

Bartlett, Nebraska

June 24, 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 June 17, 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.

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

Public comment was held. Jerry Koinzan inquired about the cost of having the gravel hauled from Ulrich's, it was also stated that when they are hauling to us it is a backhaul load, so it is cheaper. He also inquired about why the county is maintaining and graveling 829th Road as there is no mailbox. Reed stated that there's a resident that lives there and gets their mail delivered in town which is why the road has been maintained. Jim Havel asked the reasoning that some landowners are using disc mowers to mow the ditches as they do not mow as good as bar mowers. He also asked why the county road department isn't grading roads shortly after it rains when the roads still have moisture on them instead of waiting until the roads dry completely up. Jay Meyer talked to the board about the projects they would like to see on the 1 & 6 Year Plan. Green Valley Road was on there for the 1-year portion, along with general maintenance of the roads. Meyer stated that he had completed the training required to inspect the bridges and is recertified for another 5 years. Meyer asked if the 1 & 6 Year Plan hearing could be heard on July 29th meeting at 8:00 am.

Road foreman Reed reported that they had received the papers for the new bridge ratings. Green Valley road work has been agreements and arrangements in place, and they are ready to start working on the 1 ¾ mile of road that needs to be repaired. He is in the process of seeking bids for armor coating the mile stretch to Pibel Lake and he is contacting the villages to see if a cost shares with their projects might help with the cost. The board met with the road department employees. After discussion the road crew was directed to take a 15-minute break at 10:00 am, a 30-minute break at 12:00 pm, and a 15-minute break at 3:00 pm.

Sheriff King had no updates.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20260601 to transfer funds. Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20260601 to transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny reported that Kelley's Spraying brought in a map of the areas that they had already sprayed and they plan on coming back in July to spray the trees. Weed Superintendent Stracka sent out 10-Day Notices to landowners who need to spray their properties and would be inspecting again within the time frame.

There were new doors placed on the north and south entrances of the courthouse. Heinz had looked into another company to replace the ceiling tiles and will reach out to Bill Root to see if he was interested in replacing the tiles as he is the one that replaced the ceiling tiles in the Sheriff's office.

Zoning Administrator Alexis Sprout gave a brief update on the town hall meeting for the zoning comprehensive plan that is in process of being revised by Marvin Planning. There was little input provided for the survey so they will send out another survey hoping they get a better response. There were questions about Conditional Use Permit for Hoefer's to pump effluent through pivots, and it was determined that there was miscommunication about what permits were needed to be filed. Hoefer would check in the permits and would be in touch with the county. There was a letter from the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment in regard to Niewohner Brothers constructing a manure pit. Pokorny made a motion not to submit

comments to the Department of Water, Energy and Environment, as Niewohner Brothers have complied with all regulations as required by the county, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented, and the board reviewed, the Assessors 3-year Assessment Plan.

Snider presented a bid from Stanard Appraisal, for \$94,500 (to be split in 2 budget cycles) for the 6-year inspections, to be compliant with the state statutes. Heinz made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The Board approved holding the August meeting on August 24th at 8 a.m. due to a conflict with training in for the Clerk.

Pokorny made a motion to authorize a requested \$1000.00 payment to the First Light Child Advocacy Center for support, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The Board of Equalization set July 15, 2026, at 8:00 am as the hearing date for valuation protests.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,808.38
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,872.09
Appera, services	41.64
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,602.20
Bartlett Post Office, postage	497.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,861.06
Bomgaars Supply Inc, keys	28.72
Burwell Tribune, publication	1,568.69
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	332.48
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn fertilize	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	355.81
Dierks, Chris, zoning mileage	24.65
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,734.29
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	72.00
First Light Child Advocacy, support	1,000.00
Good Life Landscapes, mowing	1,250.00
Haprster, Terry, veterans mileage	45.26
Havel, Judy, zoning mileage	24.65
Holiday Inn-Kearney, treasurer lodging	239.90
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Kaczor, Larry, veterans mileage	13.14
KBRX-FM, tax notice ad	66.00
Lemburg, Curtis, zoning mileage	42.05
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	384.77
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	7,937.96
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,544.90
Nebraska Association of County Officials, dues/workshop	1,638.31
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	827.53
NIRMA, insurance	20,446.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	612.85
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	398.80
Seamann, Carol, mileage	179.88
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/postage	185.18

State Probation District #8, probation support	675.39
Stenka, Ken, expenses	510.39
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Valley County Sheriff's Office, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	263.00
Wright, Zach, veterans mileage	21.17
XTrim Lighting LLC, permanent lighting	5,125.14
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	24,257.69
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,499.48
Appeara, services	44.00
Bartlett Post Office, postage	78.00
Beaver Bearing Company, repairs	67.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	12,826.45
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	331.28
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
Criss Co, repairs	143.97
DirtWorx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	22,993.98
Elan Financial Services, supplies	298.07
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,575.70
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	36.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	6.86
Kelly's Spraying LLC, weed spraying	16,299.75
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	213.61
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Miller Tire Service, tires	3,400.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	899.75
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 nd quarter fuel tax	714.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,828.04
NIRMA, insurance	24,805.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.17
Platinum Truck Services LLCs, brake repairs	3,197.33
PowerPlan, supplies	766.40
Quill Corporation, office supplies	646.74
RDO Truck Center, 2019 Mack Truck	6,548.90
Road Rake Attachments, LLC, road rake	5,750.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	14,209.04
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	23,241.90
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	139.99
Straka, Jeremy, mileage	126.88
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	149.98
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	33,710.18
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	402.96

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

Pokorny made a motion at 10:02 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, July 29, 2026, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman