Bartlett, Nebraska

July 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 July 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, 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 June 24, 2026 minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was held.

Road foreman Reed reported that the 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, the county will be ready to begin the repairs. Reed stated that he did get blades in per the bid that he had presented. Pokorny made a motion to hire Bobby Taylor as a road employee starting July 27, 2026 starting at the wage of $ per hour.

Heinz motioned to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 9 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz motioned to exit the executive session at 9:35 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Tim Larby as interim-sheriff to fulfill the vacancy in the Sheriff's Office, starting August 3, 2026 to finish out the year, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Amy Spencer had presented the sheriff's quarterly report to be reviewed.

Heinz made a motion to accept the exiting sheriff's inventory listing, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to remove Dale A. King from all checking accounts at Cornerstone Bank and replace with Tim Larby as an authorized signer on all Wheeler County Sheriff accounts at Cornerstone Bank, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20260701 to transfer funds. Plugge made a motion to adopt Resolution 20260601 to transfer $150,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the unpaid tax report along with the Annual/Semiannual report for the boards review.

Chairman Heinz updated that Jeremy Straka had contacted and ask to update that they had applied for a grant to spray Phragmites again this summer, land owners are to be contacted prior to spraying this year.

Heinz stated he had contacted Bill Root to see about getting ceiling tiles to be replaced they just haven't gotten a time figured out to meet.

There was nothing new to report for Zoning.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20260702 Annual Certification of Program Compliance, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the budget worksheet to be reviewed.

Pokorny made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and open the 1 & 6 Year Hearing, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that he felt the Green Valley Road project should be added to the 1 Year Program and the Ericson Scotia Ave to the 6 Year Program.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the 1 & 6 Year Program and reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept Resolution 20260703, stating that the Highway Superintendent presented the 1 & 6 Year road improvement plan, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	$25,808.38
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,650.79
Appeara, services	125.23
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,674.74
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	16,618.84
Bomgaars Supply Inc, keys	39.90
Burwell Tribune, publication	95.38
Cafaro, Michael Joseph, mileage	48.64
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	303.46
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	355.81
Eakes Office Solutions, copies	212.78
Elan Financial Services, sheriff fuel	150.77
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,351.09
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	72.00
Garfield County Treasurer, extension support	2,116.19
Geoland Management, LLC, agri data subscription	400.00
Good Life Landscapes, mowing	1,000.00
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, judges expense	695.08
IBE LLC, repairs	178.88
Internal Revenue Service, yearly fee	45.11
Jack's Uniforms, sheriff uniform	307.28
LaQunita Inn-Kearney, meeting lodging	169.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	425.85
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,489.23
Morris Press, treasurer envelopes	137.88
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	771.19
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	591.26
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	58.00
Presto-X, monthly services	102.82
Region III Administration, 1st quarter support	514.90
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/postage	35.06

Spencer, Amy, inspection mileage	103.36
Valley County Sheriff's Office, prisoner keep	100.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
Village of Bartlett, quarterly services	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Sheriff, bench warrant	2.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	9.55
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	24,257.69
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,292.60
Appeara, services	59.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	12,826.45
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	739.07
DirtWorx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	12,953.00
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	38,675.00
Emme Sand & gravel, gravel	6,400.50
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,496.24
First Concord Benefits Group, fees	1,073.37
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	15,207.60
J & J Materials, crushed concrete	21,050.63
L & L Sanitation, quarterly trash	193.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	201.31
Madison Nation Life, insurance	14.53
Menards-Norfolk, cameras	64.99
Midwest Repair, wheel bearing repairs	973.35
National Sign Company, LLC, signs	3,665.46
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,207.45
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,673.09
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	96.27
O'Neill Auto Supply, iNc, socket set	47.50
O'Neill Shopper, help wanted ad	81.71
Platinum Truck Services LLCs, brake repairs	3,574.50
PowerPlan, supplies	3,486.25
Quill Corporation, office supplies	251.58
RDO Truck Center, 2019 Mack Truck	1,524.97
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	9,135.01
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	8,589.30
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	226.44
Snider, Cara, mileage	212.80
Straka, Jeremy, mileage	38.00
The Advisor, help wanted ad	121.96
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	652.41
Trevipay, fuel pump	349.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	36,795.10
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	258.01
COURTHOUSE FUND	
Bartak Glass, door replacement	14,164.00

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 10:05 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 Monday August 24, 2026, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman