

Bartlett, Nebraska

April 30, 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 April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 period, Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer stated it would cost around \$25,000 to armor coat the mile section leading to Pibel Lake.

Foreman Reed updated that they are trying to hold off on purchasing patch material at this time. He also reported that a 3 mile stretch of the Green Valley Road (500<sup>th</sup> Ave north of Highway 70) needs to be added the 1 & 6 Year Program for this year as it is getting more truck traffic and that county will need to be contacting the land owners to let them know about replacing the fence along that stretch. The Herd Co. North road is back to where it need to be as there are still 150 to 200 trucks using it daily. Reed also met with Neil Parker with Platte River Dust Control and presented the board with a bid of \$12,788.32 to apply a Durablend PRDC product on Ericson Lake Road starting on the edge of the Village of Ericson and extending to Entrance C at Lake Ericson. This would be a trial run to see if it controls the dust from the road. Reed would like to have this applied the beginning of June. Reed updated that he had located a truck for \$45,500 that he'd request the board authorize purchasing. Pokorny made a motion to the purchase the truck from Landis Truck and Equipment of Elm Creek, Nebraska, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and ratify Reed's actions to verbally commit to the purchase, seconded Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County Commissioner and NACO president, visited with the board requesting the county becoming a National NACO member and with an annual fee of \$450. This matter was tabled.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Agreement for Termination of Training Contract between Garfield County and Wheeler County, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that a funds transfer wasn't needed at this time.

Aaron Hoffman from Platte Valley Communications was present to discuss the public safety radio repeaters that are needed for reliable communications within the county and that there needs to be better signal/service for the emergency radios to work properly. Sheriff King stated that for two repeaters and installation it would cost around \$58,000. The county would need permission to place repeaters on a couple different towers if necessary. No action taken.

Applied Connective Technologies presented a revised bid for \$12,097.84, with the \$1,500 annual maintenance fees removed, and an additional bid for \$791.41 for an additional camera that is needed on the west side of the building as the trees were removed. Pokorny made a motion to approve the two different bids, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Letter of Acknowledgement for the State Weed Report as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Trevor Nekoliczak visited with the board as he is interested in serving as the Zoning Administrator and assist to update the zoning ordinance as he already serves in that capacity in Greeley Co. The board tabled the matter.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20250401 to increase the Veteran's Service Office by \$3.96 annually, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

At 9:27 a.m. Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:06 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND	
Payroll	\$23,894.80
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,636.94
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	3,383.51
Bartlett Post Office, postage	230.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	987.36
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	469.93
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn service	345.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copier	129.04
Elan Financial Services, supplies	381.09
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,283.02
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC sheriff supplies	157.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, district Judge quarterly expenses	644.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc., annual fees	4,000.00
Leads Online, LLC, subscription	2,219.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	413.46
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, zoning manual updates	1,350.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Meschke, Roberta, reimbursement	18.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	830.95
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	112.00
NIRMA, CPR training	351.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	559.44
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs	341.25
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	2,054.88
Region III Administration, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter support	510.40
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	154.00
Standard Appraisal Service Inc., pickup work	270.00
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	2,414.85
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	178.00
Valley County Sheriff, inmate expense	1,050.00
Valley Thunder Rods & Restoration, patrol service	836.41
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
Village of Bartlett, services	764.40

VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	222.43
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$30,425.86
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,416.76
Appeara, services	37.33
Barco Municipal Products Inc., school signs	217.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	232.74
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	20,323.95
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	3,688.70
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,984.24
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Landis Truck & Equipment, LLC, 2008 Kenworth	45,500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	198.38
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	650.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,406.90
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	14.00
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	1,851.96
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.27
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	19,306.08
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	1,714.12
Powerplan, repairs	569.43
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	6,015.28
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	27,578.09
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, repairs	380.28
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,434.20
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	4,370.64
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	835.92
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	19.05
Hubel Welding, oxy fill	45.89

Pokorny made a motion to approve claims, 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 10:30 a.m., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a Special Meeting on May 19, 2025, at 8:00 am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday May 28, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman