

# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
August 25, 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.

Brad and Adoria Plugge visited with the board in regards to the possibility of improving the minimum maintenance road (South of 832<sup>nd</sup> Rd.) that leads to the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14 Township 22 Range 11, where they are wanting to place a house. Plugge's were asked to get precise time frame that they are wanting to get a house moved in and to contact the village to see about the requirements of digging a well and then report back to the board.

Dave Sehi met with the board to discuss the possibly of closing the South  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of 509 Avenue, between 843 and 844 Rds. The road was previously fenced out and had brush growing in it until recently when someone shredded the brush which allowed people to start traveling on it. Reed stated that he would have a road study performed and review the past meeting minutes to see if the road was ever closed. He'll report to the commissioners at the regular September meeting on the findings.

Doug Reiter gave a Weed Superintendent report stating that he is spraying trees and thistles when the weather permits.

Rob Ita requested an update on improving and the removal of obstructions on 827<sup>th</sup> Road. The board said that they were going out to verify if the items had been removed and if they haven't Mr. McNally would be in touch with Mr. Hoerle again. The board again stated that at this time, they are not planning on making improvements to the road at this time.

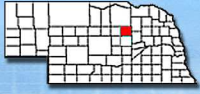
Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering presented 2 options for replacement of the Thunker bridge. The first option was for replacing the bridge with another bridge of the same size for approximately \$185,000. The second option was for removing the bridge and placing 3 culverts in its place for approximately \$121,000. If the county were to remove the current bridge itself, it would save approximately \$40,000. Heinz made a motion approve option 2 with the county providing the labor and equipment to remove the current bridge and to give Delan and Lance the authority to proceed with the design and bid request for option 2, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Sharon Derner visited with the board in regards to repairing the ceiling in the old courthouse museum as the ceiling over the old jail had fallen and needs to be repaired. Derner presented a bid from Gossman Construction to repair the ceiling for \$762.00. The board stated that after the meeting they would go over and check out the damages and would decide in the September meeting.

Chuck Abel presented a preliminary budget. The board set the budget hearing for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am., with an additional special meeting to follow the conclusion of the budget hearing.

Elaine Menzel, NACO representative, gave updates that are happening through NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials).

Pokorny made a motion to reappoint Jesse Plugge and Roger Johnson to the Veteran's Service Board, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.



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Treasurer Seamann reported there were no County Tax Sales to be had. Seamann also asked for permission to inquire about opening a new account for the Bond funds that the county had previously received. The board gave her verbal permission to inquire about opening a new account at Cornerstone.

Heinz made a motion to deny Loup Basin's request of 7% increase, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

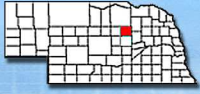
Heinz made a motion approve the inventories from the offices of Wheeler County, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion for approval of August 2021 claims, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

## General Fund

### Payroll

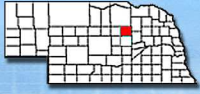
Commissioner, salary	826.25
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Clerk, salary	3,816.64
Clerk Clerical, salary	2,862.48
Treasurer, salary	3,465.01
Treasurer Clerical, salary	1,485.38
Janitor, salary	210.24
Sheriff, salary	4,116.83
Sheriff Deputy, salary	3,702.20
Sheriff Clerical, salary	1,036.20
Attorney, salary	2,916.00
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,101.58
Appera, services	43.06
Bartlett Post Office, postage	321.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	13,736.66
Burwell Tribune, publication	350.18
Central District Assessors Association, dues	20.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,558.06
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,908.44
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	369.34
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,210.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	388.96
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	746.21
Nordhues Family, lawn mowing	450.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	501.39
Office Net, supplies	155.57
Peoples Service, sheriff patrol	87.79
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	50.00



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Region III Administration, 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter support	516.37
Sears, Donna, reimbursement janitor supplies	20.99
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	95.87
United Fire & Casualty Company, museum fire policy	5,136.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	324.52
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	282.73
Wheeler County Clerk, certified papers	29.85
Wheeler County Clerk, court fees	199.00
Wheeler County Sheriff, court fees	22.88
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	
Highway Superintendent, (part time) salary	833.33
Road Foreman, salary	3,662.58
Road Employee, salary	3,060.98
Road Employee, salary	2,910.44
Road Employee, salary	2,933.60
Road Employee, salary	3,014.74
Road Employee, salary	2,864.12
Road Employee, salary	2,904.42
Road Employee, salary	3,168.16
Road Employee, salary	2,501.28
Road Employee, salary	2,926.57
ARKS Equipment, repairs	11.25
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,462.78
Appeara, services	30.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	7,460.80
Bomgaars Supply Inc, supplies	46.98
Caterpillar Financial Services, motor grader	15,934.59
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, drug testing	210.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	31,305.60
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,371.86
J & J Sanitation, services	103.37
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rent	2,500.00
Kimball Midwest, supplies	364.17
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	188.95
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Midwest Service & Sales Co, blades	14,467.13
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	886.23
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	483.00
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	262.87
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	109.34
Oak Creek Engineering, bridge study	3,732.20
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	832.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	16,166.89
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	308.05



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VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77
We Mart, road fuel	560.14
Wood, Lonnie, insurance stipend	500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2021, at 8 a.m. for purposes of conducting a preliminary budget hearing, with an additional special meeting immediately following to adopt the budget. Agendas for both meetings are kept continuously current and on file with the county clerk.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman