

# Wheeler County Board Minutes

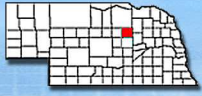


Bartlett, Nebraska  
January 29, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were present.

## General Fund

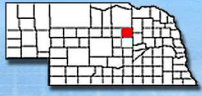
Payroll	\$20,447.40
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	156.64
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,110.71
Appera, services	99.76
Asche, Tom, zoning mileage	18.40
Atkinson Graphic, Veteran's help wanted ad	76.00
Bomgaars Supply, INC, ice melt	28.97
Burwell Tribune, publishing	637.69
Central District Assessors, dues	20.00
Computer Concepts, computer repair	73.30
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	334.60
Durre, David, zoning mileage	25.30
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	5,457.22
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	366.67
Howard Count Clerk, district court quarter expenses	631.31
Loup Rivers scenic Byway, dues	25.00
Loup Valley's Rural Public Power District, services	712.09
Mahony, Patrick, zoning mileage	19.55
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,170.20
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Miller, Adam, zoning mileage	17.25
Miller, Dean, zoning mileage	20.70
MIPS, Inc, program	1,199.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	24.49
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	365.10
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	707.80
Niemeyer, Jean, zoning mileage	16.10
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	491.85
Office Net, supplies	455.13
Peoples Service, patrol service	92.78
Presto-X, monthly services	46.00
Region III Administration, 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter assess	534.14
Reiter, Shirley, prior service	204.00
Rothfeder, Robert, J, witness fees	5,020.80
Schrunk, Ellis, zoning mileage	21.85
Sears, Donna, supplies	34.93
Snider, Cara, meeting expense	98.39



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Staples Credit Plan, supplies	95.46
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	21,214.62
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	108.74
We Mart, sheriff fuel	274.22
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	3.40
Wheeler County Sheriff, fees	2.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	71.79
White, Ken, meeting reimbursement	25.01
Woeppel, Lorraine, prior services	120.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$25,565.25
AB Recovery, garnishment	542.07
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,840.33
Appear, services	26.99
Aspire Sales, LLC, light bar	143.48
Blue Tarp Financial, impact light	329.00
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	246.44
Delta Dental, insurance	133.39
Edgehill Motors, Inc, repairs	141.40
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	6,185.78
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	7,766.89
Harpster, Terry, prior services	96.00
John Prouty Construction, millings	792.12
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	186.62
Medical Enterprises, INC, CDL drug testing	70.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conference registration	125.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,148.50
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	352.21
Nebraska Safety Center, annual mining course	400.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.65
Payne, Gail, insurance	500.00
Peoples Services, tires	3,805.80
Powerplan, repairs	3,418.49
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Ryan's Truck and Tractor Repairs, repairs	1,017.26
Samsara Networks, INC, GPS for graders	3,012.00
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	5,916.36
Seidel Contracting, door repairs	80.00
Sheldon, Dale, prior services	192.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	85.98
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	717.32
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	1,402.64
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	11,946.14
Vlach Construction, Inc, debris removal	1,125.00
We Mart, road fuel	415.89
Williamson, Riley, insurance	500.00



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Iowa Trailer Manufacturing, trailer

46,710.00

Snider opened the meeting by asking for nominations for Chairman. Heinz nominated Jim Hoerle as Chairman, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to leave all the depositories, the legal newspaper the same and for each Commissioner to be on the same committees as they were last year, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

- a. County Depository: Cornerstone Bank and Ericson State Bank
- b. County Newspaper: Burwell Tribune
- c. Region 26: Pokorny
- d. Loup Basin Public Health Board: Pokorny
- e. Loup Basin RC & D: Heinz
- f. Mid-Plains Behavioral Services: Heinz
- g. Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Hoerle
- h. Region 3 Governing Board: Hoerle

Joyce Bos visited with the Board in regard to the tree removal in December 2019 near her property. Bos voiced her concern with the policy of removing trees and not cleaning road ditches from downed trees and limbs so the water would flow properly so as not to damage the road bed. Rich Woollen, State Forester, was also present to discuss best practices for tree removal and planting. The issue of where the property line is located would be researched for the February meeting to determine who is responsible for trimming/removal.

Steve Knievel visited with the board about getting permission to get the trees removed along 509<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 844 and 845 Roads. McNally advised that he has been in touch with Invenergy and JEO and at this time there is no issue as Invenergy will be building in the right-of-way where it's been identified by survey.

Jay Meyer visited with the Board in regards to possibly being hired as part time Highway Superintendent for the County. The Board tabled the topic to allow them time to consider the options and will contact Meyer when the details can be solidified.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that the CD that they had cashed was from the Inheritance Fund and will need to be paid back when the monies are available.

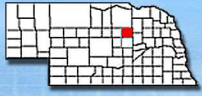
Snider had mentioned that the zoning board had made a recommendation to reappoint Tom Asche, Patrick Mahony, and Jean Niemeyer for a 3 year term. Pokorny made the motion to reappoint the members, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann asked the Board for their approval to release 2 pledges and authorize her to sign them. The Board authorized the release.

The Sheriff's Quarterly Report was presented and reviewed.

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Snider presented the Permissive Exemptions that have been turned in and the Board will review them at the February meeting.



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Snider presented a bid for surveillance cameras from Applied Connective Technologies of \$7,992.65 to replace all the cameras and associated storage hardware in and around the Courthouse and as well as the Mignery Bronze statue areas. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid as presented, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented Resolution 2020-01-01, a Preliminary Plan and Specifications, and Estimates for the Ericson South Bridge. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01-01, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the Distress Warrant Collection Report, stating that all Distress Warrants had been collected. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Distress Warrant Collection Report, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

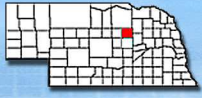
Pokorny made a motion to give all road employees the Cost of Living increase of 1.6%, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 10:40 am, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:24 am.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday February 26, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
February 24, 2020

The Wheeler County Planning Commission met in public session on this date at 7:30 p.m. at the Wheeler Central Gymnasium. Notice of the meeting was published and posted as required by law. Answering roll call were Chairman Patrick Mahony, Doug Allemang, Pete Asche, David Durre, Curtis Lemburg, Adam Miller, Dean Miller, Dean Pokorny and Ellis Schrunk. Deb Eschliman and Jean Niemeyer were absent. County Attorney Joe McNally was also present.

D. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented seconded by A. Miller. Unanimous vote was held and the motion carried.

Chairman Mahony asked the audience if there was any interest in the setbacks for Poultry Facilities or Livestock Facilities. There was question regarding the Animal Unit Number for the poultry. There was no interest in regards to the setbacks so the board felt that the setbacks for the Poultry and Livestock Facilities setbacks should be left as they currently are at this time.

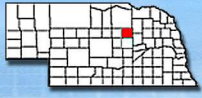
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The next meeting date will be March 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Wheeler Central Gymnasium

With no other business to come before the Board, D. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, seconded by Allemang with all members voted in favor.

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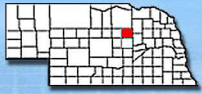
Bartlett, Nebraska  
February 26, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to the Open Meetings Act literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were present. The following claims were audited and approved:

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll,	\$20,048.73
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	156.64
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,048.84
Appeara, service	67.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	725.92
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, support	252.32
Delta Dental, insurance	334.60
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,324.21
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt Co. Treasurer, veterans service contract	366.67
J & J Sanitation, service	161.56
Loup Basin RC & D, dues	75.00
Loup Valleys rural Public Power Dist., service	713.35
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., service	60.00
MIPS, Inc., support	1,201.90
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	73.50
Mutual of Omaha, insurance	276.30
Nebraska Assoc. of County Treasurers, due/manual	240.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	690.69
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	491.68
Office Net, supplies	24.38
Peoples Service, service sheriff patrol	173.72
Presto-X, bug service	46.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	76.43
Donna Sears, supplies	12.84
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	194.16
T & R EMS Training, sheriff continue education	270.00
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	21,214.62
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	108.74
We Mart, sheriff fuel	403.91
Wheeler Co. Sheriff Dept., court fees	2.00
Wheeler Co. Treasurer, postage	94.40

## ROAD FUND



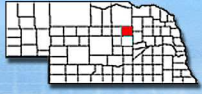
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Payroll,	\$20,317.21
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	424.46
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	2,950.63
Appeara, service	26.99
Blue Tarp Financial, supplies	179.98
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	14,767.68
Delta Dental, insurance	133.39
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,715.46
J & J Sanitation, service	199.74
Chris Koenig, mtg mileage	161.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	202.30
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll W/H	728.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., blades/repairs	4,042.22
New Victorian Inn & Suites, mtg lodging	239.96
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.63
Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, repairs	2,194.10
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Powerplan, repairs	1,381.37
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Doug Reiter, mtg mileage	43.70
Ryan's Truck & Tractor, repairs	93.53
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, diesel	6,328.05
Spalding Farm & Home, Inc., repairs	21.17
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	632.41
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	411.17
Joe Thramer, contract labor	540.00
Ulrich Gravel, Inc., gravel	1,422.08
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	12,869.57
We Mart, fuel	376.81
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00

Joyce Bos visited with the Board in regard to the tree removal in December 2019 near her property. The county had contacted Loup Valley to see if they would be able to survey the property line and they would prefer to have nothing to do with the issue. Bos had voiced her concerns about the limbs that are laying in all the ditches throughout the county, and stating that if the ditches were cleaned out from the brush that it would lessen the problems downstream. Bos also asked that the county contact the Army Corps of Engineers to see about the contract agreement between Herd CO and the Army Corps of Engineers as she believes there is manure draining down the ditches as opposed to just water.

Eric Hemenway visited with the board about leaving 509<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 844<sup>th</sup> and 845<sup>th</sup> Roads the way it is and just build up the road. McNally had contacted the Invenergy and JEO's Engineer and presented a report that the Engineer had supplied to show the Board where the proper county road should be and where it is currently located. Heinz made a motion to table this topic until the March meeting as he felt this needed a little



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more time to research the best solution, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a letter from the Kimball Area Tourism, in Kimball Nebraska, asking for support for the Kimball County Visitor Center. Hoerle made a motion to deny the request as presented, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Jay Meyer visited with the Board in regards to possibly being hired as part time Highway Superintendent for the County. Meyer informed the board that he would like \$10,000 a year and standard mileage from his house to the county, as well as a retirement contribution as well. Pokorny had made a motion to hire Jay Meyer as the Highway Superintendent for a year under the requested terms, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the current contract with the County Surveyor and it was brought the attention of the board that the contract will expire at the end of 2020 and the Board needs to decide if they would like to see what is available or to keep the Kirkham Michael as the County Appointed Surveyor and Engineer. This matter was tabled until a later date.

Treasurer Seamann informed the Board that they had a CD up for renewal and that Cornerstone Bank had an interest rate of 2.06% while Farmers & Merchants Bank, formerly known as Ericson State Bank, had an interest rate of 2.55%. Hoerle made a motion to keep the CD at Farmers & Merchants Bank, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz.

Treasurer Seamann also noted that the tax sales listing has been published, and the tax sales will take place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 2020-02-01 to transfer \$50,000 from the Inheritance Fund to General Fund, and to transfer the same amount back to those accounts once the monies were available. Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02-01, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none

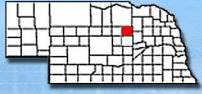
Snider presented Resolution 2020-02-02, Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Hoerle made a motion to approve the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Board will contact the surrounding counties to see what they have in place for fence reimbursement policies in order to help draft a fence policy for the county. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

9:58 am Heinz made a motion that was seconded by Pokorny to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Wheeler County Board of Equalization for the purpose of Permissive Exemptions. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the permissive nonprofit tax exemptions for the county as follows:

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship



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Our Savior Lutheran Church	Religious	Place of Worship
St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Sandhill's Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc,	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Pokorny made a motion to approve all the Permissive Exemptions as filed, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

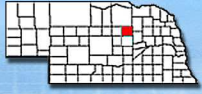
Pokorny made a motion at 10:00 am, to adjourn the Board of Equalization, reconvene the regular County Board meeting and enter into Executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:30 am.

Hoerle made a motion to give Road Foreman Delan Reed the authority to sell the excess property of a Caterpillar dozer and waste oil heater on Big Iron for the March Sale, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 10:36 am. There will be a special meeting held on March 2, 2020 at 7pm at the courthouse. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday March 26, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
March 2, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in a special session on this date at 7:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, and Road Foreman Reed were present.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the minutes of February's meeting as presented, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Reed presented information that was received on a 2012 Peterbuilt Truck from Daniel Stock, from St. Edward, for \$36,500. Heinz made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2012 Peterbuilt, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented Resolution 20200301, in regards to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution which provides the right of the people to bear arms and that right shall not be infringed. The Nebraska Constitution also provides that right to keep and bear arms, specifically "for security or defense of self, family, home and others and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes." Hoerle made a motion to adopt Resolution 20200301, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Due to conflict of schedules, Pokorny made a motion to reschedule the regular March board meeting to March 24, 2020 at 8 am in the Wheeler County Courthouse, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none

Pokorny made a motion to authorize Chairman Hoerle to sign any and all documents involving the Ericson South Bridge project to allow the construction to begin as soon as possible, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

With no other business to come before the board Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 7:13 pm. The next regular board meeting will be held on March 24, 2020 at 8 am in the Wheeler County Courtroom.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



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March 24, 2020

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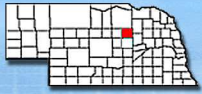
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Pokorny made a motion to approve the minutes as received, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The following claims were audited and approved:

## GENERAL

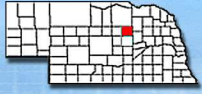
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Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rent	60.00
Adam Miller, zoning meeting mileage	34.50
Dean Miller, zoning meeting mileage	20.70
MIPS. Inc., support	1,143.73



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MM C Store, sheriff fuel	162.49
Mutual of Omaha, insurance	320.70
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, meeting registration	100.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	692.16
Jean Niemeyer, zoning meeting mileage	16.10
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	492.14
Office Net, supplies	100.72
Dean Porkorny, zoning meeting mileage	16.10
Presto-X, service	46.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	317.29
Ellis Schrunk, zoning meeting mileage	43.70
Donna Sears, janitor supplies	40.27
Cara Snider, meeting mileage	80.50
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	164.28
State Probation Dist. 8, quarterly share of expense	136.10
Sundown Electric, LLC, building repairs	109.40
United Healthcare Insurance, Co., insurance	21,214.62
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	108.74
We Mart, sheriff fuel	419.82
Wheeler Co. Sheriff Dept., fees	20.15
Wheeler Co. Treasurer, reimbursement checks/postage	232.96
ROAD FUND	
Salary	\$ 22,324.80
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	432.44
Ameritas Life Insurance, insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plan Division, retirement	3,068.13
Appeara, service	27.54
Bomgaars Supply, Inc., chain saw	548.58
Delta Dental, insurance	133.39
DMC Wear Parts, LLC, grader blades	5,789.16
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,258.42
Hooker Brothers Sand & Gravel, Inc., mud rock	4,556.18
J & J Sanitation, service	99.87
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	191.39
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	790.16
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue-Motor Fuels, quarterly fuel tax	377.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	1,818.41
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, supplies	24.33
Nebraska Safety Center, training	400.00
Lynn Nichols, reimbursement	20.00
Nitro Construction, Inc., crushed concrete	5,989.32
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.66
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Dennis Pokorny, hauling	796.00
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Ryan's Truck & Tractor Inc., repairs	1,568.80
Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Inc., diesel	8,930.03
Shotkowsky Enterprises, trucking mud rock	17,021.35



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Cara Snider, reimbursement	10.00
Sundown Electric, LLC, building repairs	1,023.73
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	8,169.19
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	11,968.79
We Mart, fuel	387.96
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00
WPCI, CDL management fee	100.00

Sheriff Lindsay updated the board about the E-Citation computers for the sheriff patrol units, so that the sheriff department is compliant with the state along with sheriff departments across the state. Sheriff Lindsay has enough money in his budget to purchase the computers before June 2020.

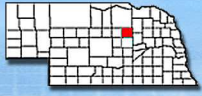
Pokorny made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-03-01 in regards to finalizing the bid process and accepting the bid that was presented to get the construction of the bridge started and hopefully finished by the end of 2020, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, Wheeler County Courthouse will be currently locked to restrict access to the public but will be open by appointment. The county has encouraged the residents of Wheeler County to use the online services. The board instructed this until further instructions by Governor Ricketts.

Employee Pay/benefits during leave was tabled until the next meeting, unless there is a situation that comes up in the meantime.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 8:29 am. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday April 29, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
April 14, 2020

The Wheeler County Zoning Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 7:30 PM. Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the regularly scheduled Wheeler County Zoning and Planning Board of Commissioners was held by teleconference as allowed by Governor Ricketts because of the state imposed limit of no more than 10 people in a public place at any one time. The public was allowed to participate by phone.

Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Mahony called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call in the Courtroom were Deb Eschliman, Curtis Lemburg, and Jean Niemeyer, answering to roll call via teleconference were Tom Asche, Chairman Mahony, Dean Miller, and Ellis Schrunk. Absent were Doug Allemang, David Durre, Adam Miller, and Dean Pokorny.

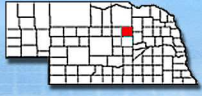
Chairman Mahony asked Snider to read the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting. Niemeyer had made the correction that D. Miller should be added to the roll call for voting for "On the topic of establishing cost recovery for fees and expenses incurred by the County for approved Conditional Use Permits, Eschliman made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting when they can have proposed language to review, seconded by Allemang. On roll call by the secretary voting aye: Eschliman, Allemang, Asche, Durre, Mahony, Niemeyer, Pokorny, and Schrunk. Voting nay: none." So it will read On the topic of establishing cost recovery for fees and expenses incurred by the County for approved Conditional Use Permits, Eschliman made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting when they can have proposed language to review, seconded by Allemang. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Eschliman, Allemang, Asche, Durre, Mahony, D. Miller, Niemeyer, Pokorny, and Schrunk. Voting nay: none. Asche made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by D. Miller. On roll call by the secretary voting aye: Asche, D. Miller, Eschliman, Lemburg, Mahony, Niemeyer, and Schrunk. Voting nay: none. Absent: Allemang, Durre, A. Miller, and Pokorny.

Asche made a motion to table any further discussion on the wind turbines and any other zoning topics that were tabled until the April meeting, until the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided and the public is able to attend the meeting, seconded by D. Miller. On roll call voting aye: Asche, D. Miller, Eschliman, Lemburg, Mahony, Niemeyer, and Schrunk. Voting nay: none. Absent: Allemang, Durre, A. Miller, and Pokorny.

Eschliman made a motion, to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that there is a moratorium in place for up to six months, so that there cannot be any type of Wind Turbine applications, presented or approved, until the Zoning Board has had time to look through all the regulations to determine if the proper setback requirements are suitable for the county, seconded by Lemburg. Voting aye: Eschliman, Lemburg, Asche, Mahony, D. Miller, Niemeyer, and Schrunk. Voting nay: none. Absent: Allemang, Durre, A. Miller, and Pokorny.

With no other business to come before the board Schrunk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm and to have the next meeting in late June early July if the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, seconded by Asche and all members voted in favor.

Cara Snider  
Zoning Secretary



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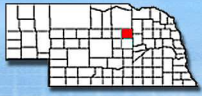


Bartlett, Nebraska  
April 29, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner’s met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the regularly scheduled Wheeler County Board of Commissioners was held by teleconference as allowed by Governor Ricketts because of the state imposed limit of no more than 10 people in a public place at any one time. The public was allowed to participate by phone.

Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner’s Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny (arrived at 8:13 am). Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were present.

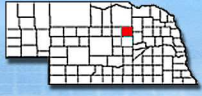
General Fund	
Payroll	\$20,243.49
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	156.64
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,092.49
Appera, services	102.50
Applied Connective Technologies, security camera update/installation	7,992.65
Bartlett Post Office, postage	385.00
Boone County Sheriff, prisoner keep	130.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	725.88
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	334.60
Election Systems & Software, election ballots, and supplies	2,405.04
Eschliman, Deb, zoning mileage	8.05
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,563.04
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	366.67
Howard Count Clerk, district court quarter expenses	636.14
Lemburg, Curtis, zoning mileage	33.35
Lindsay, Adrian, reimbursement	54.80
Loup County Clerk, election share	68.34
Loup Valley’s Rural Public Power District, services	464.98
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,283.35
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	88.35
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	320.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	738.00
NetCom, INC, radio parts	20.00
Niemeyer, Jean, zoning mileage	16.10
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	516.65
Office Net, supplies	386.93
Presto-X, monthly services	46.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	34.95



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Region III Administration, 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter assess	534.15
Region 26 Council, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter assessment	8,123.83
Seamann, Carol, reimbursement	39.00
Snider, Cara, meeting expense	276.50
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	285.06
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	21,214.62
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	108.44
Village of Bartlett, quarterly water	486.99
We Mart, sheriff fuel	308.86
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	406.60
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	247.85
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$27,620.77
AB Recovery, garnishment	481.02
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,833.10
Appearra, services	26.99
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	532.70
Burwell Tribune, weed notice	192.00
Country Partners, rock backhaul	2,069.67
Delta Dental, insurance	133.39
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	17,824.59
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,302.93
Five Points Bank, trailer	10,048.96
Greenline Equipment, repairs	150.24
Hooker Brothers Sand & Gravel, INC, gravel	1,883.60
Kimball Midwest, supplies	827.60
Leslie, Joseph, backhoe hire	1,400.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	183.89
Martin Marietta Materials, gravel	4,933.85
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,195.24
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	2,530.87
Netcom, INC., radio	574.00
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	6,364.56
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.21
Payne, Gail, insurance	500.00
Peoples Services, tires	1,626.95
Ramsey Ranch Supply, repairs	40.80
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Reiter, Doug, insurance	500.00
Ryan's Truck and Tractor Repairs, repairs	308.87
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	8,394.05
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	271.68
Thramer, Joe, tree cutting	3,540.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	4,033.36
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	12,316.90
We Mart, road fuel	386.54
Wheeler County Clerk, Ericson Bridge Rail QCD	40.00



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Williamson, Riley, insurance

500.00

Hoerle made a motion to accept the minutes as they had been previously mailed out, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle and Heinz.

Sheriff Lindsay asked for permission to move the Sheriff's checking account from Farmers and Merchants Bank in Ericson to Cornerstone Bank in Bartlett. Hoerle made a motion to allow Sheriff Lindsay to move the checking account from Farmers and Merchants to Cornerstone, Heinz seconded. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented Sheriff Lindsay's quarterly report. The board reviewed and approved the report as presented.

Treasurer Seamann presented a listing of the delinquent real estate taxes that had been sold. Seamann also stated that there is a possibility that with the 1<sup>st</sup> half of taxes coming she should be able to transfer money from the Road fund to Inheritance Fund.

Heinz stated that Dean Seamann had requested to bury an irrigation pipe under 824<sup>th</sup> Rd. Hoerle made a motion to approve the request contingent upon Road Foreman Delan Reed's inspection and approval, and seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

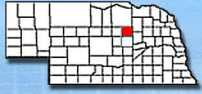
McNally reported that the Zoning and Planning Commission had met April 14<sup>th</sup>, and voted to recommend extending the current moratorium on any future wind farm conditional use permit applications be extended for up to an additional 6 months because of the difficulty meeting during the current pandemic. Hoerle made a motion to extend the current moratorium for up to 6 months which would be expiring November 1, 2020, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

McNally gave a brief update on the current status of 509<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hoerle made a motion to table this topic until May meeting unless something came up and a special meeting was needed in the next week or two, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 8:28 am. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday May 27, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
May 27, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Courtroom West wall and made reference to the Open Meetings Act literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Deputy Sheriff White and Road Foreman Reed were present along with members of the public.

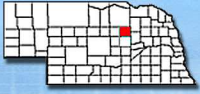
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to accept the minutes from May 13, 2020 meeting as they had been presented, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle.

The following claims were audited and approved:

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll,	\$ 19,799.86
Election Poll Workers, salary	1,100.34
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, insurance	156.64
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,040.27
Appeara, service	100.76
Bartlett Post Office, postage	85.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	625.31
Central Nebraska Economic Development, dues	913.50
Collers Landscaping & Lawn Care, service	510.00
Computer Concepts, Inc., repairs	135.00
DAS State Accounting, AS400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, insurance	368.20
Election Systems & Software, supplies	26.47
Elgin Review, publishing	42.00
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,444.25
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt Co. Treasurer, veterans contract	366.67
J & J Sanitation, service	161.56
KNLV Radio, publishing	144.00
L-Tron Corp., sheriff patrol computers	6,954.38
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	372.84
McNally Law Office, Clerical/rent/dues/registration	2,884.00
Roberta Meschke, supplies	13.33
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., service	60.00
MIPS, Inc., programs	1,143.73
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	69.22
Mutual of Omaha, insurance	320.70
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	726.02
Nebraska Dist. Court Clerk Association, registration	75.00



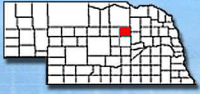
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Nordhues Family, mowing	170.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	512.29
Office Net, supplies	47.58
Peoples Service, sheriff patrol service	63.27
Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs	50.46
Presto-X, service	46.00
Pro Printing & Graphics, election supplies	21.06
Quill Corporation, supplies	530.00
Spalding Enterprise, publishing	28.50
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	91.27
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	21,214.62
Verizon Wireless, service	108.44
We Mart, sheriff fuel	211.18
Wheeler Co. Treasurer, postage	55.00

## ROAD FUND

Payroll,	\$ 22,359.59
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	433.66
ACE Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts	2,254.80
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,123.55
Appeara, service	26.44
Baum Hydraulic Corp., repairs	2,014.43
Country Partners, gravel	2,970.27
Delta Dental, insurance	146.81
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	26,649.87
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,333.90
Hubel Welding, supplies	167.19
J & J Sanitation, service	199.74
Kayton International, yearly bobcat rental	2,000.00
Kennedy, William Jr., services	160.00
Kimball Midwest, supplies	39.39
Leisa Rowe Counseling Services, services	750.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	179.12
Martin Marietta Materials, gravel/rock	414.32
Medical Enterprises. Inc., services	35.00
Merchants Bank Equipment Finance, loader payment	27,227.40
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	811.37
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	4,035.30
Nichols, Lynn, title reimbursement	10.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	105.57
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires	972.00
Powerplan, repairs	796.15
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Saint Francis Medical Center, services	42.90
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc., fuel	5,642.64



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Tetschner, Glenn, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	767.57
Ulrich Gravel, Inc., gravel	13,555.11
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	12,316.90
Van Diest Supply Co., supplies	974.80
We Mart, fuel	195.81
Williamson, Riley, insurance stipend	500.00

Bruce Keber visited with the board to request 509<sup>th</sup> Ave be graveled the first quarter mile of North of 827<sup>th</sup> Rd. After discussion, the board authorized the Road Department to roll the road shoulders up to crown the road but not gravel or otherwise improve the road which would require further legal obligations for maintenance and design. The county will wait for Keber's to spray grass in the road ditches so they are not pulling up the sod when rolling the shoulders.

Pokorny made a motion to table the consideration of placing a culvert within the first ¼ mile west of 508<sup>th</sup> Ave on 844<sup>th</sup> Rd, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

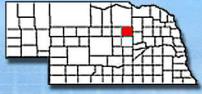
6 road crossing permit applications were received from Elkhorn Rural Public Power District to place underground electric lines within the county road right-of-way at the following locations: the intersection of 502<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and 846<sup>th</sup> Rd. going East; halfway between 501<sup>st</sup> Ave. and 502<sup>nd</sup> Ave. on 846<sup>th</sup> Rd.; the intersection of 500<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 846<sup>th</sup> Rd.; 60 feet South of the intersection of 508<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 846<sup>th</sup> Rd.; the intersection of 503<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and 846<sup>th</sup> Rd. going East; and on 846<sup>th</sup> Rd. East of 503<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Pokorny made a motion to approve all road crossing permit applications for Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Jim Burtwistle visited with the board about closing a section line road as there are trees along the section line that cause damage to his fence when it snows. The board suggested that Burtwistle talk to the surrounding landowners to get their input on a cost share of removing the trees and replacing the fences. Burtwistle also asked who the responsible party was for spraying leafy spurge on the section line between Sections 23 and 24, Township 24, Range 11 because of the difficulty of vehicle access. The board said they would request the Weed Superintendent to attempt to spray the spurge.

Jim and Judy Havel presented a petition along with a map to request the abandonment or vacation of section line/open roads between Sections 12 and 13, Township 23, Range 10; between Section 13, Township 23 Range 10 and Section 18, Township 23, Range 9. Pokorny made a motion to accept the petition to close the section line roads, and authorize Highway Superintendent Meyer to conduct a road survey as required by law, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle.

Hoerle made a motion to accept Region 3 Behavioral Health's match request for a one time match of \$296.52, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sharon Derner had contacted the Clerk in regards to having some repair work done on the Southeast outside window seals of the old Courthouse. The Historical Society has the funds to pay for this but wanted the permission of the board since the museum is the county's property. Hoerle made a motion to grant the



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Historical Society authority to proceed with the improvements, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny.

Heinz made a motion to approve the engineering plans for Thunderhead road projects 6 and 7 and authorize construction, seconded by Hoerle. On roll by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny.

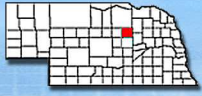
Heinz had previously talked to Rasmussen Surveying about surveying 839<sup>th</sup> Rd between 493<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and 494<sup>th</sup> Ave. in order to establish the boundaries of the right-of-way which was estimated at \$1,200. Heinz made a motion to authorize Rasmussen to survey the ¼ mile West of 494<sup>th</sup> Ave on 839<sup>th</sup> Rd, and giving Pokorny the authority to make an agreement on behalf of the board with Dean Bos on the fence location and county cost share after the survey has been conducted to determine where the fence line should be placed, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

At 9:17 am Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The board exited executive session at 9:26 am.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
June 24, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner’s met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner’s Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer, Road Foreman Reed and Weed Superintendent Reiter were present.

Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public.

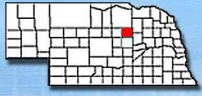
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to accept the minutes from May 27, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle.

The claims for May 2020 were reviewed and approved.

## General Fund

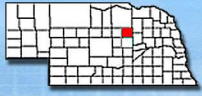
Payroll	\$19,870.08
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	156.64
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,044.11
Antelope Co. Sheriff Dept., prisoner keep	265.00
Appear, services	67.00
Bartlett Post Office, postage	55.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	157.09
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	351.40
Electronic Systems, Inc., fire alarm inspection	75.00
Farm & Home Publishers, farm and home plat maps	334.95
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,453.29
Griesman Construction, sidewalk repairs	469.00
GWorks, annual fees	5,000.00
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	366.67
J & J Sanitation, services	80.78
L-Tron Corporation, patrol computers	2,641.10
Loup Valley’s Rural Public Power District, services	325.41
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,178.71
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	91.21
Morris Press, supplies	75.03
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	320.70
Nebraska Association of County Officials, first half dues	1,127.09
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	723.59
NIRMA, insurance	15,007.00



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Nordhues Family, services	410.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	489.10
Office Net, supplies	67.71
Peoples Services, sheriff patrol	66.34
Platte Valley Communications, computer repairs	65.25
Presto-X, monthly services	46.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	221.27
Region III Administration, county match	296.52
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	22.84
Snider, Cara, reimbursement	91.71
Standard Appraisal Services, Inc., 6 year review expense	38,800.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	277.88
State Probation Dist #8, county share of probation	223.98
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	18,699.75
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	108.44
We Mart, sheriff fuel	248.22
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	32.15
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	114.65
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$21,393.33
AB Recovery, garnishment	438.73
Ag Spray Equipment, sprayer repair	99.63
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,097.23
Appera, services	26.99
AWS Well Company-Ord, well repairs at shop	212.89
Blue Tarp Financial, tools	458.71
Country Partners, rock backhaul	1,265.41
Delta Dental, insurance	140.10
DMC Wear Parts, Inc, repairs/blades	1,500.30
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	34,931.41
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,016.86
J & J Sanitation, services	99.87
Kayton International-Albion, repairs	2,938.94
Kirkham Michael, reset corners	1,749.73
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	165.48
Martin Marietta Materials, gravel	2,483.52
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	772.17
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter fuel tax	1,433.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	12.90
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	24.53
NIRMA, insurance	16,310.00
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	9,698.64
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	105.88
Payne, Gail, insurance	500.00
Powerplan, repairs,	3,674.97
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Saint Francis Medical Center, CDL Drug testing	42.90
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	6,685.25



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Shotkoski Enterprises, hauling gravel	10,848.58
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	208.15
Thramer, Joe, tree cutting	4,200.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	11,462.12
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	9,802.04
We Mart, road fuel	245.56
Williamson, Riley, insurance	500.00

Hoerle made a motion to provide a 40ft culvert for Ben Hupp and Greg Bartak to install within the first ¼ mile west of 508<sup>th</sup> Ave on 844<sup>th</sup> Rd., seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Alex Hoepker, on behalf of The Windmill, asked the board to approve his application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair on July 31 through August 2, 2020, from 1 pm to 1 am each day. Heinz made a motion to approve the SDL, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Brad and Adoria Plugge met with the board to see if the County would be willing to sell its share of the vacated street located just East of the Courthouse Square and adjacent to their home as they would like to make improvements to the their house and would like the extra property. Hoerle made a motion to hold a public hearing on July 29, 2020 to hear public testimony on the proposed sale, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a contract from Standard Appraisal to perform the county's required 6 year review of rural improvements. Pokorny made a motion to approve the contract with the first half being paid in the 2019/2020 budget and the remaining balance when the work is completed, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

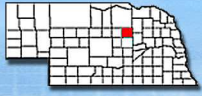
Pokorny made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the Match Request from the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services request for budget year 2020/2021, which reflected a decrease from the previous year. Pokorny made a motion to accept the request for \$2,065.49, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20200601 was presented to participate in the Region 26 Council and authorizing the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement. Pokorny made the motion to approve Resolution 20200601 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to approve the updated plans and specifications for 509 Ave. road improvement, between 844 Rd. and 845 Rd as presented by the engineer, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Cara Snider as NEMA representative, and authorized Snider to sign any necessary paperwork for NEMA, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.



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Weed Superintendent Reiter gave a report that he had been spraying leafy spurge as well as thistles. The board requested a map of the areas that have been sprayed to be included in future reports. No action taken.

Connie Plugge, on behalf of the Garden Park, visited with the board in regards to a cottonwood tree that is rotting from the inside out and needing to be cut down. Loup Valley Rural Public Power District said they would trim the branches but the Garden Park requested the county personnel help finish cutting down the tree and haul it away this Fall. Road foreman Reed stated that it would be possible if the village would allow the tree remnants to be deposited in the village tree dump.

Snider presented the 3 Year Property Valuation Assessment plan for the board to review. No action taken.

Resolution 20200602 was presented for a Permanent Temporary Road Closure for 832<sup>nd</sup> Rd. near Wagonhammer West Ranch, due to the 2019 Flood. Hoerle made a motion to adopt Resolution 20200602 for a Permanent Temporary Road Closure in that location and to place signs, road blocks, and locked gates at each end, with a written release and acknowledgement required for access, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Rasmussen Surveying completed the survey of 839<sup>th</sup> Rd between 493<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 494<sup>th</sup> Ave. to determine the legal boundaries of the existing road. Pokorny reported that he and Bos had reached an agreement that Bos would supply the materials and Cody Havel would be hired by the County to replace the west ¼ mile of fence that lies between 493<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 494<sup>th</sup> Ave on the property line. No action taken.

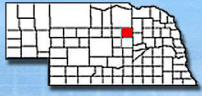
Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20200603 to transfer \$100,000 from Inheritance Fund to General Fund to be repaid when the monies are available. Hoerle made a motion to approve Resolution 20200603, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann also presented Resolution 20200604, Fiscal Year End Non reimbursement. As there are still a lot of delinquent taxes left to be collected, and the County is unable to transfer the monies back from the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund for the 2019/2020 year. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20200604, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Sample Underground and Driveway Permit forms that are used in Antelope County were reviewed for content for Wheeler County future use. The board requested Mr. McNally draft forms appropriate for Wheeler County to be presented for possible adoption at the July meeting. No action taken.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to Thunderhead Wind County Road Use Agreement, and to authorize Chairman Hoerle to sign any necessary documents related to the Road Use Agreement, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle.  
Hwy Supt.

Meyer presented the Road study that had been conducted on 836<sup>th</sup> Rd in the regards to the request for abandoning or vacating section lines/open roads between Sections 12 and 13, Township 23, Range 10, and also between Section 13, Township 23, Range 10 and Section 18, Township 23, Range 9. Meyer will update his report based upon updated location maps and would meet with Havel and Road Foreman Reed after the meeting. Notice of the proposed vacation of the roads and a Resolution would have to be passed at the next board meeting before anything else can happen. No action taken.



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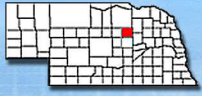
Replacement of the sidewalk and entry on the South side of the courthouse was discussed. Snider will contact a contractor to get an estimate of cost.

Snider will contact Sundown Electric to see about placing a light on the South side of the Courthouse and to report back at the next meeting.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

There will be a Board of Equalization meeting on Tuesday June 6, 2020 at 8 am to hear property tax protests. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 29, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
July 6, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in Board of Equalization session on this date at 8:00 AM, to discuss Protest Hearings. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay.

Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Snider had presented the board with protest hearings on land valuations. The board had reviewed protest 2020-01, no one was present. The board had reviewed the evidence that was presented with the protest.

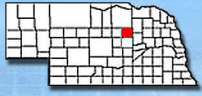
Snider presented protest 2020-02, 2020-03, and 2020-04; Ed Kruml and Clint Kruml were present to present evidence on their valuations. After discussion Pokorny made a motion to table making a decision until July 23, 2020 to evaluate the evidence that was presented, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz.

Jerome Thunker visited with the board in regards to protest 2020-05. After the discussion of the protest Pokorny had a motion to the protest under advisement and tabled the decision until July 23, 2020, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

There will be Board of Equalization meeting on Thursday June 23, at 8 am to make decisions on protests. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 29, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
July 23, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in Board of Equalization session on this date at 8:00 AM, to discuss Protest Hearings. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Deputy County Attorney Jim McNally, Sheriff Lindsay.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The board had reviewed protest No. 2020-01, no one was present to support the protest. Pokorny made a motion to deny the protest for lack of evidence, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

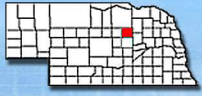
Snider presented protests No 2020-02, 2020-03, and 2020-04. The protestant had previously presented documentary evidence which the Board considered. On consideration Pokorny made a motion to add a subclass for these three parcels and reduce the values to \$700 an acre for 2020 pending the creation of Subclasses as requested by the protestant. When subclasses are implemented in 2021, the property will be assessed at the median of the current sales study, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Pokorny, and Hoerle. Abstaining Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed protest No 2020-05, no evidence was presented to support the protest. Pokorny made a motion to deny the protest due to lack of evidence presented, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 8:35 am.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 29, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
August 26, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner’s met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner’s Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Road Foreman Reed and Weed Superintendent Reiter were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

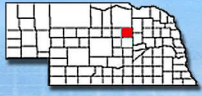
Heinz made a motion to approve the July 29, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the August 2020 claims, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## General Fund

### Payroll

Commissioner, salary	\$806.25
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Clerk, salary	3,767.66
Deputy Clerk, salary	2,825.75
Treasurer, salary	3,420.54
Deputy Treasurer, salary	1,268.75
Janitorial, salary	242.13
Sheriff, salary	4,064.00
Deputy Sheriff, salary	3,655.49
Sheriff Clerical, salary	1,147.00
County Attorney, salary	2,878.66
Zoning Administrator, salary	200.00
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	128.80
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,057.62
Appera, services	68.00
Asche, Tom, zoning meeting mileage	18.40
Bartlett Post Office, postage	220.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	161.35
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	263.55
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,512.21
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Galls, LLC, supplies	981.76
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	616.67
J & J Sanitation, services	161.56
Lemburg, Curtis, zoning meeting mileage	33.35
Loup Valley’s Rural Public Power District, services	443.26
Mahony, Patrick, zoning meeting mileage	19.55



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McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Miller, Adam, zoning meeting mileage	17.25
Miller, Dean, zoning meeting mileage	20.70
MIPS, Inc, program	1,178.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	270.66
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	309.60
Nebraska Association of County Officials, assessor workshop	125.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	738.50
NetCom, Inc., sheriff patrol unit computer setup	1,020.00
Niemeyer, Jean, zoning meeting mileage	16.10
Nordhues Family, services	625.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	491.14
Office Net, supplies	35.61
Platte Valley Communications, computer repairs	533.10
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	76.70
Schrunk, Ellis, zoning meeting mileage	21.85
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	49.19
Snider, Cara, reimbursement	167.72
United Fire & Casualty Company, museum fire policy	5,228.00
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	14,663.10
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	232.44
Wada's Inc, ac repair	435.68
We Mart, sheriff fuel	173.71
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	110.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	
Highway Superintendent, salary	\$833.33
Road Foreman, salary	3,660.42
Road Employee, salary	2,796.54
Road Employee, salary	2,972.03
Road Employee, salary	2,752.73
Road Employee, salary	2,965.84
Road Employee, salary	3,077.02
Road Employee, salary	2,385.06
Road Employee, salary	2,895.60
Road Employee, salary	2,892.86
Weed Superintendent, salary	100.00
AB Recovery, garnishment	425.19
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Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
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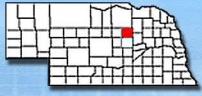


Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,874.01
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	10.64
Hooker Brothers Sand & Gravel, Inc, gravel	3,347.84
J & J Sanitation, services	199.74
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	178.82
Martin Marietta Materials, gravel	2,080.92
Medical Enterprises, Inc, drug testing	35.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	754.32
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	4,622.31
Nebraska Truck Center, INC, repairs	69.41
Newman Traffic Signs, signs	2,847.68
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	9,731.76
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	107.23
O'Neill Auto Supply, INC, repairs	38.95
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Powerplan, repairs,	4,601.35
Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC, survey section	877.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Reiter, Doug, meeting mileage	126.50
Ryan's Truck and Tractor Repairs, repairs	31.76
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	4,979.28
Shotkoski Enterprises, hauling gravel	6,975.22
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	269.64
Twin Rivers Urgent Care, drug testing	20.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	9,747.51
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	12,316.90
Van Diest Supply Co, chemicals	1,339.14
We Mart, road fuel	582.14
Williamson, Riley, insurance	500.00
WPCI, drug testing	28.25

Weed Superintendent Reiter gave a monthly update. He has been spraying cattails and contacted the company supplying the spray as it's not been effective. He reported the company will be back out in 3 or 4 weeks to review the issue. The question was brought up about the protocol for landowners who are not spraying noxious weeds on their land. The landowners will receive a letter to inform them that they need to take care of the problem and if they do not address the issue then legal action will be taken. No action taken.

Jerry Koinzan inquired about the road maintenance of the 1<sup>st</sup> mile south of Highway 70 on 508<sup>th</sup> Ave. Reed had stated the county is not responsible for maintenance as the road is in the Road Use Agreement with Invenergy and they are to maintain the road. No action taken.

Hoerle opened the public hearing to consider changing the Zoning Property Classification from Agricultural to Residential for a .242 acre parcel located in NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 21 Range 12 by Lake Ericson at 8:20 a.m. Michele Wells, on behalf of Cabin Realty, took the floor to explain the requested change of property classification. The current land owner bought the "ag" property as a leech field and it's now up for sale and the potential buyer is unable to purchase this property if there are 2 different zoning classifications. Wells stated that the potential buyer has no intentions of changing or adding to the property as they are just wanting the classification changed so they are able to proceed with their loan. The Zoning Board recommended the County Board approve the change. Heinz made a motion to



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close the public hearing at 8:25 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz had made a motion to approve changing the zoning classification as presented, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Because of an error on the legal description for sale of the County property, the item was tabled until notice can be republished. Bids will need to be resubmitted and will be opened at the September 30 meeting. No action taken.

Pokorny gave a brief update on the section of road north of Donnie Kahl's. Bygland Dirt Contracting had verbally stated to Pokorny that it would be between \$500 to \$1,000 to fix the few holes. Pokorny made a motion to allow Bygland Dirt Contracting to proceed with the agreed upon road work once they get the main section of road completed, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20200803 was presented to set the public hearing date for September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am on the request for abandoning or vacating section lines/open roads between Sections 12 and 13, Township 23 Range 10, and also between Section 13 Township 23 Range 10 and Section 18, Township 23, Range 9. Motion by Pokorny, second by Hoerle to approve Resolution 20200803. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made motion to approve the Underground and Driveway Permits that were presented at the last meeting and setting a \$50 fee for such permit, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented all county official inventories for the board to review. No action taken.

Hoerle made a motion to offer Legal Shield Business Solution and Identity Theft Plan to any employee that would like to have the product at their cost, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The preliminary budget paperwork was provided for the board to review before the Special Meeting that will be held on September 2 at 8 am. No action taken.

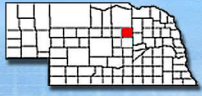
Hoerle made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Executive session was exited at 10:15 a.m.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday September 2, at 8 am. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday September 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
September 2, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

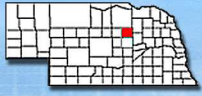
Heinz made a motion to approve the August 26, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Chuck Abel was present to explain the options for the 2020-2021 budget. Options discussed to address the budget shortfall were either to do nothing, increase the levy, and/or possibly issue bonds to cover the expenses. The shortfall is largely the result of the 2019 flood and the extra costs associated with road repair that are thus far unreimbursed from FEMA/NEMA. Reed also asked Abel to increase his portion of the budget as they will have to look into upgrading a road grader this year.

With no other business coming before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday September 15, 2020 at 8 am for the budget hearing. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday September 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
September 30, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Road Foreman Reed and Weed Superintendent Reiter were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the September 15, 2020 budget hearing minutes, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the August 2020 claims, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll,	\$20,579.91
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, insurance	128.80
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,142.85
Appera, service	106.40
Tom Asche, zoning mtg mileage	18.40
Bartlett Post Office, postage	375.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	519.27
Centec Cast Metal Products, veteran grave markers	366.99
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, AS400 fees	252.32
Delta Dental, insurance	263.55
David Durre, zoning mtg mileage	25.30
Deb Eschliman, zoning mtg mileage	8.05
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,701.06
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Gall's, LLC, supplies	101.83
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	491.67
Curtis Lemberg, zoning mtg mileage	33.35
Adrian Lindsay, reimbursement	69.62
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	439.37
Patrick Mahoney, zoning mtg mileage	19.55
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Roberts Meschke, reimbursement	10.37
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rental	60.00
Adam Miller, zoning mtg mileage	17.25
Dean Miller, zoning mtg mileage	20.70
MIPS Inc., support	1,178.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	196.90
Mutual of Omaha, insurance	331.80
Nebraska County Assessor Association, dues	50.00



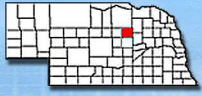
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Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	762.24
Netcom, Inc., repairs	170.00
New Victorian Inn, meeting lodging	119.98
Jean Niemeyer, zoning mtg mileage	16.10
Nordhues Family, mowing	630.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	499.92
Office Net, supplies	71.91
Platte Valley Communications, repairs	46.11
Dean Pokorny, zoning mtg mileage	8.05
Presto-X, service	48.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	37.18
Region 26 Council, support	8,546.73
Donna Sears, supplies	17.14
Ellis Schrunk, zoning mtg mileage	21.85
Severson, Lammers, & Abel, CPA, service	1,300.00
Cara Sniders, mtg expense	233.95
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	181.47
Ken Stenka, mtg expenses	216.74
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	17,938.86
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.12
We Mart, sheriff fuel	244.14

## ROAD FUND

Payroll,	\$26,025.61
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	526.09
Ace Irrigation, culverts	1,413.76
Akrs Equipment, repairs	46.72
Ameritas Life Insurance Plan, insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,896.14
Appera, service	26.99
Bomgaars Supply, Inc., supplies	96.08
Bygland Dirt Contracting, road repair	19,821.75
Country Partners, chemicals/rock	2,181.52
Delta Dental, insurance	140.10
Dobesh Land Leveling, LLC, crushed concrete	7,613.33
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	16,853.80
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,836.81
Hooker Brothers Sand & Gravel, gravel	3,852.16
Hubel Welding, supplies	567.31
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	405.74
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	800.31
Medical Enterprises, Inc., CDL drug testing	35.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,139.30
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue-motor fuels division, quarterly fuel tax	1,223.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	564.77
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc., repairs	582.22
Nebraska Weed Control Association, mtg registration	120.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	107.23
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00



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Peoples Service, repairs	1,184.00
Powerplan, repairs	5,412.42
Ramada Inn-Kearney, mtg lodging	156.00
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Ryan's Truck & Tractor Repair, repairs	174.96
Sapp Brothers Petroleum, diesel	7,428.84
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel	13,415.20
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	285.96
Ulrich Gravel, gravel	13,514.02
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	12,316.90
Van Diest Supply, Co., chemicals	255.15
We Mart, diesel	438.31
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00

Weed Superintendent Reiter gave a brief report for the month. The thistle issue in the northern part of the county has been resolved. He also inquired about renaming a road and that will be discussed at the October meeting.

Road Foreman Reed reported that the county is patching holes as the farmers are in full swing harvesting beans. He has contacted Sinclair about the possibility of getting some red mud and placing that on the Wagonhammer Road out west going to the Wagonhammer West Ranch along with the back way to get to Herd Co.

Hoerle opened the Public Hearing at 8:30 to take public comments on vacating section lines/open roads between Sections 12 and 13, Township 23, Range 10, and also between Section 13, Township 23, Range 10 and Section 18, Township 23, Range 9. With there being no public comments against the closing, Heinz made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:33, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution # 20200903 to vacate the public roads between Sections 12 and 13, Township 23, Range 10, and also between Section 13, Township 23, Range 10 and Section 18, Township 23, Range 9, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

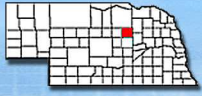
A single bid was received and opened from Helen Plugge for \$200 for the sale of property legally described as: the North 88 feet of the West 1/2 of vacated Second Street, between Main Street and Commercial Street, Village of Bartlett, Wheeler County, Nebraska. Heinz made a motion to accept the bid as presented with the stipulation that The Plugge's are to have the lot lines located and marked, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to approve Resolution # 20200904 to sell the North 88 feet of the West 1/2 of vacated Second Street, between Main Street and Commercial Street, Village of Bartlett, Wheeler County, Nebraska, to Helen Plugge for \$200, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

A Public Hearing date for the potential changes to Zoning Regulations has been set for October 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Wheeler Central Gymnasium.

Treasurer Seamann visited with the board to update that there are no tax sales that will be taken as all taxes for 2018 have been paid, and also presented a delinquent tax Annual Report.

Snider presented an Underground permit for Travis Heinz. The board reviewed the permit and a motion was made by Pokorny to accept the permit as presented, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, with Heinz abstaining. Voting nay: none. Motion passed 2-0, with 1 abstaining.



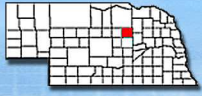
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Reed presented a state bid for the purchase of a new Motor Grader. The bids that were presented were from NMC Cat and John Deere. Motion by Pokorny, second by Heinz to accept the state bid from NMC Cat for a Model 140 Motor Grader for the purchase price \$237,856.00 with trade in. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday October 28, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
October 28, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Road Foreman Reed and Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the September 30, 2020, monthly meeting minutes, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the September 2020 claims, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

Resolution 20201001 was presented which designates the road located ½ west of 508<sup>th</sup> Ave between 834<sup>th</sup> & 835<sup>th</sup> Rd (located in section 34 Township 23 Range 9, leading to Dwyer's House) being named "Cattle Drive". Pokorny made the motion to accept Resolution 20201001 as presented, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20201002 was presented to reopen the portion of Wagonhammer West Road, also known as 489th Ave, between 835<sup>th</sup> and 836<sup>th</sup> RD, which was closed in June for flooding damage by Resolution 20200601. Heinz made a motion to accept Resolution 20201002 to reopen the road, seconded by Hoerle. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on extending the moratorium on Conditional Use Permit applications which expires on November 1, 2020. Hoerle made a motion to extend the current moratorium on Conditional Use Permit applications until December 31, 2020, to allow additional time to review and possibly adopt the proposed changes to the zoning regulations, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The board requested Mr. McNally and Snider to research the different bond companies and to invite them to the November meeting to provide an overview of their services, costs and options for bonds to offset flood expenses until they're reimbursed by the government.

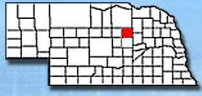
Brant Pavel met with the board to promote Auction Time as a way to sell excess property. No action taken.

Hoerle made a motion to accept the Sheriff's quarterly report as presented, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to accept the Veteran's Service quarterly report as presented, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve and authorize the chairman and the clerk to sign the necessary documents needed to apply for the USDA Rural Development Grant, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept and renew the 3 year contract with NIRMA, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.



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The proposal to enter into an agreement for CDL drug testing was tabled other options can be considered.

The Public Hearing to consider the 1 & 6 year highway plan was opened at 8:35 AM. Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer explained the 1 & 6 year plan and the projects planned for next year. The hearing was closed at 8:45 AM and Resolution 20201006 was presented to adopt the plan. Hoerle made a motion to accept Resolution 20201006, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann reported that Distress Warrants for unpaid personal property taxes would be given to the Sheriff to be served on October 30, 2020 if they remained unpaid.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20201007 to transfer \$150,000 from Inheritance to General Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201007, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

At 9:06 am Chairman Hoerle recessed the regular board meeting and opened the Board of Equalization meeting.

Heinz made a motion to table the omitted personal property that was presented by Snider until the November meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting nay: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting aye: none.

After discussion Pokorny made a motion to reconsider the motion in tabling the omitted personal property and to approve the omitted personal property so that it would be on the current tax roll, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Hoerle adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:14 am and reconvened the regular board meeting.

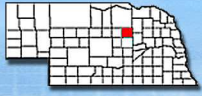
Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 9:20 to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board exited executive session at 10:32 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday November 25, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
October 28, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioner's met in special session on this date at 7:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the South Wall of the Gymnasium by the door by the cafeteria and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally and Sheriff's Deputy King were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 PM to take public comment on the recommended changes to the zoning ordinance by the Planning Commission.

Suggestions brought before the board by the public were to change the setback from a 1.1 times the total tower height (structure plus the vertical blade length) from a "dwelling" to 1.1 times the total tower height from a "property line". Another suggestion was to have the setbacks 1 ½ mile from a property line in addition to from a dwelling.

Heinz made a motion at 7:58 PM to close the public hearing, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

After discussion, Pokorny made a motion to prohibit any "Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems" and repeal the sections in Chapter 16 of the current zoning regulations that permit and regulate them, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle and Heinz. Voting nay: none. Small Wind Energy Systems are not affected and remain permitted.

Since Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems were prohibited by the previous vote, it was unnecessary to discuss clustering issues, road use agreements or other wind tower setbacks as listed on the Agenda.

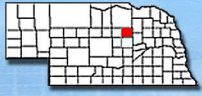
Heinz made a motion to implement a late fee for failing to obtain a building permit prior to commencement of construction with an amount to be set at a later date, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to establish roadway and right-of-way setbacks for structures or other obstructions of 50 feet from the right-of-way plus 33 feet from the center of the road for a total of 83 feet; and for road intersections, establishing that at all roadway intersections, trees, grain bins, buildings or other structures or obstructions shall not be located within the triangular area formed by the intersecting right-of-way lines and a line connecting points on said right-of-way lines which are 70 feet 8 inches from the intersection of said right-of-way lines, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

With there being no other business to come before the board Chairman Hoerle adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday November 25, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
November 25, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve both the October 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the October 28, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the November 2020 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll,	\$19,921.77
Election Workers pay	1,061.97
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	164.32
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,073.07
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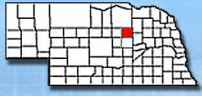
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Verizon Wireless, service	162.14
We Mart, sheriff fuel	169.16
ROAD FUND	
Payroll,	\$ 21,017.55
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	416.48
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts	5,322.20
AKS Equipment, repairs	701.80
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,088.64
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Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.42
Office Net, supplies	71.97
Gail Payne, insurance stipend/mileage	586.25
Peoples Service, tires	928.95
Powerplan, repairs	1,394.26
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc., diesel	7,228.05
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel trucking	4,740.68
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	43.00
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Ulrich Gravel Inc., gravel	5,911.37
United Healthcare Insurance Co., insurance	12,316.90
We Mart, fuel	394.59
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00

Patrick Mahony visited with the board to request replacing an existing irrigation pipe with a culvert in his driveway approach. Pokorny made a motion to approve the replacement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

David Owenby was present to update the board on the nearly completed Thunderhead project and to answer questions about the recently submitted Notice of Completion of Road Maintenance, which is the first requirement of turning the



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road maintenance back over to the County. Reed stated that he and the Highway Superintendent Meyer would inspect the roads for possible issues and report back to the board at the regular December meeting.

Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering met with the board to present information about his firm providing engineering services to the county. The board requested Harter to attend the December meeting with a proposal for them to review.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201101, for the annual certification of roads to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201102 for the roads Annual Certification Program Compliance, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff Lindsay informed the board that the Christmas decorations for the Courthouse this year were all donated by Nancy and himself and that they also donated \$100 to the county for the expense of the lights.

Snider presented a letter from Diversified Drug Testing, LLC and WPCI about CDL drug testing services. The board tabled this topic until the December meeting, hoping that Nesbitt would be able to attend and visit with the board about his program.

Mr. McNally stated that he had reached out to a couple bond companies and had not heard back from them. The board tabled the matter until December.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:39 am to discuss contract issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The board exited executive session at 9:02 am.

Treasurer Seamann reported that 4 of the Distress Warrants issued had been taken care of.

Jerry Smith visited with the board about gravel being pushed along the sides of the road and instead of on the roads. Reed stated that he would have an employee retrieve the gravel from the sides of the road.

McNally updated the board on it's the decision to prohibit Commercial/Utility grade wind energy conversion systems at the special October meeting. Because a complete restriction is unconstitutional, he advised the board that they will have to rescind their earlier vote to prohibit commercial wind towers and consider whether to amend, adopt or leave the recommendations of the Planning Commission as is. Pokorny made a motion to rescind his motion from the October 28, 2020 special meeting "to prohibit any Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and repeal the sections in Chapter 16 of the current zoning regulations that permit and regulate them", seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle.

There will be a special meeting to consider the remaining recommendations of the Planning Commission regarding setbacks from dwellings, property lines, and instituting a clustering rule on December 9, at 8 am.

Discussion was held on changing the December regular meeting date because of the Christmas Holiday. No action taken.

Discussion was held on reducing employee working hours on Christmas Eve. No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Heinz, Hoerle, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

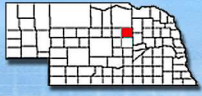
The next special meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 8 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.



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Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
December 9, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in special/telephonic session on this date at 8:00 AM.. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order at 8:25 AM due to technology issues, and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioner's Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider and County Attorney Joe McNally were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve the November 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on the recommendations of the Planning Commission to amend the wind tower setbacks. Pokorny made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a property line and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, for the protection of public health, habitat, waterfowl migration, the potential decrease of neighboring property values and the reduction of noise effects and shadow flicker upon neighboring properties, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to prohibit the clustering of wind turbines by prohibiting another turbine from being within 1,200 feet of another tower and then withdrew the motion. Motion failed.

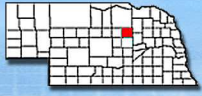
Hoerle made a motion to prohibit the clustering of wind turbines by prohibiting another turbine from being within ½ mile of another turbine, Pokorny seconded. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a dwelling and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, for the protection of public health, habitat, waterfowl migration, the potential decrease of neighboring property values and the reduction of noise effects and shadow flicker upon neighboring properties, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle and Pokorny. Voting nay: Heinz.

With no other business before the board Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
December 30, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Hoerle called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall and made reference to open law literature available for the public. Answering roll call were Commissioners Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

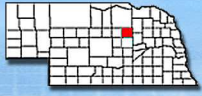
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz made a motion to approve the December 9, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the December 2020 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## General Fund

Payroll	\$19,975.41
Aflac, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, vision insurance	146.56
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,068.00
Appearia, services	74.32
Bartlett Post Office, postage	55.00
Burwell Tribune, publishing	238.42
Cornerstone Bank, deposit box rent	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Delta Dental, dental insurance	315.80
Electronic Systems, fire alarm testing	75.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,529.92
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	458.46
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,247.55
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	264.99
Mutual of Omaha, life insurance	320.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	741.21
Nordhues Family, services	245.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	494.99
Office Net, supplies	72.74
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Pro Printing & Graphics, tobacco license	25.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	15.36
Ramsey Ranch Supply, battery	167.95
Region 26 Council, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter assessment	8,546.73
Reimann's Body Shop, deductible	250.00
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	13.40
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	81.47

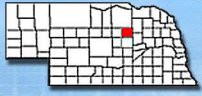


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State Probation Dist #8, share of probation expenses	236.49
United Healthcare Insurance Co, insurance	17,481.35
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.14
We Mart, sheriff fuel	271.60
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	165.00
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, Warrant fees	209.70
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	226.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$25,648.11
AB Recovery, garnishment	508.81
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision insurance	55.36
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,832.80
Appera, services	30.22
Delta Dental, insurance	140.10
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL sign fee	150.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	2,790.49
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,680.34
Funk Construction, culvert work	660.00
Holt County Treasurer, culvert band	26.30
Hubel Welding, supplies	263.05
J & J Sanitation, services	199.74
Jeffres Sand & Gravel, gravel	1,596.86
Kimball Midwest, supplies	280.29
Loup Basin RC & D, weed watch postage	64.56
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	157.72
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,109.75
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter fuel tax	467.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	1,725.74
Nitro Construction, Inc, crushed concrete	12,352.80
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.42
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Saint Francis Medical Center, CDL testing	21.45
SAPP Bros Petroleum, Inc, diesel/oil	4,437.43
Staples Credit Plan, printer/toner	139.99
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, fuel tank storage	120.00
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	292.12
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	940.87
United Healthcare Insurance, insurance	9,409.00
We Mart, road fuel	584.44
Williamson, Riley, insurance	500.00
Wood, Lonnie, insurance	500.00

Reed reported that he and Heinz met with Matt Klabenes earlier in the week to inspect the condition of the roads in order for the board to consider releasing Invenergy from further maintenance for the Thunderhead wind project as specified in the Road Use Agreement. As a result, Resolution 20201201 was presented in order to release most of the roads back to the county, with the exceptions noted on the attached Exhibit A, as well including the requirement of gravel application in



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the Spring. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201201, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to accept the proposal from Oak Creek Engineering, LLC, to be appointed and act as County Engineer and to revisit the contract at the end of the 2021, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Doug Reiter presented a Weed Activity Report and reviewed the report with the board. Heinz made a motion to approve the Activity Report as presented, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Hoerle made a motion to establish a 5 mile setback for a commercial wind turbine from a county road and capping the total tower height at 299 feet, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Hoerle, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201202 to formally adopt the previously approved zoning changes, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to table the discussion of withdrawing from Region 26 and joining Region 24 until a later date, seconded by Heinz. On roll call voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Resolution 20201203 for the Certification of Highway Superintendent for 2020 and 2021 was presented. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20201203, seconded by Hoerle. Voting aye: Pokorny, Hoerle, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve tax correction 2020-1, to correct an omitted value of the parcel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve a 1.3 % of cost of living increase for 2021 to county employees, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Hoerle. Voting nay: none.

The Sheriff Distress Warrant report was presented with no action taken.

Judd Allen, on behalf of NACO, joined the meeting via phone to give the board an update on insurance rates and coverages that the NACO policy offers. No action was taken as the board wanted to wait until the January 7, 2021 meeting to make a decision.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that she would not have to transfer monies this month and could possibly be able to transfer some monies back into the Inheritance Fund.

Treasurer Seamann reported that all Distress Warrants have been satisfied.

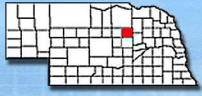
Tom Nesbitt, on behalf of Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, joined the meeting via phone to discuss different options his company offers for CDL drug testing. Hoerle made a motion to enter into an agreement with Diversified Drug Testing LLC, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Board members extended their best wishes and commended Jim Hoerle for his dedication and services to Wheeler County as a County Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM on a motion by Hoerle, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Hoerle, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 11 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Jim Hoerle, Board Chairman



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