

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
March 31, 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, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

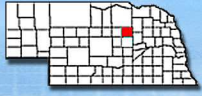
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

General Fund

Payroll	\$20,561.92
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,164.74
Appear, services	111.36
Applied Connective Technologies, computer	1,806.00
Axon Enterprises, training cartridge	208.72
Bartlett Post Office, postage	110.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, dental insurance	418.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	13,318.16
Burwell Tribune, publishing	1,069.28
Central District County officials, registration fees	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,707.95
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Howard County Clerk, county share of Judge expenses	630.51
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	899.49
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,380.40
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	346.72
Nebraska Association of County Officials, county directory	20.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Treasurers, dues/workshop fees	150.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	761.72
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	498.73
Office Net, supplies	19.23
Platte Valley Communications, antenna installation	373.26
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Region 26 Council, 4 th quarter assessment	8,546.73
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	33.59
Snider, Cara, mileage	154.56

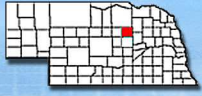


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Staples Credit Plan, supplies	53.07
Stenka, Ken, mileage	99.19
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.26
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	111.38
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, Warrant fees	20.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	116.45
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$23,055.11
AB Recovery, garnishment	509.84
Ag & Industrial Equipment, power washer	6,500.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,436.48
Appera, services	30.36
Blessing LLC, crushed concrete	20,419.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	156.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	6,482.80
Blue Tarp Financial, supplies	467.97
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	63.19
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL sign fee	210.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	2,460.90
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,771.86
Hillbill's Diesel, batteries	639.80
J & J Sanitation, services	106.87
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	184.57
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	961.73
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 1 st quarter fuel tax	240.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	8,796.65
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	49.37
NetCom, Inc, radio	570.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	108.57
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	691.72
Plugge's Rod Shop, batteries,	455.85
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Reiter, Doug, insurance deductible reimbursement	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	6,234.42
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	33,072.76
Spalding Enterprises, help wanted ad	82.50
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	220.99
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77
We Mart, road fuel	573.89
Wood, Lonnie, insurance	500.00

Jerry Koinzan requested a culvert be replaced on a driveway approach on his ranch property and also request the ditches be cleaned out while the county replaces the culvert. Reed stated that the work will be completed in the next couple of weeks.



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Rob Ita, David Rasmussen, and Mike Rasmussen requested an update on upgrading 827 Rd. between 496 Ave. and 487 Ave. so that Rasmussens have an easier access to the chicken farm. The road had been approved to receive the upgrade in 2013 but it wasn't completed. The topic was tabled to research into the matter.

Highway Superintendent Meyer reported the bridge on 502nd Ave that lies between 844 Rd. and 845 Rd. needs to be replaced as it failed the last bridge inspection. Meyer suggested having a hydraulic study performed to determine if culverts would be able to replace the current bridge or not and also suggested reducing the weigh limit to 10 tons. The board directed the hydraulic study be performed and to reduce the bridge capacity to 10 tons.

Alma from Region 26 presented the tower reception reports from the Bartlett, Ord, and Greeley towers. Holt-Boyd 911 representatives also visited with the board regarding the potential transfer of dispatch services to their region. This matter was tabled.

Resolution 03012021 was presented regarding the county's opposition to the 30 by 30 land preservation declaration proposal from the Biden administration. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The appointment of a County Surveyor was tabled until the April meeting.

A proposal from Ron Bennett for private contract road work was presented. Reed and Meyer will provide a recommendation for the April meeting.

Treasurer Seamann reported there was only 1 tax sale and that the county would not have to transfer any monies this month.

Pokorny made a motion to procure a bond for \$500,000, payable over 5 years, to help offset the expended funds to repair flood damaged roads, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. A representative from the bond company will be present at the April meeting to formalize the bond.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:45 am to discuss potential litigation issues. The board exited at 11:35 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM on a motion by Plugge, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman