

Bartlett, Nebraska

August 30, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the August 23, 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 minutes of the July 10, 2023, special meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023, meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Samantha Olson and Bethany Wagner visited with the board about getting an Special Designated Liquor License for the Autumnal Market 1906308 event that will be held on September 16, 2023, at the Stonehouse, located at 83636 Stone House Ave, Bartlett, Nebraska, more specifically located in Section 20 Township 23 Range 10 West. Plugge made a motion to approve the Special Designated Liquor License request seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Beth Ferrell, NACO representative visited with the board a gave an update on the Legislature.

Chuck Abel presented a preliminary budget printout. Pokorny made a motion to increase the county's levy from \$0.247801 to \$0.267801, seconded by Plugge.

There will be a Joint Public Hearing along with the Wheeler Central Public Schools on September 18th at 8 pm at the Wheeler Central Public School Gymnasium.

There will be a budget hearing held during the September meeting.

Doug Reiter, Weed Superintendent, had updated the board on where he had been spraying.

Treasure Seamann updated that there are taxes coming in as the second half of taxes are due by September 1st without interest. The board felt there should be no need to transfer money at this time.

Sheriff King updated that new radios should arrive in December. He had reported that he had complaints about semis parking along 839th Road west of Four Corners. There were concerns that vehicles couldn't get through the area when the semis were parked there, he has had the road department put up no parking signs along the road.

Sheriff King visited with the board about the pros and cons about operating the courthouse on a four day work week. He stated that it would save on electric and other cost and employee retention. The board felt it was best to table this topic.

Sheriff King presented Steve Growcock with the Citizens Live Saving Award belt buckle. Growcock had preformed heroic actions on May 11, 2023 where he had saved a gentleman's life at the salebarn parking lot. Thank you Steve for your quick response and selfless actions.

Plugge made a motion to accept the Ag Society and the Wheeler County Rural Fire Department Tax Asking Requests, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

At 9:00 am Chairman Heinz call the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing to order, and opened the floor to Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer. Meyer explained that the Schrunk Bridge was completed last year, and this years

project was maintenance and up keep on the roads and the Pitzer Road along with the Green Valley Road were the next roads to be redone.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the 1 & 6 Year Road hearing, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept Resolution 20230801, 1 & 6 Year Plan seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed updated that they had completed the Pitzer Road upgrades before the sale and had to put on more gravel than expected. They had also fixed the north Herd Co Road and had redone a larger area and used more materials than they were expecting in order to fix the road correctly.

Reed stated that he has met with the school to get a plan in place for the bus routes before winter sets in.

Heinz made a motion to release the bond for Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Companies, for the Thunderhead Wind Energy LLC bond, as requested, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept Resolution 20230802, County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Classification and Standards 2023, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King is going to talk to Mike Kruml as he had heard back from the Supreme Court and had gotten approval from the Supreme Court to proceed with the office renovation and moving of offices in the courthouse. The board had advised him that he needed to visit with all the offices that are involved.

Pokorny made a motion to get fire extinguishers from Hydro-Tech over Integrated Security Solutions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept the office inventories as they were presented, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a listing of the surplus property that county is wanting to sell. Pokorny made a motion, seconded by Heinz, to authorize Reed to advertise such items on Big Iron and sell when he felt it was appropriate, and to report back once everything had sold. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$22,476.61
Acuity Insurance, museum fire insurance policy	3,280.00
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,377.43
Appera, services	120.41
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	953.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	17,557.12
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	61.31
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
Comfort Inn-Kearney, assessor lodging	344.85
Conner Psychological Services, pre-employment evaluation	425.00
Consolidated Management Company, training center meals	1,905.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	288.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	637.72
Farm & Home Publishers, plat books	250.00

Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,936.46
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC, uniforms	953.67
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Howard County Clerk, county share of district judge fees	570.02
Leads Online, LLC, service	529.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	334.52
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,308.34
McQuillan, Connor, contract help	200.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,299.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	451.55
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conference	1,090.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	800.79
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training, deputy training	142.00
Nordhues Family, services	525.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	398.14
Paper Tiger, services	50.00
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Regn III Administration, county match	518.04
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	298.30
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	348.70
Stenka, Ken, veterans meals and mileage	68.37
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	122.78
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	170.88
We Mart, sheriff fuel	232.92
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	339.98
Wietzki, Andrew, contract help	200.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$27,967.75
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,193.60
Appeara, services	50.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,721.26
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	491.98
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	156.89
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	5,661.48
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	26,911.64
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,655.24
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Fox, Andy, mileage reimbursement	51.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	22,614.00
Glesinger, Terry, insurance stipend/mileage	551.00
Holt County Tire, tires	254.90
Kayton International-Albion, rental	5,000.00
Koenig, Chris, mileage reimbursement	51.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	163.11
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Miller Tire Service, tires	3,006.93
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conference	300.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,438.24
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	2,671.17
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	21,748.16
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	88.64

Plugge's Rod Shop, supplies	607.21
PowerPlan, repairs	1,118.06
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	24,587.98
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	56,009.71
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	4,185.49
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	9,658.69
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	420.70

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

With no further business Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman