

# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

June 29, 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's Deputy King, Road Foreman Reed and Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion, seconded by Pokorny, to approve the May 25, 2022, minutes. On roll call voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was heard regarding road concerns.

Reed reported that the Schrunk Bridge has been finished and just waiting for the final inspections from the bridge inspector.

Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter gave an update from the weed department.

Jeff Pritchard, on behalf of Joseph Kenney, was present and requesting access via county road to Kenney's property located in Section 7 Township 22 Range 9, and Section 18 Township 22 Range 9. There was no action taken as the property is already accessible via another route.

The Zoning Administrator appointment was tabled until the July meeting.

At 8:30 Chairman Heinz opened public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year road plan. Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer explained the projects that are scheduled for the 1 & 6 Year plan. The project for the 1 year was the replacement of the Schrunk Bridge which is nearly complete. The 6 Year plan projects include updating the Green Valley Road and the Cedar River Road.

Snider presented the 3-year Assessor Plan which the board reviewed.

Snider presented the match request for Region 3 of \$2,086.30 for the 2022-2023 budget year. Pokorny made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

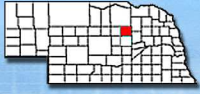
Pokorny made a motion to sign the annual letter agreement for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

A Special Designated License (SDL) request by The Wheeler County Ag Society, for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo to be held at the Fairgrounds, from August 4-7 was considered. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz closed the public hearing at 8:41 a.m. and Heinz made a motion to adopt Resolution 20220601 to approve the 1 & 6 Year plan, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the request for payment from Theisen Construction for the Schrunk Bridge, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the membership for the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.



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Dennis Derner met with the board to see if the County would be interested in the concrete that the school will be tearing out. The County stated they would take the concrete and to contact Reed when they were ready to tear out the old cement and he would have a dump truck available.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she had transferred the monies that were owed but the road budget was going to be short and any transferred funds would need to be paid in next budget year. Pokorny made a motion to pass Resolution 20220602 to transfer \$150,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund and to be paid in the 2022-2023 budget year, seconded by Plugge. On roll call voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The Miller and Associates 4<sup>th</sup> option for updating the courthouse bathroom was reviewed . The board decided the plan of converting the Juror bathrooms into one unisex/handicapped bathroom may be the best option. Mr. McNally stated that he get an estimate of the cost and report back to the board.

Miller and Associates options for replacing/fixing the roof of the courthouse were reviewed. The options were to remove and replace the existing roof system with a Carlisle ‘RhinoBond’ induction welding system with a probable construction cost of \$65,000 to \$85,000 or construct a new over roof system with prefinished metal roofing and trusses using structural framing for support with a probable construction cost of \$150,000 to \$175,000. It was also suggested to look into a foam spray roof. Jay Meyer will contact a couple places that install that type and report back to the board.

At 9:10 Chairman Heinz recessed the regular board meeting and convened as the County Board of Equalization. Snider presented 1507s for review of tax corrections. Heinz made a motion to accept the 1507 corrections, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board set July 14, 2022 as the protest hearing date before the Board of Equalization.

Heinz, motioned to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene as the regular board meeting at 9:19 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

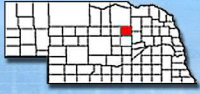
Ken Stenka, Veteran’s Service Officer, met with the board to explain the use of the county veteran’s fund to help those in need. He requested opening a bank account so those applications that are approved can be paid in a more timely manner than going through the county board. The board will take this under consideration during the budget process.

Pokorny made a motion to re-appoint Ellis Schrunk to the Loup Basin RC & D Board, with Lois Schrunk being an alternate representative, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$21,174.25
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,274.20
Appera, services	79.61
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	72.50
Bartlett Post Office, postage	290.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	17,525.10
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	401.13
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	204.32
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	294.56
Electronic Systems, Inc, alarm testing	119.00



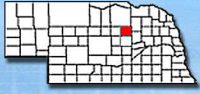
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Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,881.65
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,908.44
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Howard County Clerk, county share of district Judge expenses	683.71
KBRX-FM, tax notice ads	57.00
Loup Basin RC & D, dues	75.00
Loup Rivers scenic Byway, dues	25.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	380.34
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,474.40
Meschke, Roberta, checks reimbursement	29.95
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,210.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	255.90
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	1,161.92
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	786.32
New Victorian Inn, clerk workshop lodging	119.98
NIRMA, insurance	16,519.00
Nordhues Family, services	565.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, treasurer workshop lodging	208.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., services	478.56
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Region 26 Council, sheriff unit fees	550.00
Seaman, Carol, meeting mileage	79.10
Snider, Cara, meeting reimbursement	503.07
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	231.71
State Probation District #8, support	324.75
Stenka, Ken, mileage reimbursement	181.35
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	165.68
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	312.99
Wells Plumbing & Heating Co, services	404.06
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	8.99
Wheeler County Sheriff, warrant reimbursements, transport orders	125.32
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	290.00

## ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$28,612.76
AKRS Equipment, supplies	85.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,235.26
Appera, services	32.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	13,315.00
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	111.47
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,438.87
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,566.86
Hillbill's Diesel, batteries	539.85
J & J Materials, crushed rock	2,715.04
J & J Sanitation, services	134.11
Kayton International, bobcat lease/rent	2,676.44



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Kimball Midwest, supplies	259.21
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	162.05
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.06
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,421.07
Nebraska Department of Revenue, quarterly fuel tax	779.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	2,642.58
NIRMA, insurance	19,280.00
Nitro Construction, Inc, crushed concrete	14,535.78
Northeast Glass, glass repair	635.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	107.10
Peoples Service, tires	2,290.00
PowerPlan, repairs	378.71
Ramsey Ranch Supply, posts	80.60
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	11,315.32
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	8,090.67
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	350.40
Thieisen Construction Inc, Schrunk bridge work	92,657.25
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel,	11,343.26
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	671.29

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am on a motion by Pokorny, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman