

Bartlett, Nebraska

February 22, 2023

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 King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the January 25, 2023, minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed provided updates on the condition of the roads and that they are continuing to push snow. He reported that he had renewed a contract with Dinkel Implement for the rent of the tractor at \$35 an hour for up to 200 hours. He also checked into the rent of the skid steer and Kayton International is the cheapest at \$2,500 for 200 hours. Reed also stated that there is a grader that is having issues and it may cost up to \$15,000 to repair it. The board requested Reed look into what a newer used grader would cost to see which is the better option.

Treasurer Seamann reported that \$704,817.30 had been received from FEMA for reimbursement of expenses related to the flood. Pokorny made a motion to pay back Resolutions 20220501 and 20220601 from the FEMA funds, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz.

Snider reported that the state would like to update the equipment in the courtroom after May 1st, 2023.

Treasurer Seamann presented her Tax Sales listing for the sale date of March 6th, 2023.

Foreman Reed and Sheriff King presented lists of excess property that they no longer need. The board requested they provide a detailed listing of items they would like to dispose of for presentation at the next meeting for possible sale as excess property.

Sheriff King presented bids from Paper Tiger and DataShield for paper shredding services. Paper Tiger provides a 64 gallon container that would be shredded every eight weeks for \$50 while DataShield provides 65 gallon container that is emptied every 8 weeks for \$62. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Paper Tiger proposal, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz.

Sheriff King reported that he is still looking at patrol units however he found a grant that the county may qualify for and will see if we qualify before he looks for a different unit.

Snider presented an Auditor Management Representation Letter from the auditing firm Contryman and Associates. Plugge made a motion to approve and execute the letter, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve participating in the Opioid Settlement and authorize the execution of the presented agreement, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz recessed the regular meeting at 8:59 a.m. and opened as the Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the Permissive Exemption forms. Heinz made a motion to approve the following Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Religious	Place of Worship
St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Sandhill's Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Pibel Bible Camp workshop	Religious	Religious Instruction
Ericson Lake, Inc,	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:02 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$19,817.46
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	2,985.28
Appeara, services	76.52
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,531.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	16,022.78
Bomgaars Supply, INC. ice melt	33.98
Borders Law Office, court appointed fees	989.16
Cavender Store, LTD, sheriff uniform	68.03
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	149.12
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,377.05
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	264.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Holt County Sheriff, prisoner keep	1,050.00
King, Dale, uniform shoes reimbursement	226.07
Lindsay, Adrian, dental reimbursement	85.27
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	531.31
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,514.06
Menards-Grand Island, ice melt	19.47
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	50.64
Nebraska Association of County Officials, County Board Handbook	100.00
Nebraska County Assessor Association, dues	60.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	737.96
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, dues	50.00
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, dues	175.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	502.30
O'Neill Family Pharmacy, prisoner prescription	6.57
Oberg Locksmith & Security Services, change of locks Treasurer Office	175.00
Peoples Service, service	79.47
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Region III Administration, 3 rd quarter assessment	521.57

Region 26 Council, quarterly support	11,079.73
Sears, Donna, supp reimbursement	30.33
Snider, Cara, reimbursements	1,351.91
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	34.47
State Probation District #8, support	235.08
Symbol Arts, LLC, badge	374.30
Trotter Tire Pros & Truck Repair, sheriff patrol batteries	280.43
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	1,000.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	116.32
Village of Bartlett, quarterly water	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	193.18
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	600.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	405.00
Woppel, Lorraine, prior service	120.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$22,960.88
AKRS Equipment, repairs	81.08
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,350.74
Appearra, services	35.27
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,778.47
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	271.68
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	156.89
Dinkel's, tractor lease	6,900.00
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL Drug Test	209.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	5,021.17
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,386.57
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	240.00
Glesinger, Terry, insurance stipend	500.00
Harpster, Terry, prior service	96.00
Hubel Welding, iron & welding supplies	714.25
J & J Sanitation, services	196.89
Koeing, Chris, welding shop supplies	82.00
Loup Basin RC & D, weed watch postage	67.80
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	217.78
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	998.11
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	10,418.56
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.62
Plugge's Rod Shop, battery	240.05
Powerplan, repairs	2,133.36
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	7,122.82
Sheldon, Dale, prior years service	192.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	813.70
Titan Mahinery-Ord, repairs	743.51
Trausch Dynamics, repairs	36.32
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	758.02
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	
Eakes Office Solutions, recording book	\$697.77

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman