

Bartlett, Nebraska

November 29, 2023

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the November 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. 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 October 25, 2023 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Kevin and Richard Schrunk met with the board to see what options they had to fix the road that lies between sections 11 and 14 township 24 range 10, which is an open section line road. The board decided they would go see what the road looks like since the county had rolled the shoulders up and then decide on any further action after the review.

Gary and Steven Bartak discussed the pivot points that are in the county's right-of-way that the county has requested they move. The county will meet with Bartaks to discuss the re-establishment of the pivot point location and moving the pivot stops at a later date.

Mr. McNally presented a Driveway Permit for the county to implement. Pokorny made the motion to accept the Driveway Permit as presented with the establishment of a \$50 fee, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge.

Jay Jenkins from UNL and the GLW Extension Office asked if there had been any action on accepting the Agreements between Wheeler County and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and the GLW. There has been no action taken to this point.

Heinz moved to approve the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent and Resolution 20231101, which is the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Jim Havel asked the board about fixing a hole that is on the side of a hill on Fritz Ave. Reed stated that hole will be fixed by the end of the week.

There is a culvert that will be replaced along the minimum maintenance road that lies Sections 2 and 3 township 23 range 11. Reed stated that he will investigate and take necessary actions to fix it.

Sheriff King presented an updated listing on Distress Warrant listing.

Sheriff King presented an NDOT Agreement for the placement of automated license plate readers within the state highway right-of-way. Plugge made a motion to approve the Agreement and associated Resolution 20231102 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King requested authority to donate surplus radios to Greeley County and Ericson Fire. Plugge made the motion to donate such radios, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated there was no need to transfer any money as both funds should be sufficient with taxes coming in throughout December and she should be able to transfer some of the monies back currently borrowed from the General Fund.

Heinz made a motion to acknowledge and accept Commissioner Pokorny's of Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure form, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz and Plugge. Voting nay: none. Abstaining: Pokorny.

The appointment of a Zoning Administrator was tabled but the board asked Snider to contact the surrounding counties to see what other counties are paying for Zoning Administrator and report back at the December meeting.

Pokorny made a motion to renew the NIRMA agreement, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Audit Report, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:33 am to interview a road employee applicant, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene with the regular meeting at 9:56 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to hire Dean Bos as a part-time employee at the rate of \$21.50 an hour, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

#### General Fund

Payroll	\$24,626.39
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,878.24
Appera, services	78.84

Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,059.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,617.03
Blue to Gold, LLC class registration	450.00
Burwell Tribune, publication	48.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	624.18
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	74.02
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	331.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract	672.45
Elan Financial Services, supplies	96.01
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,595.26
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	157.46
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC supplies	129.68
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	311.48
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,956.62
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, JPH post cards	2,239.37
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	931.95
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training, certification	250.00
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, dues	175.00
NIRMA, conference	100.00
Nordhues Family, services	330.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	416.62
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Pro Printing & Graphics, tobacco licenses	11.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	138.53
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	13.72
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	418.98
Standard Appraisal Services, INC, reappraisal payment	12,429.00
Transunion Risk & Alt. Data Solutions, October fees	170.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	122.89
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, bench warrants	4.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	69.87
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,953.71
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,635.50
Appeara, services	87.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	8,349.83
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, bond interest	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	144.92
ELAN Financial Services, road supplies	70.83
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel	30,635.70
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,770.91
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	32.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	3,794.00
Joseph Leslie, machine hire	1,800.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	395.25
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Miller Tire Service, tires	8,904.12
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conference registration	300.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,320.74
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	87.52
O'Neill Shopper, help wanted ad	271.44
PowerPlan, repairs	4,499.41
Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix, sign posts	40.35
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	19,498.72
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	17,916.61
Spalding Farm & Home, INC, supplies	38.57
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,669.55
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	8,245.57
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	481.64

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 10:22 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman