

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
February 24, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Commissioners Heinz, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

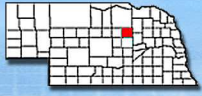
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the February 2021 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$20,040.22
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,093.10
Antelope County Sheriff Dept., prisoner keep	135.00
Appera, service	73.02
Applied Connective Technologies, service	62.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	440.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	13,080.56
Centec Cast Metal Products, veterans grave markers	178.94
DAS State Accounting-Central Financing, AS400 fees	223.32
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,556.03
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans service contract	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	853.42
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rent	60.00
MIPS, Inc., computer programs	1,174.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	271.18
NACO Planning & Zoning, dues	40.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	75.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	745.57
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	495.52
Office Net, supplies	128.68
Roy Plugge, Jan & Feb insurance stipend	1,000.00
Presto-X, service	48.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	108.14
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.26
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	172.46
We Mart, sheriff fuel	266.49
Wheeler County Court, court fees	51.00
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., court fees	21.58



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ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$ 21,579.28
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	417.53
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,177.42
Appeara, service	30.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	156.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	6,482.80
Bomgaars Supply, supplies	192.91
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	14,767.68
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,119.70
J & J Sanitation, service	103.37
Kayton International, Inc., supplies	190.40
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	172.98
Madison Nation Life, insurance	27.10
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	806.92
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	3,806.71
Newman Traffic Signs, sign supplies	557.85
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.99
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tire repair	30.00
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc., diesel/propane	7,350.87
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., supplies	367.35
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	53.77
We Mart, fuel	315.81
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00
Lonnie Wood, insurance stipend	500.00

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Office Net, document recording supplies	\$ 248.00
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Heinz opened the public hearing at 8:05 am to consider the USDA grant application and possible award for \$50,000 to assist in the purchase of a road grader.

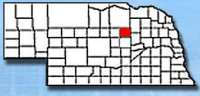
Zac Thramer and Ken Bock visited with the board in regards to the communication with Region 26 as there are some dead spots around Ericson where the radios do not cover. The board decided they would contact Region 26 to see about getting a different antenna; to see about changing the power source at the water tower and possibly moving the repeater that's currently on the water tower to a different location in the Village of Ericson.

Reed updated the board on the current repairs being done to 2 different graders and gravelling some roads weather permitting. The road department is continuing to trim and cut down trees that are in the right of way and continuing to replace and update road signs throughout the county. Reed also stated that gravel pits are starting to get their current price listings out and that he wanted the board approval to start getting contracts for fuel. The board granted him the verbal approval to get bids for fuel.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to open as the Board of Equalization at 8:30 am, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the permissive nonprofit tax exemptions for the county as follows:

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
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Bartlett United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Religious	Place of Worship
St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Sandhill's Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc,	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Heinz made a motion to approve all the Permissive Exemptions as filed, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:34 am and to reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to extend the contract with the Veterans Service Office through Holt County, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a contract extension request from Standard Appraisal to extend the 6 year review by an additional year. Heinz made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge.

Heinz made a motion to re-appoint David Durre to the Planning Commission, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

A motion was made by Pokorny and seconded by Heinz, to appoint Judy Havel and Chris Dierks to the Planning Commission. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann met with the board and provided a listing of the tax sales that will be taken on March 1, 2021.

Heinz made a motion to close the USDA Public Hearing, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the USDA Grant of \$50,000 to purchase a newer grader, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

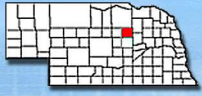
Heinz made a motion at 9:15 am, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none The Board exited executive session at 9:45 AM.

The board met with the road employees to discuss ongoing maintenance issues. No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



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