

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 29, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the January 22, 2025, 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.

During the period available for public comment, Veteran Service Officer Ken Stenka was present to inform the board he was around to answer any questions they have.

Plugge made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2024 regular meeting and January 9, 2025 reorganizational meeting minutes as published, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Reiter presented his Annual Weed Report. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Annual Weed Report as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed reported that the road employees have begun to trim the overhanging trees. They will be piling some trees in the clay pit that the county owns in the southeast corner of the county. He stated that there have been a couple of machines that have had some warranty work done on them. They will continue to balance the time between trimming trees and grading the roads while the weather permits.

Pokorny made a motion to reimburse Larry Day, Rick Funk, Terry Glesinger, and Cindy Hoerle \$500 a year for the road maintainer storage on their properties, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none. McNally will draft an agreement.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the General and Road Funds look good as there has been tax money coming in.

Treasurer Seamann submitted an Employment of Immediate Family Members Disclosure Statement, in order to request the payment of an immediate family member for temporary employment . Pokorny made a motion to waive the conflict of interest for this one instance, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to pay the Treasurer's Clerical Claim's for a one time only instance, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented a Tax Sale Advertisement Listing and reported that all Distress Warrants had been satisfied.

Treasurer Seamann asked to have her employee Charlene Smith added as an additional signatory on all the Cornerstone Bank accounts. Plugge made a motion to have Charlene Smith added to all the bank accounts in Cornerstone Bank, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

There was no update on Courthouse security or Courthouse improvements at this time.

Plugge made a motion to give a 2.5% cost of living increase for road employees, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on employee leave and courthouse closure for Federal/State designated events. After discussion Plugge made a motion that when the Federal or State government declared a day for closure other than a county designated holiday during the workweek, the county courthouse would be closed and non-essential workers be given a paid day off; and if essential workers were on duty that day and unable to take the day off, they are eligible for a floating holiday to be used within 90 days of the holiday, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll

\$25,584.11

Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,071.19
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	5,260.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Burwell Tribune, publication	52.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,322.67
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	183.45
Cornerstone Bank, safe deposit box	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	370.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,848.44
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	599.28
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, alco sensors	1,322.89
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	337.80
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,343.21
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	949.10
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	529.94
Platte Valley Communications, repairs	614.76
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Pro-Printing & Graphics, tobacco licenses	17.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	877.80
Region 26 Council, 3 rd quarter assessment	14,616.03
RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, electrical repairs	172.00
Saw Graphics Embroidery, sheriff stitch	62.50
Seamann, Carol, mileage	154.90
Sioux Sales Company, equipment	571.70
Snider, Cara, supplies	162.44
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	179.00
Verizon Wireless, cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	441.67
10-8 Video LLC, in car body camera	5,940.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,208.00
Ace Irrigation & MFG. Co., culverts	9,906.00
AKS Laser Cutting, repairs,	823.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,443.21
Appeara, services	36.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	709.74
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	497.42
DB Trucking, services	400.00
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	100.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,588.14
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,717.92
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	55.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	25,701.06
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	88.72

Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	189.98
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,035.06
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 4 th quarter fuel tax	761.00
Nebraska Truck Center, INC, repairs	25.64
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	95.04
Platinum Truck Service LLC, Pete Repairs	11,896.22
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	60.46
Ramsey Ranch Supply, supplies	9.90
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	9,108.28
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, storage tank fees	120.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,226.13
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	3,732.13
Verizon Wireless, cell phone	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	309.84

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 Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman