

Bartlett, Nebraska

November 27, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the November 20, 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.

There were no public comments made during the period given to do so.

Plugge made a motion to approve the October 30, 2024 minutes as published, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that they are focusing on the increased maintenance needs on the Herd Co. Road because of construction traffic at the feedlot. He has also been stockpiling gravel and suggested ordering an additional 40 loads of to get ahead for the springtime which the board agreed with.

County Weed Superintendent Reiter reported that there is a plan in place for future instances where there are non-compliant landowners who fail to maintain noxious weeds, including civil penalties and fines, in addition to assessing the costs of remediation.

Jen Epp, GLW Extension Agent, gave brief updates on statistics over the last year of the enrollment and involvement with the students at Wheeler Central and local 4-H chapters. Epp also proposed the nomination of Neleigh Gehl for reappointment for a second term on the GLW Extension Board. Pokorny made a motion to reappoint Gehl to the GLW Extension Board, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann sent out three Distress Warrants, two of which have been satisfied at this time.

Treasurer Seamann requested the board designate the use of the remaining \$5,957.75 in the ARPA Fund to meet federal requirements. Pokorny made a motion to allocate the remaining funds for the electrical connection for the generator and to upgrade the courthouse security cameras, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20241101 for the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to Road Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann inquired about the cleaning of the Firehall after the DMV uses it. Plugge stated he would talk to the Rural Board to see what the expectations are. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on The Flock Group Inc. invoice that was paid in August and deducted from the Sheriff's Office budget for the automated license plate readers. No action was taken by the board to use a different fund for the invoice. Sheriff King also reported that he'd be purchasing in-car cameras for the units and if the potential arises that he needs extra funds before the end of the budget year, he will request the board approve the contribution from another fund to help cover the cost. The board agreed to consider the request if it's necessary.

Courthouse security was discussed with no action at this time.

Courthouse improvements were discussed with no action at this time.

Pokorny made a motion to set the December Commissioner Meeting date for December 23, 2024 at 8:00 am because of the conflict with Christmas on the regular date, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$24,273.18
Aflac, insurance	189.21

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,893.67
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,199.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Burwell Tribune, publication	1,485.57
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,402.85
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	183.45
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	605.51
Election Poll Workers, services	866.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,615.63
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Hydro Tech Fire Extinguishers, fire extinguisher checks	190.00
K & S Welding & Repair, deputy patrol service	137.70
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	297.53
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,345.21
Nebraska Association of County Officials, dues	1,366.92
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	925.64
Nordhues Family, services	220.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	510.01
Paper Tiger Shredding, service	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	48.92
RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, electrical repairs	465.30
Seamann, Carol, mileage	94.60
Seamann, Wylie, services	19.82
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	27.22
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, generator fuel	188.56
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	2.87
White Realty & Appraisal, appraisal	6,500.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,246.93
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,449.53
Appeara, services	37.20
Barco Municipal Products Inc, light bars	1,140.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, bond interest	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	497.42
Dinkel's, tractor rent	7,786.00
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	44,966.08
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, random drug tests	420.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	64.58
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,197.86
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,749.28
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00

Gehring Construction & Ready Mix,	7,499.10
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	209.73
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Service, tires	3,397.91
M M C Store, fuel	154.11
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,037.68
Nebraska Machinery CO, repairs	178.33
Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues	125.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	91.70
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	128.14
Powerplan, repairs,	1,163.77
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,546.55
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	19,470.96
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	476.16
Titan Machinery-Grand Island, repairs	226.75
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	22,072.59
Van Diest Supply Co, weed chemicals	704.15
Verizon Wireless, cell phone	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	570.54

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

With no further business Plugge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday December 23, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman