

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 28, 2026

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the January 21, 2026, 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 December 30, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve January 7, 2026, special board meeting reorganizational minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment period was held with Tim Larby inquiring about options for improving a minimum maintenance road going south between Sections 7 & 8 Township 23 Range 11. The board will review the road for options.

Road Foreman Reed reported that some culverts have been installed and that there will need to be another culvert placed along Sections 7 & 8 Township 23 Range 10. Reed stated that he has been in contact with Platinum Truck Service about the motor in the Kenworth truck as it is having issues. Additionally, the road department will be renting a telehandler with a cage to start trimming and cutting down trees in several areas. Reed also reported that there is a large cottonwood that will require hiring bigger equipment than the county has to remove it and that Dinkle Implement is not interested in a year tractor lease so he will contact them about renting for part of the year.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

Treasurer Seamann reported that the Road and General Funds looked good this month and no transfers were needed. She also presented the Semi-Annual Report and the delinquent tax listing that will be advertised in February for the Tax Sales that will be held on March 2, 2026.

Correspondence from NACO was reviewed reporting that there were no continuing education hours for the Wheeler County Weed Superintendent, as the county didn't have a Weed Superintendent for majority of 2025.

Greeley County Weed Superintendent Jeremy Straka was present and indicated he was interested in serving as Part-Time Weed Superintendent for Wheeler County. Pokorny made a motion to hire him at \$25 an hour with reimbursement for mileage and other regular expenses, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Heinz presented, and the board reviewed the 2025 Fiscal Annual Weed Report. No action taken.

Klay Kasselder, Good Life Landscaping, presented a bid to mow and provide weed control for the courthouse lawn. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There were no security updates on the courthouse to report.

Snider presented a bid from XTrimlight, for \$4,992 to place permanent lighting around the courthouse building. The board requested more information for possible action at the February meeting.

There was nothing more to report on the 250th 4th of July Celebration.

Heinz made a motion to reappoint Jay Meyer as the County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Alma Beland, Director of Emergency Management & 911 Region 26 Council, presented the updated County's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20260102 adopting the updated LEOP, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider reported that there are several vacancies on the Planning Commission. Appointments were tabled until the February meeting.

Pokorny made a motion to reappoint Dee Gillham to the RC & D Board, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,896.66
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,879.34
Appeara, services	83.28
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,586.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Borders & Furrow Law PC, LLO, court appointed attorney	1,125.80
Burwell Tribune, publication	135.99
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	812.03
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	355.81
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	429.61
Electronic Systems, Inc-2, 911 yearly service fee	420.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,633.03
Flock Group, Inc, camera fees	15,793.83
Galls, LLC, supplies	70.99
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Gotschall & Sholes PC, LLO, court appointed attorney	1,425.00
Grand Island Chevrolet-GMC, window repairs	480.92
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, Dist Judge expense	673.11
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	481.02
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Center, membership	100.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,493.39
NACO Planning & Zoning, 2026 dues	40.00
Nebraska Association of County Assessors, 2026 dues	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, 2026 dues	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, 2 nd half dues	1,332.25
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	828.43
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	617.57
Paper Tiger Shredding, shredding services	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, supplies	2,338.46
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
First Conrad Benefits Group, fees	252.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	460.92
Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC, setting corners	3,132.00
Region III Administration, 3 rd quarter support	529.29

Sears, Donna, supplies reimbursement	16.45
Snider Memorial Funeral Home, LLC, blood draw	200.00
Symbol Arts, LLC, badges	686.00
Trotter Tire Pros & Truck Repair, sheriff patrol batteries	1,518.10
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.15
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, correction fees	1,023.40
308 Precision Armory, 2 less lethal shotguns	1,050.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	22,336.21
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
AKRS Equipment, batteries	716.76
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,145.33
Appeara, services	44.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,802.40
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	457.66
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
Day, Larry, yearly electric reimbursement	500.00
Edghill Motors Inc, chain saws	132.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, oil spill & gravel	18,325.40
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,867.88
Funk, Rick, yearly electric reimbursement	500.00
Glesinger, Terrance, yearly electric reimbursement	500.00
Harpster, Terry, prior services	96.00
Hoerle, Cindy, yearly electric reimbursement	500.00
J & J Sanitation, quarterly shop services	190.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	257.80
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Miller Tire Services, tires	9,060.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	805.07
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	5,038.22
Nebraska Weed Control Association, 2026 dues	175.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.14
First Conrad Benefits Group, fees	870.70
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	8,062.81
Sheldon, Dale, prior services	192.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	531.06
Trausch Dynamics, repairs	467.41
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	3,081.35
Verizon Wireless, services	39.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68

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

The road employees met with the board and requested a raise as well as raising other general concerns. No action taken.

Pokorny made a motion at 10:33 A.M. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman