

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

October 26, 2022

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in a special meeting to conduct a budget hearing at 8:00 a.m., to be followed by a regular meeting on this date. 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 Meetings Act 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to accept the September 28, 2022 minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to accept the Board of Equalization minutes that was held on October 11, 2022, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Don Kaiser met with the board to get clarification on what the process is for gaining access to the property that is in the S ½ of Section 7 Township 22 Range 9 and all of Section 18 Township 22 Range 9. Kaiser was concerned with the possibility of access as he has listed the property for sale for Mr. Kenney, and he was wanting to know what to tell the potential buyers of the property. The board had advised Kaiser that the access is between the landowners.

Bob Nichols and Mick Scarlett visited with the board in regard to the placement of future statues on the courthouse yard. Plugge made a motion to allow Bob to continue to place the statues as he has been doing in the past, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Joe Wadas, Norm Mieth, Tom Haase, and Delmer Pelster, represented Lake Ericson Corporation. Ericson Lake Corporation was interested in seeing if the county would be able to assist with funds to repair the damn. Mr. McNally stated that County is not able to help without this request for funds for the damn repairs.

It was brought to the attention of the board that there are some residents that are using personal graders to grade the roads. Mr. McNally stated that this is illegal and that if the road department continues to see this they will be required to take action.

Pokorny made a motion to accept Resolution 20221002, Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Homestead Exemption report, it was reviewed as presented. Seamann also updated the board about the ARPA funds, that money had been transferred from the ARPA Fund back into the General Fund for the engineering cost, that had been previously paid. A potential Distress Warrant report has presented and reviewed. Seamann asked the board about their thoughts of putting some funds that are sitting in the savings account into a CD. Pokorny made a motion to authorize Treasurer Seamann to see what the best option was to put \$50,000 into a CD for a 12-month period, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Zoning Administrator has been tabled.

Snider presented a revised proposal from SGH Concepts for a new skylight. Pokorny made a motion to accept the proposal of \$10,474.00, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a proposal that she had received from the Nebraska Judicial Branch for upgrading the equipment in the courtroom. The proposal was from Conference Technologies, Inc. for \$55,075.68 for the equipment and \$15,644 for



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the labor. In a phone conference that was held Snider was told that the county would be responsible for placing a dedicated 20 am circuit and 3 dedicated internet/network drops near the rack that will be installed. Snider state she was asked to get a proposal for the work that the county is responsible for and report back to the next meeting.

Sheriff's Quarterly report was presented and reviewed by the board.

There was discussion about amending the policy manual for the ½ hour lunch break to amend it to having to take the lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.. This matter has been tabled.

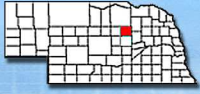
A motion was made by Pokorny at 9:47 a.m. to enter into executive session to discuss personal issues, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board exited the executive session at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

General Fund

Payroll	\$20,676.61
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,208.12
Applied Connective Technologies, support	147.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	17,525.10
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	149.12
Eakes Office Solutions, copier expense	216.54
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,726.13
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
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	333.20
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	276.86
Morris Press, envelopes	53.43
Nebraska Association of County Officials, annual conf. & fall regis	640.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	766.98
Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Tax, workshop/training	900.00
Nordhues Family, services	500.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., services	483.59
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Quill Corporation, Norton renewal	71.99
Snider, Cara, meeting reimbursement	118.75
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	487.59
Stenka, Ken, meeting expenses	902.65
Stevens Medical Clinic, PC, prisoner appointment	140.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	1,300.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	165.68
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	477.34

ROAD FUND



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Payroll	\$21,878.08
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,181.09
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	13,315.00
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	469.98
Capitol One Trade Credit, parts	321.97
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	2,935.70
Equipment Blades, grader blades	1,845.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,123.47
First Conrad Benefits Group, deductible buy down	48.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	80.94
Hubel Welding, welding gas	160.98
J & J Sanitation, services	251.74
John Deere Credit, grader payment	65,406.45
Loup Basin RC & D, weed watch pos	63.39
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	156.02
Madison National Lives, insurance	8.57
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc, disc mulcher	17,000.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conference registration	300.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	933.64
Nebraska Department of Revenue, quarterly fuel tax	577.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	483.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues	125.00
Nitro Construction Inc, crushed concrete	24,444.18
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	110.02
PowerPlan, repairs	1,835.92
Ramada Inn-Kearney, lodging	154.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Shotkoski Enterprises, services	12,905.07
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	471.36
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel,	17,212.09
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	716.41

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman