

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
March 10, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 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 March 5, 2026. The following board members were present – Blowers, Longmore , Parliament, Markham, Kleeb, Gibbons and Govier and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Markham 2nd by Longmore to approve updated minutes from January 24, 2026
Roll call vote. Ayes-All Gibbons-abstain

Committee reports were given.

Fee reports-tabled to next meeting.

Tim Conover-Weed Superintendent presented his Yearly Evaluation From NE Department of Ag. Received 3400/3400. Board thanked Tim for his great work and organization. Report was accepted.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$127,199.85, SS-\$9,223.68, Ret-\$8,810.19, Exp- \$840.61

Arnold Sentinel	Publ	173.37
Black Hills Energy	Serv	1,373.57
Brandy Behrehdt	Fees	70.75
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	4,338.68
Central Nebraska Attorneys	Fees	2,642.45
Charron Lawn Care & Sprinkler Repair	Serv	1,200.00
Chase County Sheriff's Office	Serv	109.98
Cintas Corporation	Supply	122.39
Custer County Attorney Petty Cash	Postage	312.00
Custer County Chief	Publ	9,604.79
Custer County Highway Department	Fuel	345.63
Custer County Imprest Account	Fees	25.00
Custer County Treasurer	Fees	25.00
Dollar General Store	Groc	154.80
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	1,626.82
Elan Financial Services	Supply	456.52
Erickson Law LLC	Fees	262.50
Faith Owens	Refund	0.44
Gateway Motors Inc.	Auto	27,205.00
Grafix Shoppe	Supply	388.97
Grocery Kart	Groc	311.00
Integrated Security Solutions	Equip	400.00
Jackie J Stromer Queen	Fees	159.65
Jones Automotive	Supply	177.58
Lincoln Financial Group	Prem	1,599.77
Medica	Prem	24,589.31
Microfilm Imaging Systems Mis	Fees	96.00

Mid Plains Community College	Training	420.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Bb	Serv	248.00
Miller & Associates Consulting	Serv	4,909.50
MIPS Inc	Serv	3,346.89
Naco	Registr	425.00
Nansel's Best Service	Serv	134.55
Peterson Legal Services Pc LLO	Fees	1,737.50
Point C	Prem	991.00
Presto-X	Serv	77.25
Prime Plumbing LLC	Repair	665.00
Quill Corporation	Supply	25.77
Ranchland Ford	Parts	109.23
Rt Ace Hardware	Repair	15.74
Secretary Of State	Dues	480.00
Sennett Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Fees	7,455.18
Syndicate Publishing	Publ	5.00
Us Postal Service	Postage	2,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	380.22
Village Uniform	Serv	40.00
Zelle Human Resource Solutions	Serv	5,000.00

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

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$69,208.80, SS-\$5,098.44, Ret-\$4,448.42, Exp-\$823.62

Akrs Equipment	Parts	148.04
AT&T Mobility	Serv	940.20
Beaver Bearing	Parts	210.12
Bk Commodities Inc	Shipping	12,447.50
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	1,482.55
Callaway Light & Water	Serv	236.96
Callaway True Value	Supply	27.64
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Parts	460.84
Cintas Corporation	Supply	126.23
Cooperative Producers	Parts	5,585.55
Custer County Chief	Publ	30.81
Custer Public Power District	Serv	476.08
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	7.75
Elan Financial Services	Supply	445.44
Fastenal Company	Parts	237.53
Filter Care	Parts	219.20
Gateway Motors Inc.	Auto	23,205.00
Great Plains Communications	Serv	190.03
Interstate Battery Systems	Parts	440.46
Island Supply Welding Company	Supply	60.25
Kaco Supplies	Signs	12,700.00
Kort Transfer, LLC	Shipping	1,097.20
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Material	18,647.31
Mead Lumber	Supply	156.11
Medica	Prem	14,359.13

MIPS Inc	Serv	192.32
Mt Custer Truck Sales	Parts	747.60
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Equip	78,193.53
Nmc Exchange LLC Ne Machinery Co	Parts	271.12
O'Reilly Auto Part	Parts	158.10
Platte Valley Communications	Parts	477.00
Rose Equipment Inc	Parts	367.42
Ross Electric Inc	Repair	966.74
Rt Ace Hardware	Tools	41.58
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Serv	224.19
Sign Solutions Usa	Signs	1,624.81
Syndicate Publishing	Publ	26.18
Titan Machinery	Parts	573.90
Verizon Wireless	Serv	159.76
W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC	Safety	1,267.64
Wenquist Inc.	Parts	2,687.73

