

Bartlett, Nebraska

April 29, 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 April 22, 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 along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve March 25, 2026 minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was held. Jerry Koinzan asked why there was so much gravel placed on the roads west of Bartlett to Herd Co, and why the graders jump around on grading the roads.

Road foreman Reed reported that the county will begin working on the Green Valley Road, aka 500<sup>th</sup> Ave., from Highway 70 2 ½ miles north, when school is out for the summer so they won't have to worry about the school traffic. Reed will be contacting landowners to get the fences removed to begin the road work. If the county removes the fences, they will reuse the materials that were removed to reinstall the fence. If the landowner wants a new fence they will have to share the costs with the county. Reed also reported that Niewohners have requested the county to move a road where a fence had been removed near their cattle feed yard. The county won't be moving the road but will cut the ditches out in that area. Tom Beal, on behalf of the Village of Ericson, requested help to pay a portion of a new emergency siren for the Village of Ericson as they have not had a working siren for several years. Because the board had paid for half of a new siren for the Village of Bartlett, the board made a commitment to fund half of the price of the new siren when a quote is submitted.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the general fund and road fund both look good because of recent tax collections.

Heinz reported that the weed department has excess chemical to sell to the public for spraying noxious weeds on their property with each property owner eligible to purchase one 2 ½ gallon jug. The value and prices are as follows:

2 ½ gallons Method	\$912	but selling it at \$684
2 ½ gallons QuinStar	\$424.88	but selling it at \$318
2 ½ gallons Gazon P & D	\$96.25	but selling it at \$72

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director, provided an update to the benefits that are offered through NACO; an update on the legislation that was just passed and on the upcoming events that will be taking place the rest of the year.

A bid was presented for a portion of the courthouse ceiling tiles to be replaced. The board tabled the matter to get additional bids for electrical and HVAC additional work that would need to be done when replacing the ceiling tiles.

There are no new updates on the 250<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

Pokorny made a motion to rescind his previous motion on to terminate the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement effective June 30, 2026, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the proposed updated Region 26 Interlocal Agreement and Resolution 20260401 to reaffirm and recommit to continued participation in the Region 26 Council, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chelsey Riha on behalf of AFLAC, provided the board with plan updates, and updated all employees' information for re-enrollment for the next year.

The Wheeler County Agricultural Society Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo, from July 28, 2026, through August 2, 2026, was presented. Sydney McKay also presented a Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler Central Alumni, which will be held on May 23, 2026 at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds with the Clearwater Sons of the American Legion providing the alcohol for the event. Pokorny made a motion to approve both Special Designated Licenses and authorize Chairman Heinz to execute the necessary documents for the Alumni event once the application was approved by the state, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Alexis Sprout, Planning and Zoning Administrator, recommended that Troy Plugge be appointed as an alternate Planning Commission member. Pokorny made a motion to appoint Troy Plugge as an alternate, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Amanda Jeffres & Stephanie Gideon provided an update on the activities of the Loup Basin Public Health Department, including that after July 1, 2026, will be offering WIC. Other activities include health CPR Training, a focus on mental health in schools, along with a mental health helpline for anyone in need. They currently have 19 employees and will be expanding.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$26,636.71
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,002.87
Appeara, services	119.08
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,599.56
Asche, Tom, zoning mileage	23.20
Bartak Glass, door adjusting	235.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Burwell Tribune, publication	714.23
Cafaro, Michael Joseph, mileage	185.60
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	538.77
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, services	650.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	355.81
Comfort Inn-Kearney, treasurer lodging	110.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Dierks, Chris, zoning mileage	24.65
Durre, David, zoning mileage	31.90
Eakes Office Solutions, copier copies	210.07
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,679.01
Election Systems & Software, ballots/media	1,708.82
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,887.60
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	72.00
Galls, LLC, supplies	222.17
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Good Life Landscapes, mowing	750.00
Grand Island Chevrolet-GMC, sheriff tires	849.16
Heartland Radar, radar certify	90.00
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, dist court quarterly expense	674.62
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	396.62
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, zoning comp plan	2,450.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Miller, Adam, zoning mileage	21.75

Mines Press, registration holders	242.78
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Murdock, Shawn, sheriff patrol serviced	256.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	835.22
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	599.51
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	592.81
Region III Administration, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter support	529.30
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/postage	79.16
Spencer, Amy, mileage/postage	116.15
Sprout, Alexis, zoning mileage	184.15
The Parts Bin, Inc, sheriff Jacks	275.98
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.09
Village of Bartlett, quarterly water	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	39.48
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	29,931.31
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,311.12
Appeara, services	44.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,802.40
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	458.75
Burwell Tribune, weed notice	242.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
DirtWorx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	10,187.83
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,554.54
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	1,536.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	11.96
L & L Sanitation, services	381.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	227.10
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Molt Manufacturing Inc, repairs	152.00
National Sign Company, LLC, lettering	397.09
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,212.29
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	865.35
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	92.76
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,303.20
Platinum Truck Services LLCs, brake repairs	617.10
Region 2 Weed Control District, dues	50.00
Road Groom Manufacturing, '26 road groom	18,700.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	14,864.68
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete hauling	23,760.03
Stanley Petroleum Maintenance, underground tank removal	4,869.86
Straka, Jeremy, registration and mileage	569.78
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	764.32
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	7,786.92
Verizon Wireless, services	39.92
Vlach Construction Inc, remove beaver dam	480.00
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, road fuel	429.86

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

Heinz made a motion at 10:39 A.M. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman