

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 31, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met as the county board on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the July 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, Sheriff King, Treasurer Seamann and County Attorney Joe McNally were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kellee Rasmussen provided an update on the activities of the Central Nebraska Economic Development board during the public comment period.

Wayne Standlea, on behalf of Globe Life, provided information on benefits available to employees for supplemental insurance. The board didn't oppose him talking to any employees who are interested in the benefits.

Heinz made a motion to accept the June minutes with an amendment to reflect the corrected bid from Murphy Brothers for \$21,688 and not \$22,054, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024 Board of Equalization minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter gave an update on the spraying of noxious weeds. There have been a couple of letters sent out to warn patrons about spraying the weeds.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the 12 oversized/overweight permits as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Matthew Bartak contingent upon Reed's approval, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed updated that the grader arrived on Friday and the road department is currently working 845 Rd. between 507th Ave. and 508th Ave. When they are finished there, they will be repairing 495th Ave. located between 825th Rd. and 826th Rd. The road department will start cutting down trees in October and Reed requested input on additional locations that need to be trimmed.

There were no reports on courthouse improvements at this time.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

King reported courthouse renovations are progressing and that the ceiling tiles are starting to bow and need to be replaced. Once bids for the tiles are received and accepted, the plan is to replace all the tiles throughout the courthouse. NIRMA did an inspection on July 30, 2024, and found that since there is no sprinkler system in the courthouse, that would need to be installed at some point.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that she would be having an opening in her office as her assistant has given her 2 weeks' notice. Seamann will advertise that it will be a full-time job as she has had two employees resign because benefits aren't offered for the part time position.

Seamann presented Resolution 20240701 to transfer \$21,688 from ARPA Fund to the General Fund for the spray foam work on the ceiling. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20240701, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240702 to transfer \$150,000 from General to Road, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Samantha Olson was present to request a Special Designated Liquor License for The Stone House Shindig & Buffalo Blowout event that will be held on September 7, 2024, at the Stonehouse. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL request seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the Region 3 Letter of Agreement as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the Preliminary Tax asking request from the Wheeler County Rural Fire District and the Wheeler County Ag Society.

Snider presented the budget requests from each office which were reviewed.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:21 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 11:15 am.

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General Fund

Payroll	\$25,588.18
Aflac, insurance	342.92
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,072.80
Appeara, services	152.11
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	2,050.59
Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, prisoner medical	16,377.12
Bartak Glass, repairs	245.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,087.58
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
Comfort Inn-Kearney, clerk workshop lodging	359.85
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	156.98
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,703.70
Ericson Insurance Agency, museum insurance	5,126.92
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,857.77
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	2,516.36
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	714.99
Hanquist, Andrew, court appointed attorney	913.50
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Howard County Clerk, county share of Dist. Judge expense	613.39
Leads Online, LLC, subscription	2,154.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	324.08
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, support	774.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,343.21
Murphy Brothers, LLC, spray foam insulation	21,688.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	945.08
Nordhues Family, services	1,100.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	505.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs	29.50
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	1,851.39
Region III Administration, support	1,028.45
Region 26 Council, quarterly assessments	14,616.03
SAW Graphics Embroidery, sheriff uniforms	173.80
Seamann, Carol, mileage	96.22

Smith, Rodney, court appointed attorney,	995.00
Snider, Cara, mileage	434.08
Tom Dinsdale, tires/repairs	1,827.50
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	245.02
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, sheriff fuel	58.53
Wheeler County Sheriff, service/warrant fees	418.40
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	428.08
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$28,181.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,080.57
Appera, services	102.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	206.01
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00
Dexter Diesel, repairs,	8,382.24
Elan Financial Services, shop repairs	213.99
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	27,761.12
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,335.64
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,419.20
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	3,766.35
Holt County Tire, tire repair	295.90
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, supplies	2,500.00
Klabenes Construction, maintenance	6,200.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	195.13
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	596.88
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,360.70
Nebraska Weed Control Associations, fall training	150.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	88.74
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	1,592.66
Quill Corporation, supplies	197.98
Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix, INC, lumber	357.51
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	8,536.30
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	5,391.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	2,469.55
Ulrich Gravel INC, gravel,	49,673.21
Verizon Wireless, services	42.90
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30

Warne Chemical & Equipment Co, sprayer 6,471.00

We Mart, road fuel 215.15

Courthouse Fund

AC/DC Electric, LLC, wiring 1,194.40

Pokorny motioned 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 11:50 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board of Equalization Chairman