

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 31, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the May 24, 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, Sheriff King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the April 26, 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 and placing culverts throughout the county. Reed mentioned that the Herd Co North road is going to need attention in the near future as it is starting to lose it's base and getting a lot of holes in the road.

Jerry Koinzan and Travis Sprout visited with the board about the east half mile of the road that lies between Sections 3 and 10 Township 22 Range 12. They stated that there was no way they could get a semi and trailer through the road and Olson's wouldn't be able to get a pickup and trailer out there when they are hauling cattle to pasture because of the condition of the road. The board directed Reed to meet and communicate with Koinzan and Sprout to get the issue resolved.

Judd Allen from the Nebraska Association of County Officials gave a brief update on the additions to the Dental and Vision Insurance. The dental plan will now be offering an orthodontist option and the vision will be allowing the coverage of prescription sunglasses.

Doug Reiter, Weed Superintendent, gave an update and reported on where he has been spraying.

Treasurer Seamann presented a Distress Warrant report that all Distress Warrants had been resolved. Additionally, Treasurer Seamann stated that there shouldn't have to be any transfers needed for the road department.

Sheriff King gave an update on the status of the new patrol units. The price of the units was going to be increasing if the purchase is made in December as originally planned. However, if they're ordered now, the price is still the previous amount and they will be here in August but the invoice is due by June 15, 2023.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20230501 to use \$74,635.20 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to pay for half the patrol unit cost, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20230502 to use \$74,635.20 from the Inheritance Fund to pay for the other half of the patrol unit cost, Plugge seconded the motion. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a couple of bids for a new telephone system. The board would like to see what the other counties use for the phone companies to see if there is a better system available.

The board tabled the excess property declaration until the June meeting.

The board tabled reappointments of zoning members until the June meeting.

General Fund

Payroll	\$21,887.58
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,262.87
Appeara, services	118.19
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,649.60

Bartlett Post Office, postage	426.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	16,022.78
Burwell Tribune, publication	606.20
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	148.45
Central Nebraska Economic Development, dues	921.60
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, yard work	650.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	97.12
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	219.40
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,822.72
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	1,564.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	487.47
GWorks, annual fees	5,250.00
Hampton Inn-Norfolk, meeting lodging	228.30
Holiday Inn-Kearney, attorney lodging	235.90
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
KNLV Radio, tax ad	132.00
Koinzan Enterprises, INC, services	140.62
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	345.18
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,884.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	255.62
Nebraska Association of County Officials, workshop reg/dues	1,414.37
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	788.40
NIRMA, insurance	18,070.83
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	450.80
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Sears, Donna, janitor supply reimbursement	24.62
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	322.73
Trotter Tire Pros & Truck Repair, sheriff patrol tires	1,523.25
Utilitac Equipment & Upfitting, 2 Equipped sheriff patrol units	149,270.40
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	122.77
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	136.70
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	218.65
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, Arrest Warrant	2.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Cen, dues	50.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$27,900.31
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,177.29
Appeara, services	35.15
Beaver Bearing Company, repairs	661.97
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,778.48
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	251.70
Burwell Tribune, weed notice	250.00
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, Bond interest payment	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	156.89
Dexter Diesel, LLC, brake repairs	3,644.86
DMC Wear Parts, LLC, grader blades	9,480.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	20,033.35
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,609.84
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	48.00

Glesinger, Terry, insurance stipend	500.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	302.16
Hubel Welding, iron/gas fill	459.75
J & J Sanitation, services	166.73
Kimball Midwest, parts	427.83
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	159.33
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Miller Tire Service, tires	1,244.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,429.08
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	654.23
NIRMA, insurance	20,868.17
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	56.68
Peterbuilt of Norfolk, repairs	810.09
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	4,802.87
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	9,710.36
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	822.63
TRP of O'Neill, repairs	448.19
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	36.68
We Mart, road fuel	6,711.93

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 Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 8 a.m, and will have a Board of Equalization meeting at 9:00 am or at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman