

Bartlett, Nebraska

June 28, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the June 21, 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 May 31, 2023, minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Jamie Rudolph met with the board to inquire about obtaining county owned property previously used as a clay pit that's located on the South edge of his property adjacent to Old Hwy 101 and West of 505 Ave. The matter was tabled until a later date.

Foreman Reed provided updates on the condition of the roads and that the Herd Co North road is in need of attention but will work to both narrow the traveled portion and putting crushed concrete in the areas needing a better base. Also, Koinzan and Sprout are not ready to proceed with their project yet as discussed at the May meeting.

Reed presented the road survey on West ½ of 845 Rd. between 507 and 508 Ave. to determine the right of way.

The board requested the Clerk publish a notice to remind all landowners about the requirement to mow the ditches and reminder of penalties for irrigating the roads.

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

Representatives from Applied Connective Technology met with the board to discuss the phone system bid that was presented at the May meeting. Sheriff King asked about different capabilities of the phone system needed for his office and Applied Connective was going to check into the possibilities of the request and provide an update at the July meeting.

Courthouse ADA renovation updates were discussed. It was decided to have the bathroom project rebid once again to see if a more reasonable bid was offered, and to see if there were any local contractors that would be interested in doing the work.

Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20230601, amending Resolution 2023051, that the Inheritance Fund monies used for half of the Sheriff patrol unit cost will not need to be repaid, which was seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20230602 to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Fund and transfer the monies back from Road Fund to General Fund when the funds are available, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve Resolution 20230603 to use \$7,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund to pay Miller & Associates for professional services related to the courthouse bathroom ADA renovation, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann updated the board on the interest that has accumulated on the ARPA Fund and stated that the county can keep the interest earned and use that towards expenses now as well.

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

Sheriff King requested the board look into requiring residents to display their 911 address so that they are visible from the road. That would ensure law enforcement/emergency personnel are able to easily identify addresses in emergency situations.

Sheriff King will present Steve Growcock with the Citizens Award of Life on Thursday August 3rd at the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo.

At 9:01 am Pokorny made a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider reported that there have been several protests received and a Board of Equalization meeting will be held on July 10th at 8 am to hear filed protests.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:12 am and reconvene the regular board meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to reappoint Deb Eschliman, Dean Miller and Ellis Schrunk to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms from January 2023-December 2025.; seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the match request for \$2,072.17 for Regional 3 Behavioral Health, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed the 3-year assessment plan by Snider. No action taken.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Wheeler County Ag Society's request for a Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair that will be held August 4th through August 6th, 2023, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to designate the State Print Shop to print the tax notice postcards if needed in the fall, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$21,380.15
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,202.38
Appeara, services	76.52
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,032.10
Bartlett Post Office, postage	315.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	17,557.12
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
Coral Wave Hospitality, meeting lodging	210.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	97.12
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	251.34
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,679.84
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,970.50
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	56.68
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Howard County Clerk, county share of Dist. Court Judge expense	1,020.42
Johnson, Roger, veterans mileage	18.30
Kaczor, Larry, veterans mileage	20.96
KNLV Radio, tax ad	132.00
LaQuinta Inn-Kearney, clerk lodging	259.90
Leads Online, LLC, services	2,091.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	304.55
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00

Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Miller & Associates, consulting fees	7,000.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,259.25
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	650.62
Morris Press, Treasurer envelopes	54.63
National Pen Co, LLC, promo pens	158.46
Nebraska Association of County Officials, workshop reg/dues	200.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	773.90
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, handbooks	24.00
Nebraska State Probation Dist #8, 2 nd half expenses	329.61
Nordhues Family, services	775.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	416.53
Paper Tiger Shredding, shredding services	50.00
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	56.50
Region 26 Council, program for patrol	730.00
SAW Graphics Embroidery, sheriff uniforms	131.00
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	390.00
Sears, Donna, janitor supply reimbursement	45.69
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	447.36
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	174.71
Stenka, Ken, veterans meals and mileage	194.44
Sundown Electric LLC, repairs	1,753.99
The Parts Bin, patrol wipers	59.26
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	350.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	122.77
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	70.84
We Mart, sheriff fuel	55.42
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	322.50
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$22,775.95
Ace Irrigation & MFG. Co., culverts	13,759.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,346.44
Appeara, services	35.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,721.26
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	330.30
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	156.89
Edgehill Motors Inc, mower	10,215.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	12,748.13
Farwell, Brian, reimbursement	24.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,523.02
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,738.00
Glesinger, Terry, insurance stipend	500.00
J & J Sanitation, services	166.73
Loup Basin RC & D, dues,	200.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	170.05
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Miller Tire Service, tires	2,138.55
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	994.73
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 nd quarter fuel tax	866.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	26,385.07
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	4,894.96
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	87.81
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc, parts	32.79

PowerPlan, repairs	3,844.58
Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC, survey 845 th Rd	716.28
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	16,098.56
Sundown Electric, LLC, fuel pump installation	2,385.91
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	694.83
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	18,958.54
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	6,324.01

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.

A Board of Equalization meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and a Special meeting will be held on July 10 at 9:30 am. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman