

Bartlett, Nebraska

August 28, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the August 21, 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.

Plugge made a motion to approve the July 31, 2024, minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

No public comments were made during the public comment period.

Chuck Abel presented and reviewed the proposed budget.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:12 am to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 9:12 am.

There was no date set for a Joint Public Hearing for a budget increase as all county entities will be under the statutory limit requiring a hearing.

Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter gave an update on the spraying of noxious weeds. There was one legal notice served to a patron about spraying the weeds.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Tyler and Makayla Reiter, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that the road department has completed work on 845<sup>th</sup> Rd. between 507<sup>th</sup> Ave and 508<sup>th</sup> Ave. He also has spoken with Greg Gehl about the upcoming repairs on 495<sup>th</sup> Ave between 825<sup>th</sup> Rd and 826<sup>th</sup> Rd. Trees will be cut in October and Reed requested input on additional locations that need to be trimmed. The board requested to have Cedar River Road leading to the Pitzer Ranch be graded at least Thursday and Friday during the sale to try and prevent accidents.

There were no reports on courthouse improvements at this time.

There were no reports for Region 26.

Treasurer Seamann requested having a board member signature added to the accounts at Cornerstone Bank as she's the sole signatory at this time. Pokorny made a motion to add Travis Heinz's name to the accounts, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to adopt Resolution 20240801 adopting the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Classification and Standards, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on snow removal and cleaning for the DMV use of the fire hall. Reiter stated the village is responsible for snow removal on days the DMV are scheduled. Seamann recommended Donna Sears be paid to clean the firehall after the Driver Examiners come once a month and the board agreed to include those hours in addition to those for cleaning the courthouse.

Brian Kolar, on behalf of the Lower Loup Natural Resource District, explained about the different grants that the NRD was applying for to improve Pibel Lake and requested a letter of support from of the County. Pokorny made a motion to provide a Letter of Support, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to provide a Letter of Support for the T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program for improvements at Ericson Lake, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The museum insurance inspector report was presented and reviewed. Heinz made a motion to provide only liability insurance on the "Old Courthouse/Museum", seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to execute the Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility from the state for technology equipment recently installed in the courtroom, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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

County Office inventories were presented. Heinz made a motion to approve the inventories as presented, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept Resolution 20240802 to implement a Zoning Application Moratorium for a term of 3 years for renewable energy applications, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:02 am to discuss courthouse security issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 10:54 am.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$24,586.47
Aflac, insurance	342.92
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,960.58
Appeara, services	40.55
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,135.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,580.88
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,105.74
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,679.15
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	174.77
Flock Group, Inc, license readers	19,050.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
K & S Welding & Repair, deputy patrol	126.26
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	354.35
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,343.21
NACO Planning & Zoning, dues	40.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	925.84
Nichols, Lynn, AgriData reimbursement	400.00
Nordhues Family, services	550.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	630.73
Oberg Locksmith & Security Services, change locks	125.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	373.73
Rasmussen Land Surveying, Inc, set corners	6,450.21
Sears, Donna, supply reimbursement	30.86
Snider, Cara, mileage	503.40
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	183.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	233.34
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Court, fees	51.00
Wheeler County Sheriff, service/warrant fees	51.60
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$23,774.94
AKRS Equipment, parts	355.42
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,378.06
Appeara, services	36.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	509.97
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	497.42
Country Partners, bulk oil	8,028.90
Diamon Lime, lime rock	1,400.58
Edghill Motors Inc, blades	70.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel,	5,533.57
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,579.57
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	2,523.15
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	162.57
Holiday Inn-Kearney, lodging	269.90
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rent	2,500.00
Kimball Midwest, supplies	263.01
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	194.55
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,009.15
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.85
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	928.93
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	712.71
PowerPlan, parts	4,879.66
Ryan's Truck & Tractor Repair, repairs,	148.98
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	6,482.63
Ulrich Gravel INC, gravel,	40,081.67
Verizon Wireless, services	42.90

VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance

73.30

We Mart, road fuel

487.67

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 11:29 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, County Board Chairman