

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 28, 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 May 21<sup>st</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.

Plugge motioned to accept the April 30, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, along with the May 19, 2025, special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Jerry Koinzan asked for some clarification on the equipment that was sold at the last surplus auction.

Foreman Reed updated that the road department is trying to put the roads back after the rain that we had received. Reed spoke with Neil Parker with Platte River Dust Control, they will be back out to recoat Ericson Lake Road, as it didn't hold up and they are going to try a different combination.

Heinz made a motion to accept the ROW Permit application that Elkhorn Public Power District, with the stipulation that the completion meets the approval of the Road Foreman, Delan Reed, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Kick-It Spraying and Kelley Spraying LLC, both submitted proposals for spraying the counties right away. Kick-It Spraying submitted a proposal of \$75/hour, with the county supplying the chemicals that need to be applied. Kelley Spraying LLC submitted a proposal of \$85/rig/hour that is spraying, and they would be supplying the chemicals that are being applied. Pokorny made a motion to accept both proposals and to have the county split and give half to each company at this time, with the stipulation of both companies providing the county with a copy of their current insurance, and the county being secondary insurance, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20250501, to transfer \$5,985.87 from the APRA Fund to the General Fund to pay for a portion of the camera upgrade done in the courthouse, and to also close the account once the funds have been removed. Heinz a motion to approve Resolution 20250501, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that he would contact the State Weed Department and let them know that we have hired Kick-It Spraying and Kelley Spraying LLC to spray the noxious weeds and trees in the right a ways.

Plugge made a motion to accept the Region 3 annual budget request, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates at this time to report.

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County Commissioner and NACO president, visited with the board and gave a brief update on the latest conference that was hosted in Rapid City, requesting the county becoming a National NACO member and with an annual fee of \$450. Pokorny made a motion to accept the proposal from NACO and become a National NACO member, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The Zoning Administrator has been tabled until July to be able to budget for a Zoning Administrator.

Amanda Jeffres and Stephanie Gideon, Loup Basin Public Health Department gave a brief description of the duties and services that are available at the Loup Basin RC & D.

At 9:05 a.m. Heinz made a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation matter, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 0:30 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND	
Payroll	\$23,574.79
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,601.43
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	7,440.47
Bartak Glass, rekey locks	254.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Burwell Tribune, publication	1,290.38
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	621.53
Central Nebraska Economic Development, dues	921.60
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	237.46
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,225.83
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, support	2,089.43
GWorks, annual fees	5,250.00
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	84.94
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Johnson, Roger, veteran's mileage	38.62
Kaczor, Larry, veteran's mileage	25.20
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	362.64
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, certified radar	40.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Morris Press, title envelopes	101.28
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	824.19
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	589.37
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	693.41
RR Donnelley, citations	694.51
Sears, Donna, supply reimbursement	24.25
Stenka, Ken, meeting expenses	285.12
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	278.43
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	178.00
Valley County Sheriff, inmate expense	400.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	9.68
Wheeler County Court, court fees	103.00
Wright, Zach, veteran's mileage	20.30
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$23,637.73
AKRS Equipment, filter	224.96

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,346.55
Appeara, services	37.07
Bartlett Post Office, plat maps	120.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,922.98
Burwell Tribune, weed notice publication	240.00
Chase Bank, bond interest payment	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,043.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,440.12
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	718.19
Hillbill's Diesel, battery	56.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	199.71
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Midwest Service & Sales Co, grader blades	2,154.00
Miller Tire Services, tires	757.68
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	941.23
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.63
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	26,680.50
Platte River Dust Control, durablend	16,500.58
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	153.20
Powerplan, repairs	5,244.61
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	5,578.00
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	10,851.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	882.47
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	4,436.22
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	10.00
APRPA Fund	
Applied Connective Technology, camera upgrade	6,903.38

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

Pokorny motioned at 9:56 am to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned at 9:58 am to exit executive session, 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 9:58 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: HEizn, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday June 25, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman