

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 31, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the January 24, 2024, 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 December 27, 2023 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Doug Pokorny as chairman, the motion died due to lack of second.

Plugge made a motion to appoint Travis Heinz as chairman, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned to designate the Burwell Tribune as the County's Legal Newspaper, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion for each Commissioner to stay on the current boards they are representing, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Connie Plugge visited with the board concerning the lack of communication for the mail route to deliver mail.

Heinz made a motion to accept the underground permit that was presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Reed updated that they have contacted Rick Funk about storing a grader at Novak's red barn. He is waiting to get a time to meet with either Rick or Jeremy about storing the grader there.

There was no action taken for a weed pickup.

Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20240101, putting a weight limit on roads throughout the County, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:25 am to discuss personnel issues. Heinz then withdrew his motion to enter executive session.

The GLW extension report was reviewed.

Plugge made a motion to reappoint Chirstopher Dierks, David Durre, and Judy Havel for a 3 year term on the zoning board, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to give all County employees a 3.2 % cost of living starting February 2024, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz was nominated to contact Wada's Inc, and Wells Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. to see about getting the HVAC replaced before summer comes, and report back at the next commissioner meeting, and Pokorny was contacting Flenniken's Plumbing and Heating.

There was no action taken on the renovation of the courthouse, waiting on bids.

Sheriff King's quarterly report along with the call log was presented and reviewed.

Sheriff King stressed the importance of contacting 911 or Region 26 for complaints in order to have a better track record of calls and so that the correct officer is dispatched to the issue.

No update on the license plate reader.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Delinquent Tax Sales listing, the tax sale will take place March 4, 2024.

Treasurer Seamann also presented the Semi Annual Report that had been published in the paper.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 9:11 am to discuss personnel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 9:25 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to designate Cornerstone Bank and Farmers and Merchants Bank as depositories, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 10:13 am to discuss personnel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:20 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she couldn't transfer monies back at this time and as the board what they wanted to do for the upcoming month as taxes will be coming in slower, they decided to hold off for the time being.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,580.16
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,028.87
Appeara, services	118.11
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	2,068.54
Bartlett Post Office, postage	272.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,082.21
Centec Cast Metal Products, veterans grave markers	546.22
Central District Assessor Association, dues	25.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	258.56
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract	169.22
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,390.83
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,820.71
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	1,572.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC supplies	173.84
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	125.82
Howard County Clerk, county share district judge expenses	596.68
Levander Funeral Home, Wheeler County pickup	707.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	525.44
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	3,004.78
Menards-Grand Island, ice melt	76.53
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Center, membership	100.00
Mines Press, license holders	228.67
MIPS Inc, services	1,662.03
Morris Press, envelopes	55.79
Motorola Solutions, Inc, radios	15,652.56
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association County Assessors, dues	75.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	945.60
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, dues	50.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	481.80
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Region III Administration, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter support	518.04
Sears, Donna, supplies	43.60
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/expenses	381.96
Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Wheeler County Pickup	425.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	228.18
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, fuel	16.39
Wheeler County Sheriff, service warrant	37.00
Woepfel, Lorraine, prior service	120.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$32,064.08
AKRS Equipment, fuel pump	1,019.99
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,693.97
Appeara, services	51.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	12,991.23
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	977.84
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	351.46
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	10,258.54
Farewell, Brian, mileage	51.59
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	9,891.35
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	92.33
Funk Construction, LLC, snow removal	2,587.50
Harpster, Terry, prior service	96.00

Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	21.99
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, oil	147.54
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	194.08
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co, INC, JDlink Cooper	450.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,662.63
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	929.01
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	87.24
Oak Creek Engineering, Ericson South Bridge services	3,200.00
PowerPlan, payloader rent/repairs	9,486.89
Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix, INC, supplies	333.48
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,454.87
Schaeffer Mfg, Company, fuel additive	670.46
Sheldon, Dale, prior service	192.00
Spalding Farm & Home, INC, supplies	82.36
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,839.46
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	7,672.71
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	1,117.54
STOP FUND	
Motorola Solutions, INC, radios	\$6,138.00

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman  
Bartlett, Nebraska