

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 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 July 23, 2025, 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 made a motion to approve the June 25, 2025, regular board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the July 7, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that he is currently working on the LEOP Handbook. He also stated that they are working on a washed out section of 507th Ave. Darlene Bloomquist will provide the clay to fix the area while the county will provide the rock overlay. The county needs to place another culvert near 823rd Rd between Sections 25 and 36, Township 21, Range 10, to equalize the water flow in the ditches.

Jimmy Burtwistle inquired about access on 845th Rd lying between Sections 1 & 12, Township 24, Range 12 near where James Burtwistle is planning on building a house in 2026. This topic was tabled until closer to when the house will be constructed.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers were needed.

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates to report.

The board reviewed the department budgets as presented.

Tim Conover, Custer County Weed Superintendent/Chairman of the Sandhills Weed Management Area, spoke with the board about providing spraying that will be covered by a grant for phragmites, a noxious weed. Wheeler County has 45 acres that have phragmites in the wetlands and riverbanks along the Beaver Creek and Cedar River. The board had didn't object to spraying the area as there will be no cost. Garfield County will be publishing the notice about 4 weeks in advance.

Nick Sanderson from the State Weed Board was present to discuss the duties of the Weed Superintendent and the County Board. No action taken.

The board tabled the topic of a Zoning Administrator to ask several candidates about their interest in the position.

Due to an Assessor workshop, Snider requested, and the board agreed to move the August meeting to August 25th.

Beth Ferrell from NACO provided a legislative update. Beth informed the board on upcoming workshops/meetings that are available to the board. Some changes that are coming include possible inheritance tax revisions, budget changes, licensing of ATVs and UTVs and motor vehicles being issued a single license plate in 2029.

Snider requested changing the courthouse hours to Monday through Thursday from 9 to 5 and being open over the noon hour, and 9 to noon on Fridays. No action taken.

Dennis Derner requested 9 windows be replaced in the Museum based on a bid from Joe Walkowiak for \$8,239 including labor. Plugge made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20250701 for the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Records Classification and Standards, seconded by Heinz. Voting nay: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$24,162.77
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,655.91
Appeara, services	157.91
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	5,214.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,267.79
Burwell Tribune, publications	330.96
Carrot Top Industries, flags	198.84
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	739.35
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, furniture	473.09
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,013.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,330.05
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	1,867.98
Garfield County, GLW Extension support	4,292.16
Geoland Management, LLC, yearly subscription	400.00
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	43.40
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, quarterly judges expense	681.45
Johnson, Roger, veterans mileage	19.60
Kaczor, Larry, veterans mileage	12.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	399.70
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, zoning comprehensive plan	4,200.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, support	774.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	839.29
Nordhues Family, June mowing	550.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	660.56

Presto-X, monthly services	73.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	426.44
SAW Graphics Embroider, sheriff stitch	152.50
Schindler Electric, county share office repairs	621.73
Shaefer, Gayla, youth hero cup	108.80
Sirchie Acquistion Company LLC, supplies	59.47
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	342.30
Spencer, Amy, mileage	107.80
Stenka, Ken, mileage/meals	317.28
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	305.14
Village of Bartlett, water/garbage	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, large envelope	6.58
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage/checks	346.02
Wright, Zach, veterans mileage	20.30
Region III Administration, support	529.29
CVSOAN, registration	60.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$26,563.23
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ag & Industrial Equipment, cooler	3,495.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,825.49
Appeara, services	37.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Diamond Lime, lime rock	1,807.92
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	24,947.47
Elan Financial Services, supplies	129.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,609.45
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	367.81
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,048.81
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	202.49
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,193.08
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	790.92
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.06
Pavel Auction, angle broom	5,750.00
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	30,414.35
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	8,108.52
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	53.07
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	232.81
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	26,614.00
Verizon Wireless, services	42.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	668.67

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

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday August 25, 2025, at 8:00 am.**

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman