

Bartlett, Nebraska

August 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 August 19, 2026, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and stated that copies of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were available to the public. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Sheriff Larby, 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 the July 15, 2026 Board of Equalization meeting minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

Public comment was held. James Burtwistle visited with the board about getting a road built leading to where they are wanting to build a new house.

Road foreman Reed reported that Vlach's provided a \$10,000 bid to dig out a ditch around Tim Esch and Seamann Farms. The board discussed looking at the locations to see what they felt needed to be done to fix the issue and report back. This is an ongoing issue that reoccurs about every 3 to 5 years.

Sheriff Larby reported on the status of the FLOCK cameras and that FLOCK has stated that the county is obligated to complete the contract term before they can be removed. McNally advised that he would look at the contract and report back to the board. Sheriff Larby stated that he is trying to get this issue resolved as he would be interested in a different program to be more compatible with the surrounding counties and Region 26.

Treasurer Seamann stated that there are taxes coming and feels that no transfers are needed at this time.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she has contacted NPAIT and would like to transfer one CD at this time. Pokorny made a motion to authorize Treasurer Seamann to transfer one CD from Cornerstone Bank to NPAIT, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a map of the areas that Kelley's Spraying has sprayed and reported they are hoping to be done spraying the last week of August.

Heinz stated he had Bill Root come and look at the courthouse ceiling tile and the county is waiting for a bid to be sent in.

Christi Larby presented information on Data Centers in hopes of having them prohibited within the county. She was advised that the Planning Commission is in the process of revising the zoning regulations to address the issue.

The budget workshop was postponed until August 31, 2026.

Snider presented county inventories. All inventories excluding the Weed Department inventory were accepted, by a motion made by Pokorny and seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Commissioner, salary	\$1,359.27
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Attorney, salary	4,530.91

Clerk, salary	4,583.80
Deputy Clerk, salary	3,534.11
Treasurer, salary	4,077.82
Deputy Treasurer, salary	1,609.50
Janitor, salary	212.28
Sheriff, salary	4,712.15
Deputy Sheriff, salary	480.50
Sheriff Clerical, salary	4,134.00
Emergency Manager, salary	850.00
Zoning Administrator, salary	750.00
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,958.53
Appeara, services	160.72
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,599.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21952.34
Burwell Tribune, publication	443.80
Cafaro, Michael Joseph, mileage	48.64
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	128.59
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	261.24
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, AS400 Fees	272.00
Elan Financial Services, treasurer mtg registration/supplies	207.20
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,652.40
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	131.00
Freedom & Glory, flags	211.62
Gall's LLC, sheriff uniform	90.46
Garfield County Treasurer, extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	1,133.33
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Jack's Uniforms, sheriff badge	107.99
LaQunita Inn-Kearney, meeting lodging	110.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	452.76
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, zoning planning	1,700.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,489.23
Nebraska Association of County Officials, mtg registration	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	832.70
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	577.26
Presto-X, monthly services	102.82
Quill Corporation, supplies	151.48
Region 26, support	17,330.93
Seamann, Carol, mtg mileage	182.27
Sears, Donna, supplies	10.51
Snider, Cara, meeting postage	28.78
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	181.35
We Mart, sheriff fuel	43.91
Wheeler County Court, court costs	119.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	98.27
ROAD FUND	
Road Employee, salary	4,779.88
Road Employee, salary	4,823.13
Road Employee, salary	4,768.75
Road Employee, salary	4,818.00

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Road Employee, salary	3,106.25
Road Foreman, salary	6,395.65
Highway Superintendent, salary	833.33
Weed Superintendent, salary	150.00
Ace Irrigation, culvert	1,219.00
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
ARKS, repairs	57.14
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,794.06
Appeara, services	86.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	12,826.45
Bomgaars Supply, Inc., supplies	446.47
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
DirtWorx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	34,126.89
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	6,825.00
Emme Sand & gravel, gravel	11,514.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,109.51
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	45.00
John Deere Financial, grader payment	25,592.60
Kelley Spraying, LLC, tree spraying in ROW	12,907.94
Kings Crushing, LLC, crushed rock	20,822.51
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	208.45
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Miller Tire Service, tire repair	5,360.95
Molt Manufacturing Inc, repairs	338.00
National Sign Company, LLC, pickup light bar	780.76
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	982.54
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,847.84
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	92.11
O'Neill Shopper, help wanted ad	147.75
PowerPlan, repairs	12,568.74
Road Rakes Attachments, LLC, equipment	5,750.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	21,001.54
Straka, Jeremy, mileage	98.80
The Advisor, help wanted ad	364.40
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	2,193.20
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	29,606.80
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	182.93

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 9:28 A.M. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on **Monday August 31, 2026**, at 8:00 am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman