

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
April 28, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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 April 23, 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 April 14, 2026, with the correction Parliament excused. Roll call vote. Ayes-Markham, Govier, Kleeb, Longmore and Gibbons. Abstain-Parliament

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$133,184.78,SS-\$9,675.75 Ret-\$9,280.22,Exp- \$539.56

Benchmark Government Solutions	Meals	83.70
Black Hills Energy	Serv	1,841.17
Borders & Furrow Law Pc, Llo.	Puc Def	8,438.00
Brandon Saner	Ins Refund	53.04
Broken Bow Airport Authority	Support	1,083.33
Burwell Tribune	Publ	1,389.07
Central Nebraska Attorneys	Fees	4,701.33
Cintas Corporation	Supply	724.20
Country Partners Cooperative	Serv	148.67
Custer County	Ded Reimb	1,385.83
Custer County Attorney Petty Cash	Support	50.00
Custer County Chief	Publ	8.58
Custer County Clerk Of Dist. Court	Fees	133.00
Custer County Highway Department	Fuel	126.21
Custer County Treasurer	Ach Fees	25.00
Custer Public Power District	Serv	190.07
Custer Transfer Station Inc	Rent	4,800.00
Daniel Yanez	Ins Refund	46.02
Dollar General Store	Groc	39.60
Dusty Hendrickson	Ins Refund	30.84
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	3,197.86
Elan Financial Services	Fuel	90.23
Election Systems & Software Inc	Election	5,385.76
Erickson Law Llc	Fees	400.00
Evolv3d Creations	Supply	40.00
Fairfield By Marriott	Lodging	559.80
Garrett Tires & Treads	Supply	111.79
Grocery Kart	Groc	359.88
Kearney County Sheriff's Dept	Fees	36.00
Kearney Quality Sew & Vac Inc	Parts	110.93
Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, Inc	Supply	129.73
Lana Moran	Ins Refund	119.22
Lincoln Financial Group	Prem	1,623.94
Medica	Prem	24,588.92
Naco	Regist	250.00

Nansel's Best Service	Serv	105.95
Ne Air Filter, Inc	Maint	142.90
Nissa Shelby	Ins Refund	46.02
Phoenix Supply	Supply	109.00
Presto-X	Serv	77.25
Prime Plumbing Llc	Repair	150.00
Quill Corporation	Election	316.81
Region 2 Weed Control Management	Dues	50.00
Rt Ace Hardware	Supply	154.93
Stamm Romero & Associates Pc Llo	Fees	4,025.00
Syndicate Publishing	Publ	101.50
Tobey Law	Fees	4,022.98
Trotter Service	Repair	595.54
Trotters Whoa & Go West	Fuel	3,520.49
Troy M Walz	Fuel	62.86
Union County Sheriff's Office	Fees	196.00
University Of Ne-Lincoln Extension	Internet	1,200.00
University Of Nebraska	Equip	3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Serv	320.20
Village Uniform	Serv	40.00
Wenquist Inc.	Repair	59.98

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

Ayes-all

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$70,233.44, SS-\$5,176.77, Ret-\$4,476.67, Exp-\$845.62

Akrs Equipment	Parts	115.35
Bk Commodities Inc	Shipping	10,108.28
Burwell Tribune	Publ	216.79
Central Nebraska Bobcat	Parts	505.96
Cintas Corporation	Supply	174.64
Colonial Research Chemical Co	Supply	277.21
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	339.90
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	491.86
Elan Financial Services	Supply	15.99
Fastenal Company	Supply	468.72
Floyd's Truck Center	Repair	1,675.26
Garrett Tires, Treads & Appliances	Tires	262.48
Karly Mack	Serv	500.00
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Material	19,525.25
Medica	Prem	14,853.71
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Fuel	487.56
Mt Custer Truck Sales	Repair	665.00
Myers Construction Inc	Labor	1,215.00
Nichols Plbg & Htg	Bld Repair	604.85
Nmc Exchange Llc Ne Machinery Co	Parts	7,157.02
O'Reilly Auto Part	Parts	88.71
Paulsen, Inc	Material	8,757.84
Rt Ace Hardware	Parts	70.94
Trotter Service	Fuel	32,044.79
Trotter's Fertilizer	Supply	792.48
Unitech	Supply	876.00

Motion by Govier 2nd by Gibbons to approve Road Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All
COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$15,912.68,SS-\$1,158.57,Ret-\$1,074.11

Centurylink	Serv	419.09
Fm 92.3 Kbear Country	Adv	100.00
Medica	Prem	3,868.94

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

ROAD HARD SURFACE FUND

Paulsen, Inc	Surfacing	796,459.23
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Motion by Markham 2nd by Longmore to approve road Hard Surface Fund claim. Roll call vote.
Ayes-All

ROAD BUY BACK FUND

Paulsen, Inc	Surfacing	887,652.76
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Motion by Markham 2nd by Longmore to approve Road Buy Back Fund claims. Roll call vote.
Ayes-All

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

CEEDC/SJNSB Visitor Center	Sidewalk	2,500.00
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Motion by Parliament 2nd by Govier to approve Visitors Improvement Fund claims. Roll call vote.
Ayes-All

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

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

REUSE GRANT FUND

Repurposing CDBG Housing Fund	Transfer	3,000.00
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Motion by Parliament 2nd by Govier to approve Reuse Grant Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All
HOUSING REUSE GRANT FUND

Repurposing CDBG Housing Fund	Transfer	900.00
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Motion by Parliament 2nd by Govier to approve Housing Reuse Grant Fund claims. Roll call vote.
Ayes-All

Amanda Jeffres and Stephanie Gideon with Loup Basin Public Health Dept came before the board for an informative updates. Some programs will be expanded soon, including LBPHD's taking over WIC. New online platform called CredibleMind is planned for May, oral health services are expected to expand soon. Pool inspections with the recent passing of LB759, bringing into question if the county, each city, or the health department is responsible.

Chairman Blowers read Res. #16-2025 authorizing County Treasurer and County Boards to invest surplus funds with Security First Bank – Broken Bow. Motion by Gibbons 2nd by Blowers to approve Res. #16-2026. Roll call vote. Ayes-Markham, Govier, Kleeb, Longmore and Gibbons. Abstain-Parliament

Board of Equalization

Motion by Kleeb 2nd Markham to adjourn as the County Board and convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:35 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

An application for Exemption from Custer Care was presented for a 2010 Honda 4-door used primarily for transporting residents and clients for medical care. Five-point statutory test was met. Loss to county \$0.14. Motion by Kleeb 2nd Parliament to accept said application. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Markham to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the County Board at 9:48 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Jacob Holcomb, Broken Bow City Zoning Administrator and Bill Patsios with TriCity Signs presented a request from Heritage Bank to put a sign on county property near the Judicial Center. It was brought up that Custer County may want to put up a sign in the future. Gibbons asked for an ownership overlay better showing the location. Tabled until the next meeting.

Austin Partridge with Northland Securities appeared before the board to continue with the bond discussion for the Anselmo south project. Partridge stated no major changes in the bond market. The board still plans to use \$1 million from Inheritance Fund and \$2.1 million bond. Annual payment would be a maximum of \$475,000. Bond sale will be scheduled with a closing date of May 21, 2026. A new fund will be created.

Grant writing was discussed; Chairman Blowers feels the whole county system could use some help with grant writing. Blower, Govier, Parliament, and Rempe met with Al Vacanti from Omaha. Not sure he is the right person, wanted to feel the board out to see if that is something we want to continue to look at. Vacanti charges a flat fee up front then he gets a percentage if he gets a grant. Wouldn't mind seeing someone local. Need to contact Carla Kimball and another person to reach out to. Bring options to present to the board. Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion on moving the VSO into the basement old board room Veteran's Service Officer Haynes is against moving the office. Accessibility factor alone is enough of a reason to not move the office. Works perfectly as intended. A veteran stated the building's privacy and not using the elevator were a benefit for veterans having PTSD or claustrophobia. Assessor Taylor has been in contact with Scotti Ross looking into some possible grants. Discussion was tabled in order research grants to update the building.

Custer County Highway Superintendent appeared before the board to present his letter of resignation effective June 30, 2026. Stating its time to move forward with new leadership. He plans to stay on assisting on issues, technical and otherwise, that will improve the future of the department. The board thanked Jacobsen for his years of service. Chairman Blowers suggested working with Zelle HR. Position will be advertised.

Sick bank request was tabled as it was not on the agenda.

Supervisor Kleeb stated the Extension Office wants to paint the main office, want approval to purchase the paint. Discussion of a possible temporary move of for inspection and cleaning. Kirkpatrick Cleaning will be contacted to check for mold.

Public comment: Mona Weatherly told the board of her plans to retire.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on April 28, 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, May 12, 2026**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Adjourned 10:28 a.m.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk