



Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

August 31, 2022

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 8:00 A.M. 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's Deputy King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion, seconded by Pokorny, to approve the July 26, 2022, minutes. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that County Line Road, Sunny Side Road, and the approaches at the Ericson South Bridge had been fixed. Jim Havel was present to report that there is a culvert that is rusting out and caving in and eventually needs to be replaced near his property. Jim and Will Burtwistle were present to request brush spraying along the county line. Dean Bos was present to request the county not spray the weeds or brush east of their drive to the meadow east of their house.

Reed reported that he had been contacted by the school and given the current bus routes and that the school requested the placement of several "Bus Stop Ahead Signs" in a couple areas. The board directed Reed to order and install the signs in his discretion.

Judd Allen, representing NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials), was present in regard to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska deductible adjustment. The board requested the deductible increase be completed by October 1, 2022 instead of January 1, 2023.

Chuck Abel met with the board to review and explain funding options for the new budget. The board agreed to use a 2% increase for the notice, and to set the budget hearing on September 28, 2022 at 8 a.m.

A Special Designated License (SDL) request by Samantha Olson and Bethany Wagner for a private event on October 22, 2022 at the Stonehouse was considered. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Joe Wadas and Norm Mieth were present to update the board on improvements needed on the dam as well as an update on Lake Ericson property issues. They also requested financial help funding the future dam improvements which was tabled by the board. Discussion was also held on the existing road maintenance agreement. No action taken.

Marlon Conry from Invenergy was present to discuss termination of the Road Use Agreement on the Thunderhead project. After discussion, Plugge made a motion to table terminating the Road Use Agreement until after the commissioning of the towers is complete, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Doug Reiter provided his monthly weed update and was asked to spray some trees along the Pibel Creek Ave.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the courthouse bathroom remodel Agreement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to establish a separate account for the Opioid Settlement Fund, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.



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A 3 year bid from Dana F Cole to conduct the annual audit was presented. This was tabled to explore other options.

The bid to replace the courthouse skylight was tabled in order to request the contractor, SGH Concepts, attend the September meeting to discuss the options for repair or replacement.

A bid for \$18,728.60 from Wells Plumbing and Heating Co Inc. was presented to replace the courthouse air conditioning units. Plugge made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept the bid from Koinzan Enterprises, Inc, for \$2,975.50, to extend the courthouse sprinkler system to the east side of the sidewalk where the newest statutes are being placed, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board tabled considering any bids to replace the roof at this time.

Plugge made a motion to approve Resolution 20220802, to certify Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Classification and Standards, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The annual County Official's inventories were received and reviewed as presented.

Heinz had made a motion to accept the Application for Aid for County Veterans, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she would not have to transfer money this month and would transfer the monies back when available.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 10:30 am to discuss personnel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Executive session as adjourned at 10:45 am.

Heinz reported that Greeley County had contacted him about possibly sharing a Zoning Administrator and he will ask Greeley County for more details and update the board.

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

General Fund

Payroll

Commissioner, salary	\$826.25
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Clerk, salary	3,969.30
Deputy Clerk, salary	2,976.97
Treasurer, salary	3,603.61
Deputy Treasurer, salary	1,644.19
Janitorial, salary	259.77
Sheriff, salary	4,281.50
Deputy Sheriff, salary	3,920.18
Sheriff Clerical, salary	1,197.36
County Attorney, salary	3,032.72
Zoning Administrator, salary	200.00
Aflac, insurance	203.33



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Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,247.04
Antelope County Sheriff Department, prisoner keep	1,440.00
Appeara, services	78.26
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	597.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	17,525.10
Burwell Tribune, publication	124.69
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	149.12
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,823.58
First Conrad Benefits Group, deductible buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Lindsay, Adrian, deductible reimbursement	500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	346.55
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Miller & Associates, services	3,761.80
MIPS, Inc, program	1,671.30
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	206.35
Nebraska Association of County Officials, annual conf. & fall regis	190.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	775.46
Nordhues Family, services	400.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., services	485.06
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
PRI Management Group, training	677.00
Ramada Inn-Kearney, treasurer lodging	124.53
Seamann, Carol, reimbursement	237.33
Sears, Donna, supplies	23.10
Snider, Cara, meeting reimbursement	186.25
Standard Appraisal Service Inc, village revaluations	20,000.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	211.56
United Fire & Casualty Company, museum insurance	5,236.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	165.84
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	301.32
Wheeler County Historical Society, support	3,000.00
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	200.90

ROAD FUND

Payroll	
Highway Superintendent, salary	\$833.33
Road Foreman, salary	5,862.96
Road Employee, salary	4,767.08
Road Employee, salary	4,889.23
Road Employee, salary	4,558.48
Road Employee, salary	4,981.62
Road Employee, salary	4,754.36
Road Employee, salary	5,062.89



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Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,017.38
Appearra, services	32.03
Applied Connective Technologies, it help	150.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	13,315.00
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	14,767.68
Dinkel's, tractor rent	9,936.85
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	8,394.50
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	10,032.23
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,192.55
First Conrad Benefits Group, deductible buy down	48.00
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rental	2,500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	148.68
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,380.13
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	6,447.03
Newman Traffic Signs, supplies	344.27
Nitro Construction Inc, crushed concrete	25,977.78
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	108.71
Overhead door Co of Norfolk, door repairs	323.90
PowerPlan, repairs	854.78
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	14,059.94
Shotkoski Enterprises, services	14,191.42
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	371.83
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel,	10,106.55
Van Diest Supply Co, chemicals	1,751.70
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	19.59
We Mart, road fuel	948.19
Wood, Lonnie, vision refund	17.09
Veterans' Service Aid Fund	
Veterans Service Office, Veterans' Aid	1,350.00

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, 2022, following the budget hearing at 8 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on a motion by Pokorny, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman