

Bartlett, Nebraska

June 25, 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 June 18th 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.

Chairman Heinz made a motion to convene as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny, made a motion to schedule the Board of Equalization protest meeting on July 7th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the clerical error report as was presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 8:07 to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Heinz opened the Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 year Plan at 8:08 a.m. Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer presented the 1 & 6 year Plan, and reported that the Bartak road had been completed and the Green Valley Road is still on the Plan for future improvement.

Heinz made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to adopt Resolution 20250601 to approve the 1 & 6 Year Plan as submitted, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to accept the May 28, 2025 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Karla Slaymaker from AFLAC provided an update on a few new policies that AFLAC is providing.

Foreman Reed reported that the road department is working to restore the roads after the rain that we had received, and that Sunnyside Road had been re-graveled along with 508th Ave south of Highway 70.

Reed presented the Kelley's Spraying paperwork and invoice for completed county ROW spraying.

Reed stated that he is currently working on the LEOP Handbook. Also, he contacted Federal Signal about the malfunctioning or inoperable emergency sirens in Bartlett. The representative told Reed that the sirens are so old and outdated that they need to be replaced. The board instructed Reed to coordinate with the Village of Bartlett to get the process started for replacement with an Interlocal Agreement to be signed later for a potential cost share.

Sheriff King presented a Wage Survey that was performed by Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, PC., LLO. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers were needed. She had also made the board aware of a discrepancy that had happened on the daily balance sheets. Seamann also informed the board about the annual budget now has a public safety exception for exceeding the statutory levy limits.

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates to report.

Pokorny made a motion to have the State printshop print any pink postcards that are needed for any special budget hearings, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There were no updates on the Public Safety radios to report.

Snider presented the 3 Year Assessment Plan for review. No action taken.

Plugge made a motion not to extend alcohol hours of sale from 1 a.m to 2 a.m., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Wheeler County Agricultural Society Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo, for July 31, 2025 through August 3, 2025, was presented. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL application, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the auditor contract from Contryman Associates, PC., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$23,565.69
A & J Towing, towing	1,999.24
Adorama, finger printer	432.90
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,597.76
Appearia, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,454.60
Bartlett Post Office, postage	477.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,267.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	830.20
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
Courtyard by Marriott, treasurer lodging	278.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Department of the Treasury, annual fee	45.08
Eakes Office Solutions, furniture	9,607.60
Elan Financial Services, supplies	716.83
Electronic Systems Inc, bi-annual inspection	223.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,223.89
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	117.35
G-L-W Extension Services, support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, holster	59.98
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, PC, wage survey	5,000.00
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC, grass study	300.00
LaQunita Inn-Kearney, clerk lodging	330.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	380.62
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	8,444.54
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mines Press, reg holders	253.85
MIPS Inc, services	2,477.03
Morris Press, title envelopes	87.51
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	1,382.25

Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	823.44
NIRMA, liability insurance,	19,705.50
Nordhues Family, April/May mowing	660.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	583.45
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	76.03
Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC, set corners	1,682.00
Safe Life Defense, vest	2,364.15
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	235.20
Sears, Donna, supply reimbursement	31.14
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	292.60
Stamp Fulfillment Services, pre-stamped envelopes	455.30
State Probation Dist. #8, county support	313.47
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	233.04
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	248.73
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$21,733.74
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,062.41
Appeara, services	37.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, tools/supplies	297.38
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	24,505.11
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	22,176.48
Elan Financial Services, supplies	146.43
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,841.59
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	55.82
Hillbill's Diesel, battery	348.24
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rental	6,000.00
Kelley Spraying, LLC, labor and chemicals	11,040.52
L & L Sanitation, services	190.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	196.82
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	864.85
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 nd quarter fuel tax	805.00
NIRMA, liability insurance	23,870.50
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.18
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc, repairs	39.18
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	17,899.50
Powerplan, repairs	877.80
Quill Corporation, supplies	212.94
Reiter, Doug, reimbursement	9.62
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,734.90
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	21,529.63
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	144.69
Spalding Farm & Home, Inc, supplies	36.75
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	395.60
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	12,155.67
Verizon Wireless, services	55.04
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	54.06
We Mart, fuel	443.60

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 9:55 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman