

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR  
May 12, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 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 May 7, 2026. The following board members were present – Blowers, Longmore, Parliament, Kleeb, Gibbons and Govier, Steven Bowers County Attorney and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk. Markham-absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Kleeb 2nd by Gibbons to approve minutes from April 28, 2026, with corrections to Motion by Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blowers to approve Res. #16-2026 and a requested change from Kleeb on the painting in the Extension Office. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

On May 11, 2026, at 10:00 Blowers, Longmore, Parliament and Kleeb participated in a workday Data Center Tour at South Central PPD building in Clay Center.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$132,428.96,SS-\$9,618.45 Ret-\$9,105.31,Exp-\$1,284.01

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

Ayes-all

Alicia Muller	Fees	327.10
Applied Connective Technologies	Fees	16,378.18
Arnold Sentinel	Publ	576.42
Ashley Barrett	Fees	147.59
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	4,315.71
Buffalo County	Fees	200.00
Central Plains Valuation LLC	Serv	16,500.00
Cintas Corporation	Supply	476.22
Conni Gracey	Labor	90.00
Custer County Chief	Publ	903.69
Custer County Clerk Of Dist. Court	Fees	588.00
Custer County Highway Department	Fuel	348.60
Custer County Imprest Account	Fees	25.00
Custer County Sheriff	Fees	24.00
Custer Transfer Station Inc	Fees	24.00
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	Prog	564.00
Derek L. Mitchell P.C.	Fees	1,493.50
Dollar General Store	Groc	79.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	4,064.85
Elan Financial Services	Supply	382.56
Election Systems & Software Inc	Election	4,303.55
Family Advocacy Network	Subscr	2,000.00
Fidlar	Serv	435.00
Great Plains Communications	Serv	1,562.84
Grocery Kart	Groc	192.01
Gworks	Serv	20,970.00
Highstreet Insurance Agency	Fees	100.00
Holiday Inn	Lodging	389.85
Kim Anderson	Fees	321.30

Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, Inc	Supply	247.80
Lancaster County Sheriff	Fees	18.76
Lauryn Walker	Fees	189.35
Lincoln Financial Group	Prem	1,616.06
Loup Valley Lighting Inc	Supply	429.03
Mead Lumber	Maint	24.98
Medica	Prem	24,589.31
Microfilm Imaging Systems Mis	Serv	98.00
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services Bb	Serv	248.00
MIPS Inc	Prog	4,591.19
Miranda Stoll	Fees	40.00
Monica Young	Fees	150.93
Naco	Reg	175.00
Peterson Legal Services Pc LLO	Fees	675.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	Serv	78.15
Point C	Prem	370.50
Presto-X	Serv	77.25
Ross Electric Inc	Maint	125.17
Rt Ace Hardware	Supply	66.65
Sennett Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Fees	7,047.23
Syndicate Publishing	Publ	99.75
Tena Widener-Busch	Fees	159.92
The Radar Shop	Equip	750.00
Trotter Service	Repair	28.00
Us Postal Service	Postage	2,000.00
Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services LLC	Fees	279.85
Verizon Wireless	Serv	191.45
Village Uniform	Serv	40.00
Wholeness Healing EAP	Dues	1,437.50
Zelle Human Resource Solutions	Serv	5,000.00

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$75,838.51, SS-\$5,618.38, Ret-\$4,905.87, Exp-\$298.58

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

Akrs Equipment	Parts	149.87
B's Enterprises Inc	Parts	56,975.20
Bk Commodities Inc	Shipping	3,547.70
Broken Bow Auto Parts	Parts	145.97
Broken Bow Municipal Utilities	Serv	880.22
Callaway Light & Water	Serv	101.57
Cintas Corporation	Supply	117.14
Cooperative Producers	Supply	2,298.40
Custer Public Power District	Serv	116.82
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	357.18
Elan Financial Services	Parts	219.96
Evans Feed Company Inc	Seed	87.00
Filter Care	Parts	175.55
Floyd's Truck Center	Parts	442.54
Garrett Tires, Treads & Appliances	Tires	1,682.13
Gateway Motors Inc.	Pickup	49,050.00
Interstate Battery Systems	Repair	685.85

Karly Mack	Supply	60.42
Marc	Supply	535.59
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Materials	5,317.06
Medica	Prem	14,853.99
MIPS Inc	Serv	192.32
Myers Construction Inc	Materials	8,555.85
National Sign Company, LLC	Signs	166.00
NMC Exchange LLC Ne Machinery Co	Parts	9,401.88
O'Brien's Hardware	Parts	15.99
O'Reilly Auto Part	Parts	5.99
Oak Creek Engineering LLC	Eng	7,241.74
Point C	Prem	224.00
Rt Ace Hardware	Supply	129.71
S & L Sanitary	Serv	74.00
Sargent Municipal Utilities	Serv	93.43
Taylor Heating & Cooling Inc	Repair	149.00
Titan Machinery	Rental	13,000.00
Trotters Whoa & Go West	Fuel	19,749.85
V-Bar Sales & Service	Materials	186.77
Vance Bros Inc	Materials	57,401.50
Verizon	Serv	223.00

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$17,981.69,SS-\$1,158.57,Ret-\$1,074.11

Motion by Parliament 2nd by Longmore to approve Communications Fund claims. Roll call vote.

Ayes-All

Century Link Business Services	Serv	295.79
Custer Public Power District	Serv	521.55
Das State Accounting-Central Finance	Prog	844.80
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	46.00
Medica	Prem	3,869.02
Ne Central Telephone Co	Serv	211.15
Nebraska Regional Interoperability	Maint	3,600.00
Platte Valley Communications	Serv	690.00
Point C	Prem	56.00
Village Of Ansley	Serv	45.69

#### ROAD HARD SURFACE FUND

Motion by Longmore 2<sup>nd</sup> by Govier to approve road Hard Surface Fund claim. Roll call vote.

Ayes-All

Paulsen, Inc	Materials	1,534,999.69
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#### PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Motion by Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to approve Preservation & Modernization Fund claims.

Roll call vote. Ayes-All

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#### SINKING FUND

Motion by Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to approve Sinking Fund claims. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Taylor Heating & Cooling Inc	Equip	15,628.00
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Tim Conover Weed Superintendent spoke with the board about needed repairs to the Weed/Zoning pickup. He recently put new tires on his county truck, the shop indicated it needed front end work. Conover reported he has previously done several other repairs to the truck. Chairman requested a copy of vehicles owned by the county. Board requested the pickup be repaired at a shop of choice.

ROD Christie Trumbull appeared before the board to present an update, about 1,000 pages over where they were last year, at almost 3,400 pages. Added a new monitoring service Notary Fraud Alert. Invited people to come and view their land records during the 250-year celebration.

Chairman Blowers read county match request from Region III Behavioral Health Services for FY2027, \$27,409.01 decreased \$69.95 from FY2026. Motion by Kleeb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Govier to approve request. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Kleeb 2<sup>nd</sup> Govier to approve signing of Bc/Bs Dental Subgroup Renewal application, no change in rates. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Treasurer Bryant presented Res. 17-2026 to create a project fund for road improvements. Road Project Fund (802) for money to be received and distributed by the Custer County Treasurer. Motion by Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore to approve Res. 17-2026. . Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Bryant also presented Res.18-2026 to establish a separate debt service fund for the accumulation of funds necessary for payment of interest and principal on bonds, Highway Bond Fund (3700) within the county's budget. Motion by Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament to approve Res. 18-2026. . Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Jacob Holcomb, Broken Bow City Zoning Administrator and Bill Patsios with TriCity Signs again appeared before the board with a request from Heritage Bank to put a sign on county property near the Judicial Center. After a discussion on the exact location Blowers made a motion to allow a sign at option 1 on the corner Heritage Bank, Judicial Center if the waiver agreement and the maintenance are signed at zero cost to the county. If option 1 is unacceptable option 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Motion by Blowers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore, to approve an application for CPPD, install fiber optic cable to be placed to serve 41156 Rd 790 (Don Olson), starting at the intersection of Rd 412 and Rd 790, extending roughly 2500'. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Blowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parliament, to approve an application for CPPD, install fiber to the home in various locations in the Arnold exchange. This will consist of plowing and boring in county ROW. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Discussion was held about hiring a replacement for the highway superintendent. Blowers suggested the highway committee interview and narrow down the applicants to three. Board will interview the final three. Closing applications on June 15, 2026, interviews will be on June 23, 2026. Applications will be sent to the Clerk, Blowers, Markham, and Parliament.

Motion by Parliament, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Govier, an application for Sick Leave bank was presented, all requirements have been met, and the County Board approved the application for the Sick Leave Bank recipient. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Janice Harrop appeared before the board on behalf of her sister Angel Prella with questions and concerns about procedures handling Angel's claims. Janice feels the county has failed to file paperwork in a timely manner. FMLA leave was exhausted May 7, employment terminated May 8, informed by Jordan Arndt with Zelle. The board agreed changes need to be made.

Motion by Parliament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Govier to go into Executive session to discuss pending litigation, it being necessary for the protection of the public interest, or needless injury to the reputation of an individual executive session at 10:40 a.m.

Chairman Blowers called the County Board out of executive session at 11:05 a.m. No decision was made.

Kleeb and Longmore will make the Quarterly Jail visit.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on May 12, 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 26, 2026**, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Adjourned 11:07 a.m.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk