

September 24, 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 September 17, 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 to 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.

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

Pokorny made a motion to approve the September 8, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chuck Abel gave a brief overview and answered questions about the budget before leaving for another budget hearing.

Public comment was received from Mark Nordhues, on behalf of Kick-it Spraying, who presented a bill and requested to be reimbursed by the county for the insurance he had purchased to spray weeds for the county. Rick Funk also asked about placing a culvert on 508th and was given instructions for applying for a permit. He also inquired about the wings are still being on the graders, why we hadn't been using dirt from Emme's or using clay from Paul Dicke in the Sunnyside Road area. Doug Allemang requested road work on the trail that he uses to get to his pasture. Heinz and Reed stated they'd look into it since it is not a maintained road. Jerry Smith stated that the crushed concrete that had been placed on the Niewohner Road is holding up nicely.

Road Foreman Reed presented his report and asked the board whether any temporary weight limits should be established on any roads. Branches will be trimmed on Ericson Lake Road, between Sections 29 and 32 Township 21 Range 11. He stated that there will need to be a culvert placed along the Cedar River Road by Pitzer Ranch and there is also a 50" tube and another culvert further east on Ericson Lake Road near Renner's that need to be replaced. The culverts are in inventory for the projects.

Pokorny made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and open the Budget Hearing at 9:05 A.M., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was heard. Dennis Derner had asked about pay back of the road bond that was issued in 2021. Abel had previously explained that in the regular board public hearing section and his explanation was repeated.

Heinz made a motion to close the budget hearing at 9:08 A.M. and reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to open the public hearing to set the tax request for 2025-2026 year at 9:09 A.M., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20250901 to the tax request, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: None.

Heinz made a motion to close the hearing and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:12 A.M., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King had nothing to report.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the road fund looked good this month.

Treasurer Seamann reported about a possible tax sale that would be eligible for the county to take if they were interested in doing so on October 1, 2025. Plugge made a motion to proceed with the tax sale on October 1, 2025, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the board with a list of possible Distress Warrants. She will be handing them over to the Sheriff on October 30, 2025, with their office being closed on Friday's and with November 1st being on a Saturday this year.

Attorney McNally stated he had checked into getting a reference for updating the courthouse entry door security system and was unsuccessful.

Snider presented bids to update the lights throughout the courthouse. She presented bids from RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, for \$15,698.16 (for a fancier light fixture) and for \$12,125.88 (for a plain light fixture), and from IBE Electric for \$4,000 to remove the ballasts and wire as LED. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid from IBE Electric, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider was asked to advertise for the Weed Superintendent position.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$23,942.03
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,595.52
Appeara, services	126.16
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	2,956.13
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Burwell Tribune, publication	861.42
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	394.11
Clark, Kayla, court appointed attorney	750.00
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn care	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	132.78
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,288.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	242.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
KBRX-FM, tax due notice	66.00
KNLV Radio tax due notice	63.00
LaQuinta Inn-Kearney, assessor lodging	389.85
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	432.77
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, comp payment	3,500.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	160.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	838.12
Nordhues Family, June mowing	440.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	596.91
Presto-X, monthly services	73.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	490.66

Region 26 Council, support	34,407.86
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	133.49
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	28.46
Snider, Cara, mileage	252.00
Spencer, Amy, mileage	53.20
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	181.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Court, court fees	117.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	156.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	21,811.28
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,082.88
Appera, services	37.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	362.72
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Diamond Lime, lime rock	2,784.73
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition	11,098.04
Elan Financial, road supplies	176.56
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	854.91
Farwell, Brian, mileage	152.60
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,874.56
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	36.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,815.40
Hillbill's Diesel, supplies	78.52
Kelley Spring LLC, fall right-of-way spraying	13,263.21
Kramer's Wrecker Services, towing Kenworth	781.58
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	207.32
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Service, tires	149.51
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	871.05
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 3 rd quarter fuel tax	1,222.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	90.46
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	9,947.21
Powerplan, repairs	96.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	9,970.80
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	25,254.21
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	30,350.54
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	217.53

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

Heinz made a motion at 9:20 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit the executive session at 9:28 A.M., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

County Government Day will be November 4, 2025.

With no further business, Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a Special meeting held on October 6, 2025 at 8 A.M. for Board of Equalization to set levies.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday October 29, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman