

Bartlett, Nebraska
March 27, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the March 13 and March 20, 2024, editions 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, Deputy Sheriff McQuillan and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Jerry and Tami Keber previously requested the board repair a 2 ½ mile stretch of 509th Ave that's currently a minimum maintenance road. The board inspected the road and took no action as the road is not a candidate for upgrade.

Alex Wolf previously requested the board repair a section of 506th Ave that's currently a minimum maintenance road. The board inspected the road and took no action as the road is not a candidate for upgrade.

Rob Ita met with the board regarding upgrading the west ½ mile of 827th Rd that lies between Welch Ave. and 495th Ave. as the board had accepted bids for the work in 2012. The board advised Ita that they will not be fixing the road as of now.

James Burtwistle advised the board that he is going to build a house in Section 8 Township 24 Range 11 and requested the county build a road to the house site. Reed will get some estimates and report back to the April meeting.

Heinz made a motion to grant the Ingress and Egress Easement for Jamie and Fay Rudolph that crosses the clay pit that Wheeler County owns in Section 7, Township 21, Range 9, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the Underground Electrical Permit for 492nd Ave and 830th Rd, contingent upon the oversight of Reed, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Mike Boden from NACO explained the insurance buy down options that are offered through the NACO Benefits Pool. He stated that the NACO board will be meeting soon to review the insurance policies to determine the new quotes for the upcoming year.

Reed informed the board that the road crew has retrieved the shoulders on 32 miles of road throughout the county. The Tin House Road is the only road that is still closed after the recent March 25th storm. He also reported that there are recalls on 2 of the graders and each grader will take approximately 1 ½ weeks to be performed at no cost to the county. Finally, the excess property will be sold April 3rd on Big Iron.

Reed reported that the 140M Grader has blown the engine in it with approximately 14,000 hours and hasn't had any work done on the engine or the transmission. A reconditioned motor would cost \$81,878.32 and to replace with a Cat remanufactured engine and transmission is \$84,935.81. The board requested Reed have an evaluation done on the machine see what a trade in value would be and to also get quotes for a different grader and report back at the April meeting.

Sheriff King presented an updated Resolution for the License Plate Reader contract since it has been 6 months since the last Resolution was approved. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240301, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King presented a maximum bid from Bill Root Building Repair for the remodel of the Sheriff's Office of \$14,750.00. Plugge made a motion to accept the maximum bid and give Heinz authority to execute any papers that are necessary before the next meeting to get the project started, seconded Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There were 2 bids received for the Courthouse interior roof spray foam insulation. BKE submitted a bid for \$26,568.00 and Superior Foam & Coating submitted a bid for \$18,630.00. After reviewing, the board tabled the bids until the April meeting in order to seek more specifics about both bids.

Heinz made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:30 am to approve corrected Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed the corrected Permissive Exemption forms. Pokorny made a motion to approve the following corrected Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge.

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett Cemetery	Religious	Place of Burials
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc.	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:35 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The Noxious Weed Control Act Plan was received and reviewed. Heinz made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented a currently listing of the Tax Sales and reported that all the taxes were sold.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20240302 to allow a transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240302 seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$25,719.52
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,050.43
Appera, services	78.74
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,135.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Burwell Tribune, publication	580.86
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,531.73
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	89.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	74.62
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,842.69
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	64.29
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	429.79
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,308.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,299.34
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	950.58
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Assoc., registration	130.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	521.01
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	154.03
Region 26 Council, quarterly assessments	11,939.56
Seamann, Carol, mileage	255.61
Snider, Cara, mileage	151.42
Standard Appraisal Services, pickup work	12,429.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	359.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	208.66
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Historical Society, support	3,000.00
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letters	45.72
Wheeler County Sheriff, service/warrant fees	43.50
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,362.09
AKRS Equipment, repairs	1,171.92
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,456.79
Appera, services	36.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,619.80
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	1,315.30
Capital One Trade Company, winch	274.98
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00
Country Partners, fuel tank	1,351.97
Diamond Lime, lime rock	7,334.64
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	1,198.82

Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	11,166.91
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,778.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Hillbill's Diesel, hose repairs	92.73
IBE LLC, electrical repairs	985.98
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, supplies	173.61
Koenig, Chris, reimbursement	11.96
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	195.28
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Services, tires	1,789.39
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,049.02
Nebraska Department of Revenue, fuel tax	815.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	2,706.04
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	99.10
Patzel Construction, crushed concrete	768.00
Powerplan, repairs	2,072.36
Reed, Delan, insurance	40.07
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,452.68
Schaeffer MFG. Company, oil	36.88
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	18,914.83
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, registor	53.70
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,207.28
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	2,732.00

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
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