

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 27, 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 May 20, 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, and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comment was held. Jerry Koinzan asked about the county equipment that was moving on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Reed explained that the county equipment was being used to clear trees and cleaning up the corner of the pivot where Collins and Reed host shooting practice and competition for 4-H Shooting Sports as previously approved. Travis Sprout asked about the proper channel of communication for the road department and about the tractor and drag and why the county is not using that more as it seems it cover more ground than a grader. Rick Funk inquired about some holes on Sunny Side Road and the condition of several intersections. Reed stated he had a conversation with the road grader operator and he'll get the issues fixed. Sarah Cathcart from Senator Pete Ricketts' office introduced herself and asked if there were any questions that should be passed back to Senator Ricketts and that she would be hosting a mobile office from 11 to noon in the courthouse.

Pokorny made a motion to approve April 29, 2026, minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Road foreman Reed reported that he had worked with Mr. McNally to prepare a Road Use Permit Policy form for the county to follow when someone needed to make physical changes to a road in order to accommodate loads they are hauling on the roads. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Road Use Permit Policy, with the price for the permit set at \$500 per application, intersection or project, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that there was no new update at this time on a fence policy. Reed also stated that he had received all the paperwork from the Village of Ericson for the siren at the fire hall. He will be submitting the rest of the paperwork for the grant, and the siren will take approximately 2 months to arrive. Reed stated that the road department is currently working on repairing the following roads: Pitzer's, Old Highway 101, the Southeast part of the County, Sunnyside Road, 508<sup>th</sup> Ave, and Green Valley Road. He also said that it would not be beneficial to have Platte Valley come apply the spray for the Ericson Lake Road going from Village of Ericson to the Lake.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the general fund and road fund both look good. Treasurer Seamann reported that there was a refund that had taken place out of the Inheritance Fund. Treasurer Seamann also presented Resolution 20260501 to allow her to transfer \$528,499.48 from the Wheeler County Bond bank account into the vender fund to pay off the road bond, and to close that account once the monies were transferred. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20260501, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Jeremy Straka, Weed Superintendent and Pat and Deb Kelley met with the board to discuss what is expected from each party as the Kelley's are spraying the road ditches and Straka will be filing the necessary paperwork. The proper procedure for notification and action to handle the landowners that fail to control noxious weeds was discussed.

There were no updates on any courthouse improvements at this time.

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

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Region 3 Letter Agreement and Budget Agreement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to designate the Print Shop & Pitney Bowes for the printing of the Joint Public Hearing notices if needed, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$26,809.17
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,039.02
Appeara, services	83.28
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,602.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Cafaro, Michael Joseph, mileage	139.20
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	601.43
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	467.23
Central Nebraska Economic Development, dues	921.60
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	355.81
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	161.90
Election Systems & Software, ballots/media	2,286.83
Election Workers, pollworkers	1,140.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,914.18
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	72.00
Flock Group, Inc, subscription	14,206.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Good Life Landscapes, mowing	1,250.00
GWorks, subscription	5,250.00
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
KBRX-FM, tax notice ad	66.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	367.38
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, zoning comp plan	2,900.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	840.39
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	595.69
Paper Tiger Shredding, service	58.00
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	357.41
Sears, Donna, supplies	60.67
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/postage	164.30
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk of District Court, court fees	36.00

ROAD FUND

Payroll	24,106.11
Ace Irrigation MFG. Co, culverts	3,084.00
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,423.63
Appeara, services	44.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,802.40
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	339.21
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, repayment bond & interest	501,750.00

Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
Dillon Auto, 2019 chevy pickup	47,102.00
DirtWorx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	10,187.83
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	5,673.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,566.70
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	1,536.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	781.80
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rental	10,365.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	235.63
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Midwest Repair, repairs	2,621.70
Miller Tire Service, tires	7,808.41
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	903.02
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,594.10
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	60.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.51
Platinum Truck Services LLCs, brake repairs	2,427.11
PowerPlan, supplies	6,355.67
Quill Corporation, office supplies	113.99
RDO Truck Center, 2019 Mack Truck	48,750.00
Road Groom Manufacturing, '26 road groom	5,529.77
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	12,570.80
Straka, Jeremy, mileage	91.35
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	137.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	21,668.03
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
Preservation & Modernization Fund	
Eakes Office Solutions, recording books	747.91

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

Pokorny made a motion at 9:29 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, June 24, 2026, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman