

## Bartlett, Nebraska

November 26, 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 November 19, 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.

Plugge made a motion to approve October 29, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Jim Havel inquired about fence line setbacks.

Road Foreman Reed reported that there have been some repairs done to the trucks. The road department is getting the machines ready for the winter months, and he'll be getting contracts for fuel as our current contract has just expired.

Reed stated that he had heard from Mr. Clark and that there should be no issues with the Underground Permit that Rick and Jeremy Funk had previously submitted. Plugge made a motion to approve the Underground Permit for Rick & Jeremy Funk, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers needed between the Road and General Funds this month. Seamann also presented a County Tax Sales List for the tax sale that was taken on October 1, 2025, as previously approved by the board. She also reported that there is one distress warrant left to be satisfied.

There were no updates on the security updates on the courthouse. Pokorny stated that he would see about getting a proposal to install keyless locks to the courthouse and Heinz will continue to seek proposals to replace the ceiling tiles.

Snider presented information from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) for guidance on setting the salaries for the 2027-2031 elected official's terms. There will be a special meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to set the salaries for 2027-2031 term.

Pokorny made a motion to accept audit drafts as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve a 2.8% cost of living increase to all the county employees, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 8:00 am., as the regular date falls on New Year's Eve.

Matt Childress from Applied Connective Technologies explained the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program which provides partial reimbursement for county expenditures for cybersecurity. The county has qualified for the first two rounds of the grant, and the third round is now open for applications. Childress will be contacting Cara Snider and help with the application process.

Congressman Adrian Smith's representative Heidi Borg, gave a brief update on what Congress is doing and the current legislature.

Steve Melnick, Colonial Life Insurance representative, visited with the board and gave a brief description of new programs that are offered.

Pokorny made a motion at 9:33 am, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned at 10:09 to exit executive session and reconvened with the regular board meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,389.43
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,809.18
Appeara, services	83.28
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,634.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc, county share of siren	247.50
Burwell Tribune, publication	163.26
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	641.55
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	73.26
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,655.23
Federal Signal Corp-SSG, siren	17,338.18
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	322.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Hydro Tech Fire Extinguishers, fire extinguisher inspections	115.00
KNLV Radio, DMV notice	51.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	389.95
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,485.61
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	890.02
Nordhues Family, June mowing	440.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	618.89
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Valley County Hospital, prisoner medical	1,912.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	200.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.15
Village of Bartlett, services	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Court, court fees	34.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, stop payment fees	35.00

#### ROAD FUND

Payroll	21,692.36
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,068.87
Appeara, services	111.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	1,167.74
Burwell Tribune, publication	250.00

Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, bond interest payment	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Colonial Research Chemical Corp. supplies	851.05
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition	16,662.65
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, Annual members	129.00
Elan Financial Services, road expenses	494.37
Emme Sand & Gravel, oil spill & gravel	3,828.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,877.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	256.04
Forbes, Clay, crushed concrete	3,384.36
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	18,118.25
J & J Materials, rock	48,251.03
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	205.84
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Service, tires	5,417.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	873.50
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	786.73
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.57
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	37,568.80
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,479.10
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	20,902.50
Sioux City Truck Sales Inc, supplies	367.45
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	638.01
Trevipay, parts	311.00
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	34,056.94
Verizon Wireless, services	39.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	250.61

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 10:09 A.M., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday December 30, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman