

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska
April 27, 2022

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, Treasurer Seamann, 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, seconded by Plugge to approve the March 30, 2022, minutes. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was heard regarding road concerns.

The board reminded Reed that the Notice to landowners that irrigation systems watering roadways is prohibited and that road ditches need to be mowed should be published.

Doug Reiter, Weed Superintendent, presented the State Weed Inspection. The board acknowledged receipt. No action taken.

Reiter, Emergency Manager, and Pokorny briefed the board on a new program that Region 26 wants to implement called Orion, which is a pre and post disaster assessment tool. No action taken.

Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director, visited with the board on ways they were able to spend the ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) money that the county has been granted. The Federal Government has changed the regulations on ways the county can use the money. No action taken.

Mike Boden, NACO representative, discussed the health insurance 22.58 % increase, and also discussed the "POOL" benefits. No action taken.

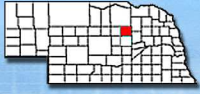
Adam Freouf spoke with the board about his father-in-law's (Keith Baird) application to have a drive way approach built for the house that they are building in Section 35, Township 21, Range 11. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit Application contingent on Foreman Reed's approval, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) Resolution 20220401, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept the request of \$500 support from the First Light Child Advocacy Center, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Sheriff's Quarterly report was reviewed as presented.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Underground Permit application from NCTC, to bury fiber optic cable in Sections 24, 25, 33, and 35, Township 21 Range 12, contingent on Foreman Reed's approval, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.



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A Special Designated License (SDL) request by The Windmill, for the Wheeler Central Alumni to be held at the Fairgrounds, from May 28th, 2022 from 1 pm to 1 am was considered. Heinz made a motion to approve The Windmill for the SDL, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented 3 bids from Standard Appraisal for the next 6 year cycle of real estate inspections. Bids presented were: Village of Bartlett and Village of Ericson for \$51,000; Lake Ericson for \$50,000; and Ericson Lake, Village of Bartlett and Village of Ericson for \$94,575. Heinz made a motion to accept the bid for \$94,575 from Standard Appraisal to re-appraise Ericson Lake, Village of Bartlett and Village of Ericson, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she should be able to transfer monies back to the Inheritance Fund from the Road Fund reimburse the general fund for funds transferred originally through Resolution 20211003.

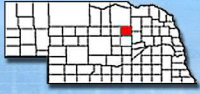
Pokorny made a motion to approve the Miller and Associates proposal to redesign the bathrooms in the courthouse to bring them into ADA compliance for a maximum amount of \$3800. The county would then be able to send out for bids to have the same design completed, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge.

McNally stated that he has someone who may be interested in the Zoning Administrator position. The board discussed potential compensation and hours. McNally will ask the person to apply if interested.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$20,827.13
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,210.57
Appear, services	114.24
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	75.00
Bartlett Post Office, postage	406.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	13,736.66
Burwell Tribune, publication	95.23
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	204.32
Election Systems & Software, ballot layouts	3,973.37
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,750.87
First Light Child Advocacy, support	500.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,908.44
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	28.34
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Johnson, Roger, veterans mileage	15.26
Lindsay, Adrian, meeting reimbursement	80.55
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	488.36
Lynch, Kristen, autopsy services	75.00
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	429.70
Nebraska Association of County Officials, budget workshop	25.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, summer workshop	125.00



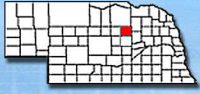
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Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	765.14
Nebraska District Court Clerk Association, workshop registration	75.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, meeting lodging	96.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	475.10
Peoples Service, service and tires	1,245.65
Physicians Laboratory, autopsy tests	355.00
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	50.00
Pro Printing & Graphics, election supplies	44.32
Region III Administration, 4 th quarter assessment	516.37
Seaman, Carol, meeting mileage	87.05
Sears, Donna, supp reimbursement	32.52
Stenka, Ken, veterans mileage	43.60
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	165.68
Village of Bartlett, quarterly water	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	268.40
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	214.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	297.85
Wright, Zach, veterans mileage	15.26

ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$24,785.57
AKRS Equipment, repairs	16.28
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,587.61
Appera, services	30.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	8,453.26
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	277.30
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL Drug Test	294.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	866.84
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,935.66
J & J Sanitation, services	255.26
Kayton International Inc-Albion, supplies	21.92
Loup Valley Rural Public Power District, shop services	169.18
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Merchants Bank Equipment Finance, wheel loader	803.86
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,053.13
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	649.63
Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues	125.00
Northeast Glass, glass repair	480.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.50
Peoples Service, tires	1,674.00
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	551.60
Plugge's Rod Shop, hose repair	3,372.36
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Region 2 Weed Control District, dues	50.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	12,860.83
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	837.25



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Titan Mahinery-Ord, glass door	363.00
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	911.47

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am on a motion by Pokorny, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman