

MINUTES OF THE CUSTER CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR

September 29, 2026

The Custer County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, in the boardroom of the Custer County Courthouse. Chairperson Blowers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and reported that the Open Meeting Laws brochure is available to anyone upon request. Notice of the meeting was published on September 10, 2026. The following board members were present – Blowers, Longmore, Kleeb, Gibbons, Parliament, Markham, and Govier, and Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Markham 2nd Longmore to approve minutes from September 15, 2026. Ayes-all.
Committee reports by: Govier, Kleeb, Gibbons, Blowers, Longmore, Parliament, Markham

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$131,683.16,SS-\$9,566.61 Ret-\$9,150.56 Exp-\$1,405.02

Black Hills Energy	Fuel	1,852.77
Borders & Furrow Law Pc, Llo.	Pub Def	8,438.00
Central Ne Economic Development Dis	Dues	6,467.20
Custer County Attorney Petty Cash	Exp	30.00
Custer County Chief	Publ	18.33
Custer County Clerk Of Dist. Court	Fee	216.00
Custer County Treasurer	Fee	25.00
Custer Public Power District	Serv	233.07
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	Prog	564.00
Dollar General Store	Groc	86.90
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	1,331.43
Eggleston Oil	Fuel	32.66
Elan Financial Services	Supply	245.25
Election Systems & Software Inc	Ballots	1,431.59
Fidlar	Fee	457.50
Freedom And Glory	Supply	439.44
Grocery Kart	Groc	162.90
Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, Inc	Supply	2,981.63
Lincoln Financial Group	Prem	1,572.46
Medica	Prem	25,246.36
Microfilm Imaging Systems Mis	Serv	194.00
Naco	Dues	365.00
Ne Public Health Environmental Lab	Fee	105.00
Ne Weed Control Association	Dues	135.00
Peterson Legal Services Pc Llo	Fee	1,387.50
Physicians Laboratory Pc	Autopsy	2,875.00
Point C	Prem	292.50
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	Inspection	360.00
Rt Ace Hardware	Repair	8.59
Sennett Duncan Jenkins & Wickham	Fee	6,066.61
Space Exploration Technologies Corp	Equip	1,032.00
Stamm Romero & Associates Pc Llo	Fee	1,321.90
Trotter Service	Repair	58.00
Trotters Whoa & Go West	Fuel	4,712.02
Unitech	Supply	137.50
V-Bar Sales & Service	Repair	561.67

Varney Healthmart	Medical	49.40
Verizon Wireless	Serv	440.36

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

ROAD FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$78,665.23, SS-\$5,803.22, Ret-\$4,698.30, Exp-\$451.68

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Material	580.80
Akrs Equipment	Parts	81.35
Beaver Bearing	Parts	153.18
Bk Commodities Inc	Shipping	4,122.13
Cintas Corporation	Supply	29.52
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	142.42
Garrett Tires, Treads & Appliances	Parts	41.70
Interstate Battery Systems	Parts	1,110.80
Jebro Inc	Material	102,132.80
Kaco Supplies	Supply	10,256.43
Karly Mack	Janit	500.00
Martin Marietta Material Inc	Material	4,799.92
Medica	Prem	13,683.92
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Parts	71.51
Myers Construction Inc	Shipping	11,724.75
NMC Exchange LLC Ne Machinery Co	Parts	6,194.17
O'Reilly Auto Part	Parts	127.35
Overton Sand & Gravel	Material	4,548.37
Paulsen, Inc	Material	1,235.72
Road Builders Machinery & Supply	Repair	1,877.40
Rt Ace Hardware	Supply	42.96
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Fuel	41,571.82
Spencer Quarries Inc	Material	11,429.22
Ulrich Gravel Inc	Material	13,009.89
Wenquist Inc.	Parts	550.77

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

COMMUNICATIONS FUND CLAIMS: Salary-\$14,209.99,SS-\$1,036.83, Ret-\$959.18

Centurylink	Serv	421.05
Fm 92.3 Kbear Country	Adv	80.00
Medica	Prem	3,141.95
Mills Hardware	Supply	16.19
Platte Valley Communications	Serv	1,190.95
Space Exploration Technologies Corp	Equip	3,195.00

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

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Fidlar	Serv	458.43
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Motion by Parliament 2nd Markham to approve Preservation & Modernization Fund claim. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND

Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Material	17,353.80
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Motion by Govier 2nd Markham to approve Road Project Fund claim. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

SINKING FUND

Gateway Motors

Auto

24,856.00

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

Clay Mohr appeared before the board requesting closure of Cozad Road on August 13, 2027, and the Dunning Rd August 14, 2027. Motion by Blowers 2nd by Parliament to approve this request. Roll call vote. Ayes-All

Treas. Bryant presented the annual report Delinquent Parcels list that were delinquent and advertised in February 2026, offered at public sale in March, not picked up by any investor. \$327.11, utilities assessment \$3,091.06.

Bryant presented/reviewed the Certification of Distress Warrants.

Motion by Parliament, 2nd Markham, to approve the Certification of the Paid and Unpaid Distress Warrants in the amount of \$16,297.03. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Bryant requested the Unpaid Distress Warrants be stricken from the tax rolls, in the amount of \$8,467.15. Motion by Parliament 2nd Govier to strike the qualifying personal property from the tax roll. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Nick Olson Custer County Highway Superintendent, Lance Harter Oak Creek Engineering presented a Request for Additional Construction Observation Reimbursement Anselmo Road Asphalt Resurfacing, Custer OCE#4-C-47 in the amount of \$15,250.00

Motion by Gibbons, 2nd Parliament to approve said request. Roll call ayes Longmore, Govier, Parliament, Gibbons. Naves Markham, KleeB

Mark Rempe, Custer County EM/911 Director, presented a request to appoint a voting member to the East Central Region Board. Motion by KleeB 2nd Parliament to appoint Rempe as a voting representative Blowers alternative representative. Roll call vote. Ayes-KleeB, Parliament, Longmore, Govier, Naves-Gibbons

Motion by Markham 2nd KleeB, to adjourn as the County Board and convene as the **Board of Equalization** at 9:33 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Sheri Bryant Co. treasurer presented a motor vehicles exemption from Callaway Hospital District for a 2025 Jeep SUV, deduction of \$239.65. Motion by Longmore, 2nd KleeB to approve exemption. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Elise Taylor Co. Assessor presented two tax exempt applications from First Baptist Church of Ansley, Trustees of Baptist Church, these have transferred ownership. Recommend denial of these two applications as they no longer qualify.

Motion by Parliament, 2nd Markham, to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization** and reconvene as the County Board **at 9:39 a.m.** Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Parliament 2nd Longmore to approve application to cross the county r-o-w, from Hamilton Telecommunications for Fiber Optics, located on county road Drive 786/Rd 458, 2228 ft. north from Mason City. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Parliament 2nd Longmore to approve application to cross the county r-o-w, from Hamilton Telecommunications for Fiber Optics, located on county road Main Street/N Mason Rd , 10,888 ft. north from Mason City. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Longmore 2nd Kleeb to approve application to cross the county r-o-w, from Adrian Robertson for driveway with culvert, located on county road Redfern Rd, 2.4 miles east from Cozad Rd. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Motion by Markham 2nd Parliament to approve application to cross the county r-o-w, from Jerry Safranek for culvert in existing driveway, located on county road Victoria Springs, 1 mile north from Hwy 2. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Public comment-none.

Motion by Gibbons 2nd Markham to open public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Rd 351 Petition #3427. Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Bruce Morse and Reese Jensen spoke in favor of closing the road. Question was asked about who should do a permanent easement. This will be looked into.

Motion by Markham 2nd Kleeb to close public hearing at 10:08 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes-all

Darci Tibbs Zoning Administrator presented information on Data Center Regulations. The purpose of these regulations is to not encourage or attract data centers, but to make sure that if one is proposed in Custer County, we have appropriate standards and safeguards in place to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, and to protect the ag and rural character of the county.

Motion by Parliament 2nd Longmore to open public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on Public Hearing Data Center Regulations. Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Public comment-none.

Motion by Parliament 2nd Markham to close public hearing at 10:32 a.m. on Public Hearing Data Center Regulations. Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Motion by Blowers 2nd Markham to approve Res. 77Z-26 to adopt Data Center Regulations. Roll call vote. Ayes-all. Not signed-next agenda

Darci Tibbs Zoning Administrator presented information on Temporary Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems. Tibbs expressed the planning commission's desire for a 12-month moratorium on battery energy storage systems to allow adequate time for research and the development of appropriate regulations.

Motion by 2nd Markham to open public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Public Hearing Data Center Regulations. Roll call vote. Ayes-all.

Public comment-none.

Motion by Parliament 2nd Markham to close public hearing at 10:47 a.m. on Public Hearing Data Center Regulations. Roll call vote. Ayes-all. Not signed-next agenda

Public comment-Jordan Arndt with Zelle introduced Sarah Graesser who will be the new point of contact for Custer County.

Meeting adjourned 10:49 a.m.

Advanced notices and the agenda for the meetings held on September 29, 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, October 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Custer County Clerk.

Kelly Jacobsen, Custer County Clerk