(+)519.04 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Motion by Govier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kleeb to approve the following Tax List Corrections for Dist. #3  
Gary E & Karen K Fenton RE(001200600) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From  
70% to 60% (+)193.12  
Janet E Clay RE(001205300) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 90%  
(+)193.14 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Motion by Blowers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to approve the following Tax List Corrections for  
Dist. #5  
Roger A & Marion Chesley RE(000809600) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From  
100% to 30% (+)670.96  
Ernest Boyd & Mary Anne Cool Rev Trust RE(000800500) 2022 State Audit-Reduced  
Homestead From 100% to 0% (+)426.88 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Motion by Longmore 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament to approve the following Tax List Corrections for  
Dist. #6  
Marvin W & LaVonne Hickenbottom TR(000557500) 2022 State Audit-Reduced  
Homestead From 50% to 40% (+)115.00  
Harry L Jr & Rosalee Rogan RE(000585500) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From  
90% to 0% (+)791.00  
Harry & Rosalee H Rogan RE(000585600) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From  
90% to 0% (+)17.80**

**James R & Doretta L McFall (JT) RE(000592900) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 0% (+)1,477.90**

**James R & Doretta L McFall (JT) RE(000592900) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 70% (+)449.58**

**Harry L Jr & Rosalee Rogan RE(000585500) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 60% to 0% (+)530.40**

**Marvin W & LaVonne Hickenbottom TR9000557500) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 80% to 70% (+)149.86 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Motion by Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to approve the following Tax List Corrections for Dist. #7**

**Ronald L & Susan K Beck RE(000355710) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 70% (+)257.62**

**Dale L Jr & Linda L Rynearspn RE(000365799) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 50% to 20% (+)186.54**

**Richard L Zierlein RE(000893256) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 80% to 10% (+)902.94**

**Benard R & Janeane A Nichols RE(000967800) ) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 60% (+)545.66**

**Lyle & Janice Lovitt RE(000886000) Clerical error when entering the homestead in 2022, Original amount should have been \$22,353 instead of \$23,353 (+)12.96**

**Lyle & Janice Lovitt RE(000886000) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 30% to 0%(+)289.92**

**Benard R & Janeane A Nichols RE(000967800) ) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 80% to 70% (+)126.44**

**Richard L Zierlein RE(000893256) ) 2023 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 50% (+)671.92 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament to approve the following Tax List Corrections for Dist. #4**

**Jeanne M Myer RE(000480656) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 20% (+)1,083.00**

**Bonita R Ritchie RE(000502000) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 50% (+)676.88**

**Dwight H & Patricia A Daugherty RE(000430100) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 70% (+)297.50**

**Jacqueline L Linville RE(000504700) 2022 State Audit-Reduced Homestead From 100% to 0% (+)947.62 Roll call vote. Ayes-all**

**Assessor Taylor then presented Permissive Exemptions from Creation Instruction Association/Boneyard Creation Museum applying for both educational and religious purposes, purchased the building to the east to expand the museum. Recommends approval.**

**Wescott Baptist Church no longer owned by church Taylor recommends denial.**

**American Legion Post #220 house and ballfield 2024 state denial, not charitable being used once a year. It is used for Christmas displays and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July which draw in more out of towners. Taylor recommends approval.**

**Callaway Christian Academy LLC homeschool co-op. Lacking info, supporting documentation were not enough, been in contact with Steve Sommer, does not know if he they have bylaws, meeting minutes, he was checking with Dean Hiedle but has not gotten**

**any answers. Longmore make some phone calls. Taylor cannot approve without proper documentation.**

**Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Govier to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the County Board at 10:54 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-All**

Public comment was opened-no comment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on February 24, 2026, 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, February 10, 2026**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk