

Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

November 30, 2022

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly 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 approve the October 26, 2022 minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that the State Fire Marshal performed an inspection of the Shop underground fuel tank and found multiple violations that will need to be corrected including additional monitoring and equipment upgrades or be replaced with an above ground tank that would not. The board discussed placing an above ground tank at the shop and upgrading the meter. Reed will report back with different prices and options of above ground tanks.

Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20221101 for Final Acceptance of Project Construction on the Ericson South Bridge, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Marlin Conry, on behalf of Invenergy/Thunderhead, visited with the board about the termination of the Road Use Agreement. Conry stated that the wind farm is fully complete and operational and that the terms of the Agreement have been met. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20221102, to Terminate the Road Use Agreement with Thunderhead, with Plugge seconding the motion. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the 3 underground right-of-way permits as presented with Reed's approval upon completion, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on selling excess road department property and Reed will bring a proposed listing to the next meeting for consideration.

A change to the personnel policy manual was considered to change the road department lunch break from 12:00-12:30 pm. Plugge made a motion to amend the policy, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz.

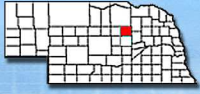
Treasurer Seamann stated that there should be no reason to have to transfer money to the road fund this month.

Snider agreed to continue to be the Zoning Administrator.

Snider presented a bid from Sundown Electric in the amount of \$1,765.00 for the installation of updated electrical circuits for the required courtroom upgrades. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid from Sundown Electric, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The Veteran's Service report was reviewed as presented.

Sheriff Lindsay advised the board that the names on the bank account would need to be changed as of January 1, 2023 to allow Dale King and Amy Spencer access to the Sheriff Office accounts. Plugge made a motion to change the names on the Sheriff's accounts at Cornerstone Bank starting January 1, 2023 subject to the elections, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.



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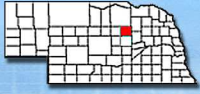


Chairman Heinz read Resolution 20221103 recognizing Sheriff Lindsay for his dedication and service to the county for the past 22 years. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20221103, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20221104 was considered to approve a NDOT policy change and reimbursement for survey work on state highway projects was presented. Heinz made the motion, seconded by Pokorny, to approve Resolution 20221104. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$21,230.23
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,280.33
Appear, services	388.48
Applied Connective Technologies, support	840.00
Bartlett Post Office, postage	120.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	15,738.39
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, services	650.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	149.12
Election Poll Workers, election services	874.53
Election Systems & Software, supplies	28.05
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,897.07
First Conrad Benefits Group, deductible buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Harpster, Terry, veteran's service milage	33.75
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Howard County Clerk , district court expenses	1,389.19
Johnson, Roger, veteran's service mileage	17.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	305.64
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,376.50
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	423.31
Nebraska Association of County Officials, annual conf. and dues	1,311.92
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	784.55
New Victorian Inn-Kearney, assessor lodging	239.96
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., services	485.54
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Quill Corporation, Norton renewal	53.98
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	35.04
Stenka, Ken, meeting expenses	153.37
Stevens Medical Clinic, PC, prisoner appointment	280.00
Sundown Electric, repairs	581.95
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	1,550.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	165.60
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	193.00
Wheeler County Clerk of District Court, court fees	108.00
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	17.14



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ROAD FUND

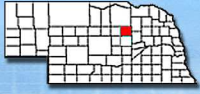
Payroll	\$26,932.84
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,001.23
Appera, services	184.39
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	11,939.08
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	239.68
Burwell Tribune, publication	217.00
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	60.00
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	4,734.44
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	20,718.65
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,151.29
First Conrad Benefits Group, deductible buy down	48.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	76.95
J & J Sanitation, services	135.23
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	153.91
Madison National Lives, insurance	9.74
Midwest Service & Sales, repairs	239.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,370.86
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	688.04
Nebraska Truck Center, INC, repairs	39.59
Nitro Construction Inc, crushed concrete	21,809.25
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	107.12
Overhead Door Co of Norfolk, door repairs	5,493.00
People's Service, tires	4,408.00
Peterbilt of Norfolk, supplies	447.31
PowerPlan, repairs	1,813.98
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC, fuel	22,620.66
Shotkoski Enterprises, services	1,736.96
Speed Services, pump septic tank	450.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	469.47
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel,	24,292.89
Van Diest supply Co, chemicals	1,648.00
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	412.90
Highway By-Back	
Theisen Construction INC, Schrunk bridge	33,853.57

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. 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, December 28th, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk



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Travis Heinz, Board Chairman