

Bartlett, Nebraska

March 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 March 19th print 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 West wall of the courtroom. 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 public comment session, Highway Supt. Jay Meyer reported that all of the county bridges had been inspected on Sunday, March 23rd, 2026, and that they all passed. There will need to be some signs that need to be replaced, and he will talk to Foreman Reed to have that completed.

The board requested Meyer add the Green Valley Road, Tin House East Road and Pibel Lake Road to the one- and six-year plan. The one and six-year hearing is scheduled to be heard May 28th, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.

Jen Epp, on behalf of Garfield Loup Wheeler (G-L-W) Extension Office, was present to request the board approve a new Interlocal Agreement. Heinz made a motion to approve the GLW Interlocal agreement, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, Plugge Voting nay: none. Epp also invited the board to the open house of the new extension office on April 14th, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Foreman Reed stated that he'd found some intentional road sign damage, and that Sheriff King has been looking into the issue. Herd Co, Sunnyside Road, and Tin House East Road are all needing work but due to the lack of product, the major road repairs will need to wait until April. Reed stated that Missouri Mud may be all that's available to repair roads. Reed also submitted a bid from Ron Bennett to repair a quarter of a mile of the Herd Co Road. No action taken.

Reed and Treasurer Seamann presented lists of surplus property for possible disposal. Pokorny made a motion to accept the list and declare the items as surplus property and to give Reed the authority to use his discretion as to which auction company to sell the items, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed is still looking into getting a different semi-truck, and the board requested he get back to them with options.

The board reviewed a road department employment application. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that a funds transfer wasn't needed for the Road Fund. She also stated that three of delinquent tax parcels were sold, and one may go on a tax sale in October. The Public Tax Sales Report will be handed to the clerk on April 1st.

Matt Childers, on behalf of Applied Connective Technologies, met with the board to discuss the bid for the security system cameras. The \$12,097.84 bid was for three exterior and two interior cameras with a three-month retention on any video recording. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid and delete the \$1,500 annual maintenance fee seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept the ownership of the upgraded technology equipment for the courtroom from the State of Nebraska, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board considered a \$450 proposal to connect the courthouse fire alarm with Region 26 via a landline connection. Heinz made the motion to proceed, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

At 8:48 a.m. Heinz motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 9:07 a.m. to exit executive session seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Delan Reed as Interim Weed Superintendent with authority to solicit contractors to spray as required, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to appoint Travis Heinz, as the Interim Zoning Administrator, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20250301, to provide formal notice to terminate the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:58 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND	
Payroll	\$25,632.72
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,926.77
Appeara, services	116.90
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	3,884.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Burwell Tribune, publications	1,448.90
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,710.26
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	248.52
Cornhusker State Industries, file cabinet	600.00
CVSOAN, dues	200.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Delta Heating & Air, furnace maintenance	330.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	297.23
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,681.11
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	514.88
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Menards-Grand Island, bulbs	59.94
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,411.21
Motorola Solutions, Inc, radio	8,770.69
Nebraska Association of County Treasurer, dues	175.00
Nebraska Clerk of District Court, summer workshop	75.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	885.63
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	592.26
Platte Valley Communications, services	995.00
Pokorny, Brandi, zoning mileage	236.60
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	8.05
Region 26 Council, support	14,616.03
Seamann, Carol, mileage	161.84
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	14.45
Standard Appraisal Service Inc., pickup work	1,350.00
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	2,101.77
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	9.68
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., sheriff service	2.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	165.10
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,909.94
AKRS Equipment, repairs	122.01
AKS Laser Cutting, repairs	1,282.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,547.13
Appeara, services	37.20
Applied Connective Technologies, road iPad	980.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	34,057.75
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	10,698.84
Elan Financial Services, supplies	202.21
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	1,634.90
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,904.93
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,540.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	2,070.00
L & L Sanitation, services	530.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	212.25
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	8,287.14
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,028.49
Nebraska Department of Revenue, fuel tax	373.00

Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	2,220.58
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	92.51
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	3,488.14
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,607.51
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	11,821.05
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	349.65
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	536.61

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

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman