

Bartlett, Nebraska

March 29, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the March 22, 2023 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda 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 February 22, 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 pull up shoulders throughout the county. The county will be replacing the culverts by Rich Burtwistle's combining the 2 smaller culverts into one bigger culvert to accommodate for the water flow from the creek.

Reed also advised the board that there are still issues with the 140 M machine. The estimated repair cost would be around \$18,000 to \$20,000, and they would have to take the machine to Norfolk to work on it. Reed stated that the county will be switching from the NMC Norfolk to NMC Doniphan, as there will be a repair man from St. Paul instead of Bassett. Reed also stated that the transmission in the white Ford will need to be replaced with an estimated repair of \$7000.00.

Plugge made a motion to give the road employees a 3.5% cost of living increase, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that Sapp Brothers Petroleum placed a new 2,000 gallon fuel tank on their property next to the county shop for the county use. The county is only responsible for buying the fuel that is in the tank and supplying the hose and nozzle.

Invenergy will be replacing a culvert at no cost to the county on 509th Ave and 844th Road.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20230301 to transfer funds from the ARPA fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,761.80 to compensate Miller and Associates designing an ADA compliant courthouse bathroom. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20230301, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20230302 to transfer funds from the ARPA fund to the General fund in the amount of \$21,363.03 for the replacement of the courthouse skylight and upgrade of the shop lights at the county shop. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20230302, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to transfer \$150,000 from the Road Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund to pay back a previous transfer by Resolution 20220905, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There have been no bid documents submitted for the ADA courthouse bathroom project at this time.

Sheriff King reported he is still looking into grants for a new patrol unit at this time.

The road department and sheriff's office will provide a list of excess property for the April meeting.

Zach Wright met with the board to see the about the possibility of getting solar panels on his property. There are no current regulations allowing them so the Planning Commission will need to meet to begin consider adopting regulations. Plugge made a motion to direct the Planning Commission to meet to consider adopting solar regulations, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

There were no changes made to the county employee policy manual at this time.

The annual audit was presented and reviewed.

Heinz made a motion to accept and approve the Madison Life Insurance renewal, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The GLW Annual Report was presented and reviewed.

Treasurer Seamann requested the board enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:26 to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to exit executive session at 9:30, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann requested authority to hire Wylie Seamann as her assistant in the Treasurer's Office which will be on the April agenda for discussion.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$20,371.38
Aflac, insurance	203.33

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,066.70
Appeara, services	114.78
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	4,231.68
Bartak Glass, door repairs	728.31
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	16,022.78
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
Contryman Associates, PC, audit	14,000.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	45.12
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	162.04
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,557.46
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	167.88
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Kortter Home & Auto Center, sheriff patrol services	1,081.63
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	468.69
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,311.80
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	701.90
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	756.79
Nebraska District Court Clerk Association, workshop meeting	75.00
Nebraska Secretary of State, election forms	10.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	388.37
O'Neill Family Pharmacy, prisoner medication	21.09
Ord Animal Clinic, services	147.90
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Region 26 Council, quarterly assessments	11,075.23
Sears, Donna, janitor supply reimbursement	29.64
SGH Concepts, ARPA project skylight replacement	10,474.00
Sirchie Acquistion Company, LLC supplies	325.31
Snider, Cara, reimbursements	154.59
Standard Appraisal Services, pickup work	174.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	236.33
Sundown Electric LLC, ARPA project shop lights replacement	10,889.03
Taylor, Bobby, bathroom repairs	543.19
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	102.69
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	112.03
Wheeler County Sheriff, fees	21.18
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	55.58
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$27,524.19

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,113.22
Appeara, services	35.15
Beaver Bearing Company, repairs	215.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,778.48
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	158.86
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	156.89
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,417.56
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Glesinger, Terry, insurance stipend	500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	170.54
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Midwest Service & Sales Co, blades	1,585.55
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,394.85
Nebraska Department of Revenue, fuel tax	738.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	3,834.72
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	22,625.46
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	57.28
Oak Creek Engineering, Ericson south bridge mitigation	3,200.00
Peoples Service, tires	10,889.70
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	100.03
Powerplan, repairs	2,203.95
Rasmussen Land Surveying, set corners	679.13
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,617.13
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	546.01
TPR Of O'Neill, repairs	117.75
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	8,507.34

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman