

Bartlett, Nebraska

February 26, 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 M & M C Store, Ericson Spalding Livestock Market, in Ericson and Post Office, Courthouse and We Mart, in Bartlett, along with published in the February 26th edition, and on the Burwell Tribune website 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, it was asked to have the trees west of the Courthouse trimmed so they are not overhanging the sidewalk. Reed stated he would look into trimming the tree limbs.

Plugge made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2025 regular meeting with the correction of removing the claim for 10-8 Video LLC, as it was published in December claims, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed reported that there will be a Damage and Road Assessment training on March 10, 2025, from 9 am to noon at the old Fire Hall in Bartlett. Reed also informed the board that Dinkle Implement will rent a tractor for \$50 an hour. The Freightliner is in the shop and would cost approximately \$13,000 to repair. The board opted out of repairing the Freightliner and will declare as excess property at a later date. Foreman Reed will look at getting bids for a new used truck and report back.

Sheriff King reported that he's looking into the cost to get WiFi extended to cover the exterior area of the courthouse to enable the automatic download the in-car cameras footage.

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

Treasurer Seamann presented a tax sale listing that was advertised. No action was taken.

Dennis Derner, on behalf of the Historical Society, presented a quote for some window repairs for the Old Courthouse/Museum. The board tabled the request and no action was taken.

Snider presented a bid for updates to the security cameras for the courthouse. Snider was asked to see if Applied Connective would come and explain their bid at the next meeting.

The GLW Annual Report was reviewed as presented.

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

Heinz made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 8:41 am for the purpose of approval of Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed the Permissive Exemption forms. Pokorny made a motion to approve the following Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett Cemetery Association	Religious	Cemetery
Pibel Pleasant Hill Cemetery	Religious	Cemetery
Bartlett Church of Faith	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship

St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Sandhill's Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc,	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 8:45 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to accept Jean Niemeyer's letter of resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board Commission, and Brandi Pokorny's letter of resignation as the Zoning Administrator, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:48 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz motioned at 9:43 am to exit the executive session, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to provide a one-year Notice of Termination of the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$26,541.38
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,223.90
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,297.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,649.22
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	248.52
Contryman Associates, PC, audit	15,000.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,630.29
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,127.34
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	3,072.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC supplies	226.74
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	718.52
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, zoning regulations	2,100.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, meeting registration	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	971.77
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	570.71
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding,	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, repeater	8,715.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	126.58

Sears, Donna, reimbursement	16.59
Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC, supplies	66.63
Spencer, Amy, reimbursement	32.38
Streicher's, ammo	1,270.71
Sunset Law Enforcement, ammo	516.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., sheriff service	64.78
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$25,314.24
Ag & Industrial Equipment, heater	2,700.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,610.19
Appeara, services	52.20
Barco Municipal Products Inc, light bar	770.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	705.51
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	923.66
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	165.00
Edghill Motors Inc, chain saw,	627.99
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,082.66
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,050.81
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	2,070.00
John Deere Credit, grader payment	25,592.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	288.27
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,056.49
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.49
PowerPlan, payloader rent/repairs	1,312.43
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	2,493.40
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	452.85
Spalding Farm & Home, parts	12.26
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	570.23
Titan Machinery-Grand Island, repairs	1,091.95
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	472.83

Pokorny made a motion to approve claims as presented and correcting January claims to removed 10-8 Video LLC, as it was paid and published in December and not January, 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 10:13 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman