

Bartlett, Nebraska

April 24, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the April 17, 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 March 27, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public Comments were heard. Chad Matthews, on behalf of Herd Co., voiced concerns with the weight limit signs that had been placed on 836<sup>th</sup> Road going west of Highway 281. Herd Co will try and get the word out to their truckers to encourage the truckers to use the North Entrance.

Travis Sprout visited with the board about the repairs on the ½ mile of 833<sup>rd</sup> Rd, West of 490<sup>th</sup> Ave. and it was approved at a previous meeting that the county would repair the road shoulders. Pokorny made a motion to rescind the previous motion to repair such road, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Doug Reiter, Weed Superintendent, reported that he will be starting to spray when signs are showing up of spurge.

There was no update on the upgrade of a maintainer or maintainer storage agreement at this time.

Reed reported he contacted an asphalt repair company from Oklahoma to provide an estimate for repairs on the asphalted portion of 823<sup>rd</sup> Rd/Pibel Road. Reed was also directed to contact Werner Construction, as they are currently in the area, to get an additional bid for repairs.

Reed had one bid for the grader evaluation and was waiting for the other to determine if it can be repaired or traded off.

The Courthouse ceiling spray foam insulation bids were reviewed, and the board will seek further interested bidders.

Sheriff King presented the Sheriff's quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that there is no need to transfer funds this month as the funds were looking good, and that she would be able to pay back \$150,000 from Road Fund back to General Fund.

There was no action taken on the Central Nebraska Economic Development District board appointment at this time.

Zoning Administrator Brandi Pokorny updated the board on zoning topics. Heinz made a motion to give her the authority to seek proposals for updating the Zoning Comp Plan and Ordinances, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Brandi Pokorny also reported that Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a small solar facility and the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended approval. The board set a public hearing on the application for May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to be followed by board consideration of approval or denial.

Veteran's Service Officer Ken Stenka gave a quarterly report on what his office has been doing. He is going to try and meet with the board quarterly and then be available for services after the meeting.

Alex Hoepker from The Windmill requested a Special Designated License (SDL) for Mike Ellenwood and Teri Jo Perkins wedding at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds on June 22, 2024. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL application, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$25,646.09
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,031.01
Appera, services	78.74
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,234.29
Bartak Glass, door locks	1,192.56
Bartlett Post Office, postage	492.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Blue to Gold, LLC meeting registration,	225.00
Burwell Tribune, publication	5.82
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,310.39
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, power rake lawn	345.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	533.35
Election Systems and Software, election ballots/setup	1,543.94
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,827.85
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Holt County Sheriff, prisoner keep	500.00
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Howard County Clerk, share of Judge expense	613.76
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	410.55
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,308.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,299.34
Murdock, Shawn, patrol unit service	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, June workshop	150.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	942.51
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	536.10
Pokorny, Brandi, meeting reimbursement	224.09
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	507.07
Snider, Cara, mileage	195.64
Standard Appraisal Services, pickup work	2,340.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	408.24
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	179.95
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	204.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,675.05
AKRS Equipment, repairs	138.79
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,504.33
Appera, services	36.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,619.80
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	15.98
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00

Cooper, Courtney, road signs	200.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	54.82
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	26,940.45
Equipment Blades, blades	2,035.20
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,882.28
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,126.37
Hillbill's Diesel, hose repairs	78.30
Hubel Welding, welder iron	4,913.01
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	213.26
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Services, tires	648.08
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,068.38
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	2,326.67
Nitro Construction, Inc, crushed concrete	17,203.22
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	90.21
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc, filters	181.97
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	231.35
Powerplan, repairs	944.62
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,954.10
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, repairs	128.01
Spalding Farm & Home, Inc, repairs	5.99
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,091.33
Titan Machinery-North Platte, payloader repairs	5,533.05
TRP Of O'Neill, repairs	227.84
Ulrich Gravel, gravel,	4,085.51
Verizon Wireless, road phone	205.88
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46

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 Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 8 a.m.

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