

Bartlett, Nebraska

April 26, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the April 19, 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, Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the March 29, 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. Reed stated he would go and check out what needs to be done so that Doug Allemang use the pasture come this spring.

Gary Bartak visited with the board about the current survey stakes for the survey that was performed in Sections 3 and 10 Township 24 Range 9, where he has currently planted beans in the county right-away. At this point the board felt he should know where the county right-away was and asked to move his pivot stops so that it doesn't go clear to the road.

Adrian Smith's representative was present and gave a brief update on what Congressman Smith was doing in the legislature.

Bert Metske and Adam Giddings with the DMV were present to discuss the possibility of changing offices in the courthouse. Giddings stated that the DMV would be able to move their equipment but would need at least 6 weeks to get all the equipment moved. Heinz had asked if Bert would like to bring back an option that would accommodate her office for the move. The board stated that they would give everyone plenty of notice before any final decisions were made.

Treasurer Seamann thought she would be able to pay back the remaining transfer as a lot of tax payers had been paying their taxes in full and just not the first half like they have done in the past.

Treasurer Seamann submitted an Employment to Hire Family Member for the hiring of Wylie Seamann as her deputy in the Treasurer's Office. The board had reviewed the

Employee of Immediate family waiver, and denied the application at this point as there is another applicant that has filed an application.

Sheriff King updated that State Patrol doesn't have an issue with writing tickets throughout the county however the county doesn't have the updated equipment and that they are unable to write tickets in their units. Pokorny made a motion to authorize Sheriff Dale King to commence the purchase of two new Sheriff Patrol units, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King, Treasurer Seamann, and Road Foreman Reed all submitted listing of excess property that can be listed and sold.

Plugge made a motion to approve the Wheeler County Ag Society's request for a Special Designated License (SDL) for the Alumni Dance that will be held on May 27, 2023, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

Sheriff King asked about getting a Corporate Credit Card for the County. The board asked Snider to look into getting one and report back at the next meeting.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:16 am to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

A motion at 10:00 am by was made to exit the executive session and reconvene with the regular meeting, seconded by . Voting aye:

At 10:30 am Chairman Heinz opened the bid from Brerman Contracting for the bathroom remodeling project. The bid was for \$178,500.00. Heinz made a motion to reject the bid from Brerman Contracting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$19,849.92
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	2,997.94
Appeara, services	76.52
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	920.29
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	16,022.78
Burwell Tribune, publication	219.50
Central District Assessor Association, dues	25.00
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, yard work	345.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
Consolidated Management Company, sheriff meals	10.75
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	97.12
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	244.99
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,393.73
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	64.00





Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	11,178.61
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	86.89
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	890.49
Van Diest Supply Co, chemicals	857.60
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	7,274.00

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman