

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR  
April 14, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 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, Markham, Kleeb, Gibbons and Govier and County Attorney Steven Bowers and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk. Parliament excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Markham 2nd by Longmore to approve updated minutes from March 31, 2026

Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Committee reports were given.

Kleeb congratulated Mark Rempe for the President's Award for presenting exemplary support of Nebraska Association of Emergency Management. Board thanked Mark for his hard work and dedication.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$128,370.20,SS-\$9,307.40 Ret-\$8,861.78,Exp- \$2,129.45

Applied Connective Technologies	IT	14,226.94
Arnold Sentinel	Publish	371.00
At&T Mobility	Serv	579.35
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	4,124.22
Charron Lawn Care & Sprinkler Repair	Serv	400.00
Culligan Water Conditioning	Serv	25.50
Custer County Chief	Publish	610.21
Custer County Highway Department	Fuel	179.64
Custer County Imprest Account	Fee	25.00
Custer Transfer Station Inc	Fee	53.40
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	Prog	564.00
Dawson County Sheriff	Fee	126.48
Derek L. Mitchell P.C.	Fee	800.00
Dollar General Store	Groc	140.10
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	1,407.94
Elan Financial Services	Supply	415.68
Election Systems & Software Inc	Election	775.42
Fidlar	Support	825.00
Gateway Motors	Repairs	1,989.78
Grafix Shoppe	Supply	212.69
Great Plains Communications	Serv	1,947.48
Grocery Kart	Groc	183.70
Hall County Sheriff	Fee	21.02
Howard County Clerk	Fee	8,769.63
Intab Inc	Supply	95.66
Lancaster County Sheriff	Fee	18.76
Lincoln Financial Group	Prem	1,623.94
Mead Lumber	Supply	57.96
Medica	Prem	24,589.31
Microfilm Imaging Systems Mis	Serv	96.00

Mid Plains Community College	Serv	350.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Bb	Serv	248.00
MIPS Inc	Prog	9,075.78
Naco	Fee	60.00
Nationwide	Fee	50.00
Ne State Fire Marshall	Serv	36.00
Physicians Laboratory Pc	Autopsy	3,786.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	Postal	180.72
Point C	Prem	97.50
Quill Corporation	Supply	89.97
Ross Electric Inc	Serv	52.19
Rt Ace Hardware	Supply	29.57
Seven Springs Inc	Serv	21.50
Sikyta Law Office LLC	Fee	212.50
Syndicate Publishing	Publish	290.50
Trotter Service	Serv	99.00
Us Postal Service	Postal	2,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	300.34
Village Uniform	Serv	40.00

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

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$71,487.04, SS-\$5,272.70, Ret-\$4,496.21, Exp-\$740.39

Akrs Equipment	Parts	518.75
Arnold Sentinel	Publish	144.20
At&T Mobility	Serv	960.00
Beaver Bearing	Parts	140.44
Bk Commodities Inc	Shipping	10,018.06
Broken Bow Auto Parts	Parts	96.99
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	1,114.23
Burwell Tribune	Publish	39.64
Callaway Light & Water	Serv	126.68
Callaway True Value	Parts	4.49
Cintas Corporation	Supply	35.46
Country Partners Cooperative	Fuel	54.69
Custer County Chief	Publish	74.90
Custer County Highway Petty Cash	Supply	12.50
Custer Public Power District	Serv	115.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	37.96
Floyd's Truck Center	Parts	159.09
Garrett Tires, Treads & Appliances	Tires	445.96
Great Plains Communications	Serv	190.03
Interstate Battery Systems	Parts	445.64
Kaco Supplies	Supply	3,220.00
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Material	15,075.20
Mead Lumber	Supply	1,061.13
Medica	Prem	14,853.99
Medical Enterprises Inc	Testing	113.00
Melham Memorial Medical Center	Testing	260.00

MIPS Inc	Serv	192.32
NMC Exchange LLC Ne Machinery Co	Parts	2,753.95
O'Reilly Auto Part	Parts	83.76
Oak Creek Engineering LLC	Eng	1,388.50
Overton Sand & Gravel	Material	1,834.13
Rt Ace Hardware	Parts	124.10
S & L Sanitary	Serv	74.00
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Serv	107.41
Spencer Quarries Inc	Material	417.34
State Of Nebr	Fuel tax	1,961.00
Syndicate Publishing	Publish	278.92
Trotters Whoa & Go West	Fuel	6,660.08
Verizon	Serv	215.30
Wenquist Inc.	Parts	767.27

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

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$15,228.57,SS-\$1,106.22,Ret-\$1,027.94

Centurylink	Serv	285.38
Custer Public Power District	Serv	518.20
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	Prog	844.80
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	461.20
Farmers Co-Operative Association	Propane	60.00
Great Plains Communications	Serv	446.96
Medica	Prem	3,869.02
Mills Hardware	Supply	161.83
Ne Central Telephone Co	Serv	211.15
Platte Valley Communications	Serv	1,663.51
Village Of Ansley	Serv	45.02

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

Custer County Veterans Aid Fund	Support	5,000.00
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Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> Govier to approve County Veteran's Aid Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Geocomm, Inc	Equip	12,064.00
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Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> Govier to approve E911 Wireless Service Holding Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Assessor E. Taylor appeared before the board with a contract from Central Plains Valuation LLC as discussed in the March 31, 2026, meeting. County will pay \$65,000 prior to March 19, 2027. This will be partially paid out of the current budget and remainder in the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Govier to approve said contract. Roll call votes. Ayes-Longmore, Kleeb, Govier and Markham. Naves-Gibbons

Resolution 14R-2026 was read by Chairman Blowers which lowers the speed limit on Road 433 between Hwy 92 & Hwy 2 from 55 mph to 35 mph. Motion by Govier 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to approve Res. 14R-2026. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Longmore 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to approve an application from CPPD for underground powerline to provide electrical service. Directionally drilled perpendicularly under Rd 430, Sec. 23 T14N R22W. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Austin Partridge with Northland presented various scenarios to the board on bonding for the Anselmo south project. Discussion continued from prior board meeting. Setting not to exceed 3.1 million dollars, county does not have to issue the full 3.1 million dollars. Continue to see some volatility in the bond market due to the conflict with Iran, stable for the most part in terms of interest rates but that rates on five-year highway allocation bonds were still at just under 3.9%. The board has been in talks about options ranging from to \$3.1 million and resulting payments of and just under \$690,000 per year. A 'two-year call period' would be in effect with each option, after which time a refinancing or complete paying off is an option.

Blowers pointed out that there will be no raise in taxes to bond this road.

Motion by Gibbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blowers to approve Resolution 15R-2026 authorizing Custer County not to exceed 3,100,000 general obligation highway allocation fund pledge bonds.

Motion by Blowers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markham to pull 1 million dollars from the Inheritance Fund, while bonding 2.1 million dollars . Discussion was held. Blowers withdrew motion.

Lance Harder with Oak Creek Engineering, Chris Jacobsen, and Nick Olson came before the board to discuss awarding the asphalt contract for the Anselmo Road project C21 (1324)B1. Bids were well below engineers estimate. Lance stated he doesn't believe the county will see a bid like this in the near future, possibly never again. Motion by Markham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibbons to approve Werner Construction out if Hastings NE for the project Anselmo south asphalt resurfacing Custer County NE OCE #4-C-47. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Govier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Markham, to award the Gravel Bids as presented/tabulated by the Highway Supt. and attached. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Chairman Blowers said Supervisor Parliament had talked with Ansley Village, and they are will to do an easement or lease agreement with Custer County. County needs to purchase the tower prior to signing any agreement with Ansley Village. County Attorney Bowers suggested making an offer on the tower and getting a sales contract he will draft an easement at the same time.

Motion by Markham to make an offer of \$10,000 to purchase the Ansley tower contingent that Ansley signs the agreement 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Treasurer Bryant discussed ideas for the semiquincentennial, 250 anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence. Cleaning up of the courthouse, painting the lobby, maintenance, flowers in pots out front, new bunting, lighting the courthouse in red, white, and blue were some of the suggestions. Hoping to keep the cost low in the \$450-\$500 range. Encourage offices to participate in decorating.

Motion by Kleeb 2<sup>nd</sup> Gibbons to approve March fee reports. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

#### Public Comment

Mark Kimball spoke on the need to keep the recycling center open. Pay taxes for a lot of reasons some good reasons, some aren't, but that's a good reason.

Blowers requested to go into closed session at 10:51 a.m. for business contract negotiation. No decisions will be made in closed session. Co. Attorney Bowers, Sheriff Osmond, Mark Rempe and Clerk Jacobsen along with the board remained.

Blowers called the board out of closed session at 11:10 a.m. no decision was made.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on April 14, 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, April 28, 2026**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk