

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
November 25, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve both the October 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the October 28, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the November 2020 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll,	\$19,921.77
Election Workers pay	1,061.97
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	164.32
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,073.07
Appeara, service	111.42
Computer Concepts, Inc., service	90.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, AS400 fees	223.32
Delta Dental, insurance	368.05
Des Moines Stamp, supplies	25.00
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,537.54
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, service	444.92
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., equipment rental	60.00
Mines Press, supplies	62.67
MIPS, Inc., computer programs	1,178.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	284.34
Mutual of Omaha, insurance	320.70
Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials, second half dues	1,127.09
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	741.90
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, dues	100.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	528.23
Office Net, supplies	32.07
Presto-X, service	48.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	102.45
Donna Sears, supplies	13.84
Cara Snider, meeting expense	69.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	231.99
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	22,793.12
US Postal Services, court stamped envelopes	335.30



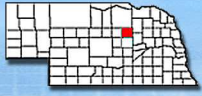
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Verizon Wireless, service	162.14
We Mart, sheriff fuel	169.16
ROAD FUND	
Payroll,	\$ 21,017.55
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	416.48
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts	5,322.20
AKS Equipment, repairs	701.80
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,088.64
Appeara, service	30.22
Blue Tarp Financial, supplies	1,167.96
Burwell Tribune, publishing	192.00
Country Partners, rock trucking	420.23
Delta Dental, insurance	140.10
Dinkel's, tractor rent	4,470.00
Direct Pivot Parts.com, shop repairs	3,729.60
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	3,611.30
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,927.64
Cody Havel, fence replacement	1,470.00
Hubel Welding, supplies	28.70
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	174.73
Medical Enterprises, Inc., CDL testing	35.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	762.38
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	516.85
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., repairs	514.56
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.42
Office Net, supplies	71.97
Gail Payne, insurance stipend/mileage	586.25
Peoples Service, tires	928.95
Powerplan, repairs	1,394.26
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc., diesel	7,228.05
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel trucking	4,740.68
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	43.00
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., supplies	470.11
Ulrich Gravel Inc., gravel	5,911.37
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	12,316.90
We Mart, fuel	394.59
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00

Patrick Mahony visited with the board to request replacing an existing irrigation pipe with a culvert in his driveway approach. Pokorny made a motion to approve the replacement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

David Owenby was present to update the board on the nearly completed Thunderhead project and to answer questions about the recently submitted Notice of Completion of Road Maintenance, which is the first requirement of turning the



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road maintenance back over to the County. Reed stated that he and the Highway Superintendent Meyer would inspect the roads for possible issues and report back to the board at the regular December meeting.

Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering met with the board to present information about his firm providing engineering services to the county. The board requested Harter to attend the December meeting with a proposal for them to review.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201101, for the annual certification of roads to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201102 for the roads Annual Certification Program Compliance, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff Lindsay informed the board that the Christmas decorations for the Courthouse this year were all donated by Nancy and himself and that they also donated \$100 to the county for the expense of the lights.

Snider presented a letter from Diversified Drug Testing, LLC and WPCI about CDL drug testing services. The board tabled this topic until the December meeting, hoping that Nesbitt would be able to attend and visit with the board about his program.

Mr. McNally stated that he had reached out to a couple bond companies and had not heard back from them. The board tabled the matter until December.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:39 am to discuss contract issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The board exited executive session at 9:02 am.

Treasurer Seamann reported that 4 of the Distress Warrants issued had been taken care of.

Jerry Smith visited with the board about gravel being pushed along the sides of the road and instead of on the roads. Reed stated that he would have an employee retrieve the gravel from the sides of the road.

McNally updated the board on it's the decision to prohibit Commercial/Utility grade wind energy conversion systems at the special October meeting. Because a complete restriction is unconstitutional, he advised the board that they will have to rescind their earlier vote to prohibit commercial wind towers and consider whether to amend, adopt or leave the recommendations of the Planning Commission as is. Pokorny made a motion to rescind his motion from the October 28, 2020 special meeting "to prohibit any Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and repeal the sections in Chapter 16 of the current zoning regulations that permit and regulate them", seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle.

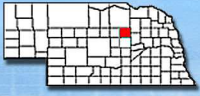
There will be a special meeting to consider the remaining recommendations of the Planning Commission regarding setbacks from dwellings, property lines, and instituting a clustering rule on December 9, at 8 am.

Discussion was held on changing the December regular meeting date because of the Christmas Holiday. No action taken.

Discussion was held on reducing employee working hours on Christmas Eve. No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 8 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.



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Cara Snider, County Clerk
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman