

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
March 31, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 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 26, 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 March 10, 2026
Roll call vote. Ayes-All Gibbons-abstain

Committee reports were given.

Motion by Gibbons 2nd by Longmore to approve February fees reports. Roll call vote.
Ayes-all

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$145,547.67,SS-\$10,627.37,Ret-\$9,889.58,Exp- \$2,455.54

911 CUSTOM	Lights	132.41
A TO Z LAWN PRO	Serv	250.00
ACCENT WIRE PRODUCTS	Supply	1,440.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	1,852.95
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC, LLO.	Pub Def	8,438.00
BROKEN BOW AIRPORT AUTHORITY	Support	1,083.33
BROKEN BOW AUTO PARTS	Parts	15.48
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	35.10
BURWELL TRIBUNE	Publ	183.21
CENTRAL NEBRASKA ATTORNEYS	Fees	2,095.46
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION LLC	Serv	12,790.00
CHARM-TEX INC	Supply	233.50
CONNI GRACEY	Labor	210.00
CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES, P.C.	Fees	18,500.00
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	Serv	101.90
COUNTY VET'S SERVICE OFFICERS	Dues	60.00
CRIMINAL ADDICTION INC	Training	350.00
CUSTER COUNTY	Deductible	5,118.55
CUSTER COUNTY ATTORNEY PETTY CASH	Fees	39.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Publ	1,465.46
CUSTER COUNTY COURT	Fees	3,181.00
CUSTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Fuel	22.16
CUSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Support	8,500.00
CUSTER COUNTY IMPREST ACCOUNT	Fees	50.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	179.50
CUSTER COUNTY TREASURER	Fees	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	193.94
CUSTER TRANSFER STATION INC	Rent	4,848.00
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE	Groc	185.45
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	1,885.67
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	Supply	355.73

ERICKSON LAW LLC	Fees	175.00
EVOLC3D CREATIONS	Supply	464.50
FIDLAR	Support	390.00
FM 92.3 KBEAR COUNTRY	Adv	100.00
GOVIER BROTHERS MORTUARY	Fees	640.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	1,892.62
GROCERY KART	Groc	343.51
GROCERY KART - CARDBOARD	Cardboard	85.00
HAROUFF LAW PC LLO	Fees	662.50
HIGHSTREET INSURANCE AGENCY	Bond	50.00
HOLIDAY INN	Lodging	159.95
KIRKPATRICK CLEANING SOLUTIONS, INC	Supply	207.74
LEXIS NEXIS	Supply	335.31
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	Prem	1,599.77
MEDICA	Prem	24,588.92
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS MIS	Serv	196.00
NANSEL'S BEST SERVICE	Serv	181.53
NE ASS'N OF COUNTY EXTENSION BOARDS	Dues	100.00
NE ASS'N OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Dues	300.00
NE DISTRICT COURT CLERK ASSOCIATION	Dues	75.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	Equip	781.00
PETERSON LEGAL SERVICES PC LLO	Fees	550.00
POINT C	Prem	287.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supply	108.60
RT ACE HARDWARE	Supply	183.93
SENNETT DUNCAN JENKINS & WICKHAM	Fees	7,110.51
SIKYTA LAW OFFICE LLC	Fees	250.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOCIATES PC LLO	Fees	3,118.75
SYNDICATE PUBLISHING	Publ	191.83
TROTTER SERVICE	Serv	136.00
TROTTERS WHOA & GO WEST	Fuel	2,795.43
UNITECH	Supply	129.75
VARNEY HEALTHMART	Meds	31.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	400.24
VILLAGE UNIFORM	Serv	80.00
WROBLEWSKI & GAWRYCH LAW OFFICE LLC	Fees	5,087.50

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

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$103,609.95, SS-\$7,731.52, Ret-\$6,497.04, Exp-\$684.41

AKRS EQUIPMENT	Parts	741.96
BAUM IRON COMPANY	Parts	1,622.62
BK COMMODITIES INC	Shipping	19,551.83
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	Parts	1,205.78
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supply	202.08
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS	Supply	3,425.71
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	Publ	46.01
CUSTER COUNTY POSTAGE	Postage	40.70
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	459.97

CUSTER TRANSFER STATION INC	Fees	25.20
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supply	133.33
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	Parts	199.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Parts	82.86
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	Repairs	1,524.58
GARRETT TIRES, TREADS & APPLIANCES	Parts	653.97
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	190.03
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS	Parts	333.64
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING COMPANY	Parts	347.02
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	Material	2,262.88
KARLY MACK	Serv	500.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	Consult	1,000.00
MARC	Supply	666.40
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS INC	Material	24,624.96
MEAD LUMBER	Supply	14.58
MEDICA	Prem	14,358.86
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	Consult	5,580.00
MYERS CONSTRUCTION INC	Material	12,494.70
NMC EXCHANGE LLC NE MACHINERY CO	Equip	503,014.14
O'REILLY AUTO PART	Parts	168.35
OVERTON SAND & GRAVEL	Material	7,035.38
PAULSEN, INC	Material	1,245.56
POINT C	Prem	217.00
ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	Equip	8,505.30
RT ACE HARDWARE	Supply	205.69
S & L SANITARY	Serv	74.00
SG CONCRETE PROS INC	Material	12,500.00
SPENCER QUARRIES INC	Material	3,967.73
TITAN MACHINERY	Equip	20,296.95
V-BAR SALES & SERVICE	Parts	24.34
VERIZON	Serv	213.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	79.88
WENQUIST INC.	Parts	2,834.83
US POSTAL SERVICE	Serv	88.00

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

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$23,791.51,SS-\$1,761.28,Ret-\$1,605.92

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	555.55
CYRACOM INTERNATIONAL INC	Serv	2.07
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	446.96
MEDICA	Prem	3,868.94
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	Serv	211.20
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Serv	1,701.00
POINT C	Prem	56.00
TROTTER SERVICE	Repairs	228.45

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

VISITORS PROMOTION

US POSTAL SERVICE	Serv	88.00
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Motion by Govier 2nd Parliament to approve the Visitors Promotion Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

DRUG FUND – CUSTER COUNTY

GREGG YOUNG AUTOMOTIVE	Parts	625.00
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Motion by Govier 2nd Parliament to approve the Drug Fund – Custer County claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

INHERITANCE FUND

CUSTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Transfer	525,000.00
ROAD HARD SURFACE SINKING FUND	Transfer	750,000.00

Motion by Govier 2nd Parliament to approve the Drug Fund – Custer County claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Assessor Elise Taylor spoke with the board about not legally being able to properly assess properties due to the Attorney General opinion that the county assessor is not exempt from being charged with trespassing. Taylor will work with Central Plains Valuation on a contract enabling them to complete some valuations. The cost will be covered by funds already available in the assessors office with the extra to be included in the 2026-2027 budget. Taylor also told they board she had been working with County Attorney Steve Bowers on a “consent to access” form. Return has been a struggle to get them back. The board directed Taylor to present the contract at the next board meeting.

Darci Tibbs, Zoning Administrator appeared before the board with several items
Motion by Longmore 2nd by Parliament to open Public Hearing at 9:35 a.m.
conditional Use Permit for Central Nebraska Cowboy Church Arena – 70x216 indoor barn Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Rusty Kluender was present to discuss use of said barn.

Motion by Longmore 2nd by Parliament to close Public Hearing at 9:43 a.m.

Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Blowers 2nd by Longmore to approve the application for a Cowboy Church Arena and grant a Conditional use Permit, based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the following Findings of Fact:

The proposed use is consistent with the Custer county Comprehensive Plan.

The purposed use complies with the Custer County Zoning Regulations, specifically Section 4.07b(Category of Use – Agricultural Uses and Community Services/Civic Uses).

Roll call vote. Ayes-Markham, Longmore, Parliament, Govier, Kleeb, Blowers -Nayes Gibbons

Motion by Markham 2nd by Kleeb to open Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. Moratorium for Technology Related Facilities.

Tibbs presented Resolution 75Z-26 which puts a moratorium on “Tech Facilities” from March 31, 2026 to September 30, 2026. Discussion was held.

Motion by Longmore 2nd Parliament to close Public Hearing at 9:58 a.m.

Motion by Markham 2nd by Gibbons to approve Resolution 75Z-26. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Govier 2nd by Markham to open Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. approval of Poultry Regulations.

Tibbs presented Resolution 76Z-26 which adopts amendments to the Custer County Zoning Regulations Pertaining to Poultry, Game Birds, and Ratites updated Section 7.08. the updates included new and revised definitions to better distinguish between types of birds and operational

practices, including dry and wet litter systems. Establish thresholds for small, medium and large operations. Additional provisions including proper facility maintenance.

Overall, the changes are intended to provide clearer standards, protect public health and the environment, and ensure responsible operation of poultry-related facilities within the County.

Motion by Longmore 2nd Parliament to close Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Govier 2nd by Markham to approve Resolution 76Z-26. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Parliament 2nd Kleeb to close bids for Asphalt Materials. Roll call vote. Ayes-All Asphalt bids from Jebro and Asphalt & Fuel Supply and Vance Brothers were opened by Chairman Blowers. Motion by Parliament, 2nd by Markham to accept the bids from Jebro for MC-250 \$4.09, MC-800 \$3.85 and CSS-1H \$1.81 and the bid from Vance Brothers for HFE-300 \$3.25 as recommended by Chris Jacobse County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Longmore 2nd by Parliament to close Gravel Bids. Roll call vote. Ayes-all Gravel bids from Jeffres Sand & Gravel, Ulrich Gravel Inc, Overton Sand and Gravel, Paulsen Inc, Southwest Gravel Products LLC were opened, motion by Parliament 2nd Govier to take under advisement and refer to the Highway Dept for review and get back to the County Board. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Two change orders were presented for Sargent Road #C21(466)B1, one for Gates Road #C21(445)B1 Lance Harder Oak Creek Engineering spoke on the changes, compared to bids fall 2024. Some adjustments to asphalt tonnage prices, many new items.

Motion by Longmore to approve the three Change Orders, 2nd by Govier. Roll call Ayes-Markham, Longmore, Gibbons, Kleeb, Govier. Abstain-Parliament

C. Jacobsen presented the summary of the armor coating bids that were received in the March 10th meeting, recommended approval of the bid from Midwest Coatings. Motion by Parliament 2nd Govier to approve the recommendation of the highway superintendent. 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 Kleeb 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 31, 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