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

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$17,407.56,SS-\$1,272.89,Ret-\$1,175.00 Exp-\$20.21

Centurylink	Serv	420.87
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	Serv	844.80
Medica	Prem	3,869.02
Platte Valley Communications	Serv	690.00
Trotter Service	Serv	80.25
Village Of Ansley	Serv	45.38

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

PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND CLAIMS:

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Motion by Parliament 2nd Govier to approve the Preservation/Modernization Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

COUNTY VISITORS

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway	Dues	890.00
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Motion by Parliament 2nd Govier to approve the Preservation/Modernization Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Board of Equalization

Motion by Kleeb 2nd Markham to adjourn as the County Board and convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:10 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Assessor Taylor handed out tax corrections.

Motion by Gibbons 2nd by Kleeb to approve tax list correction for Connie Bottorf RE(000298220) 2022 State Audit-reduced homestead from 80% to 60%(+)342.90 Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Markham 2nd by Parliament to approve tax list correction for Richard W & Linda Maas RE(000505400) 2025 State Audit-reduced homestead from 100% to 60%(+)814.22 Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Permissive exemptions

Longmore read Callaway Christian Academy LLC homeschool co-op-no supporting documents. Motion by Longmore 2nd Parliament to deny permissive exemption. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Gibbons 2nd by Parliament based on current ownership First Add Block 3 Lot 1 & E1/2 Lot 2 Comstock Village be denied, no longer owned by Wescott Baptist Church Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Gibbons 2nd Kleeb to approve exempt application-based recommendation of E. Taylor Assessor for American Legion Post #220 for parcels sec 2-18-17 NESW Comstock Village Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Based on Elise's recommendation for exemption application for the American Legion for Third Addition Block 5 Lot 1 Comstock Village motion for approval Gibbons 2nd Kleeb. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Creation Instruction Association/Boneyard Creation Museum based on the recommendation of the County Assessor Motion to approve exemption Govier 2nd Kleeb. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Govier to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the County Board at 9:22 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Markham 2nd by Gibbons to approve an application from Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC underground construction of conduit and fiber, 139 ft west from Custer County Fair Grounds. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Blowers read surplus list Motion by Markham 2nd Gibbons to approve Resolution #13-2026 Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Kleen 2nd by Parliament to allow surplus items to be sold at auction. Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Motion by Parliament 2nd by Gibbons to close bids on 2026 Armor Coating at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Bids were opened from Figgins Construction Co, Sta-Bilt Construction Company, Midwest Coatings Company Inc and Vance Brothers LLC

		Figgins	Sta-Bilt	Midwest	Vance	
Item #1	Up to 1.5 continuous miles	0.68	0.67	0.46	0.65	/sq. yd.
Item #2	1.6 to 3 continuous miles	0.58	0.57	0.46	0.65	/sq. yd.
Item #3	3.1 to 6 continuous miles	0.53	0.52	0.46	0.65	/sq. yd.
Item #4	6.1 to 9 continuous miles	0.52	0.51	0.46	0.45	/sq. yd.
Item #5	9.1 to 15 continuous miles	0.51	0.50	0.46	0.45	/sq. yd.

Upon the recommendation of N. Olson, he recommended taken under advisement referral to the highway committee.

Austin Partridge with Northland was present to discuss options on possibly issuing a bond to pave roads. He answered questions from the board. Bids will be opened March 31, 2026, will contact Austin after a decision has been made.

Discussion was held on the phone contract with Great Plains Communications which is up in May. Several companies had reached out in after Eakes did an evaluation of the county's systems in April 2025. The board will discuss needs with EM/Communications and working forward on putting out a request for proposals from providers.

Public comment was opened.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Chairman Blowers called meeting back into session 10:12 .am.

10:13 a.m. executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding pending litigation and contract negotiations.

Chairman Blowers called the Co. Board out of closed session at 10:45 a.m. No decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on March 10, 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, March 31, 2026**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk