

# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
January 7, 2021

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in special session on this date at 11:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Clerk Snider 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 Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. County Attorney Joe McNally and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny nominated Heinz for Chairman, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: Heinz.

Pokorny made a motion to designate The Burwell Tribune as the legal newspaper for Wheeler County, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The boards are as follows: Pokorny serving on the Region 26 and Loup Basin Public Health Board; Heinz serving on the Loup Basin RC & D and Mid-Plains Behavioral Services; and Plugge serving on Mid-Nebraska Individual Services and Region 3.

Treasurer Seamann presented letters from several banks that were interested in serving as County Depository. Heinz made a motion to leave the depositories at Cornerstone Bank and Farmers and Merchants State Bank; to have the Chairman and Clerk signing the "Pay Roll and Vendor" accounts and to have two county signatures on all checking accounts, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

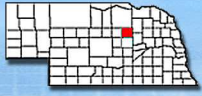
Pokorny made a motion to change health insurance companies to Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska through NACO, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to change the dental and vision insurance to the NACO policy as well, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
February 24, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Heinz, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

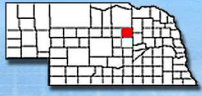
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the February 2021 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$20,040.22
AFLAC, insurance	142.88
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,093.10
Antelope County Sheriff Dept., prisoner keep	135.00
Appera, service	73.02
Applied Connective Technologies, service	62.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	440.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	13,080.56
Centec Cast Metal Products, veterans grave markers	178.94
DAS State Accounting-Central Financing, AS400 fees	223.32
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,556.03
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans service contract	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	853.42
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rent	60.00
MIPS, Inc., computer programs	1,174.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	271.18
NACO Planning & Zoning, dues	40.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	75.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	745.57
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	495.52
Office Net, supplies	128.68
Roy Plugge, Jan & Feb insurance stipend	1,000.00
Presto-X, service	48.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	108.14
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.26
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	172.46
We Mart, sheriff fuel	266.49
Wheeler County Court, court fees	51.00
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., court fees	21.58



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## ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$ 21,579.28
AB Recovery, payroll w/h	417.53
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,177.42
Appeara, service	30.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	156.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	6,482.80
Bomgaars Supply, supplies	192.91
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	14,767.68
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,119.70
J & J Sanitation, service	103.37
Kayton International, Inc., supplies	190.40
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	172.98
Madison Nation Life, insurance	27.10
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	806.92
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	3,806.71
Newman Traffic Signs, sign supplies	557.85
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.99
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tire repair	30.00
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, Inc., diesel/propane	7,350.87
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., supplies	367.35
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	53.77
We Mart, fuel	315.81
Riley Williamson, insurance stipend	500.00
Lonnie Wood, insurance stipend	500.00

## PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

Office Net, document recording supplies	\$ 248.00
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Heinz opened the public hearing at 8:05 am to consider the USDA grant application and possible award for \$50,000 to assist in the purchase of a road grader.

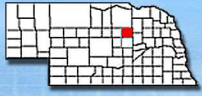
Zac Thramer and Ken Bock visited with the board in regards to the communication with Region 26 as there are some dead spots around Ericson where the radios do not cover. The board decided they would contact Region 26 to see about getting a different antenna; to see about changing the power source at the water tower and possibly moving the repeater that's currently on the water tower to a different location in the Village of Ericson.

Reed updated the board on the current repairs being done to 2 different graders and gravelling some roads weather permitting. The road department is continuing to trim and cut down trees that are in the right of way and continuing to replace and update road signs throughout the county. Reed also stated that gravel pits are starting to get their current price listings out and that he wanted the board approval to start getting contracts for fuel. The board granted him the verbal approval to get bids for fuel.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to open as the Board of Equalization at 8:30 am, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. 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>
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Bartlett United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
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

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

Plugge made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:34 am and to reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to extend the contract with the Veterans Service Office through Holt County, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a contract extension request from Standard Appraisal to extend the 6 year review by an additional year. Heinz made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge.

Heinz made a motion to re-appoint David Durre to the Planning Commission, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

A motion was made by Pokorny and seconded by Heinz, to appoint Judy Havel and Chris Dierks to the Planning Commission. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann met with the board and provided a listing of the tax sales that will be taken on March 1, 2021.

Heinz made a motion to close the USDA Public Hearing, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the USDA Grant of \$50,000 to purchase a newer grader, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

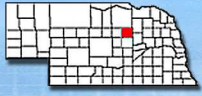
Heinz made a motion at 9:15 am, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none The Board exited executive session at 9:45 AM.

The board met with the road employees to discuss ongoing maintenance issues. No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

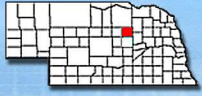
The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



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Bartlett, Nebraska  
March 31, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

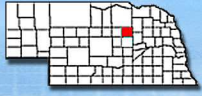
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the March 2021 claims, seconded by Heinz. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Hoerle. Voting nay none.

## General Fund

Payroll	\$20,561.92
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,164.74
Appearra, services	111.36
Applied Connective Technologies, computer	1,806.00
Axon Enterprises, training cartridge	208.72
Bartlett Post Office, postage	110.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, dental insurance	418.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	13,318.16
Burwell Tribune, publishing	1,069.28
Central District County officials, registration fees	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,707.95
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,886.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Howard County Clerk, county share of Judge expenses	630.51
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	899.49
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,380.40
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	346.72
Nebraska Association of County Officials, county directory	20.00
Nebraska Assoc. of County Treasurers, dues/workshop fees	150.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	761.72
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	498.73
Office Net, supplies	19.23
Platte Valley Communications, antenna installation	373.26
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Region 26 Council, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter assessment	8,546.73
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	33.59
Snider, Cara, mileage	154.56

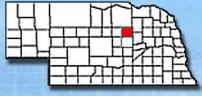


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Staples Credit Plan, supplies	53.07
Stenka, Ken, mileage	99.19
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.26
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	111.38
Wheeler County Sheriff Department, Warrant fees	20.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	116.45
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$23,055.11
AB Recovery, garnishment	509.84
Ag & Industrial Equipment, power washer	6,500.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,436.48
Appearra, services	30.36
Blessing LLC, crushed concrete	20,419.11
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	156.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	6,482.80
Blue Tarp Financial, supplies	467.97
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	63.19
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, CDL sign fee	210.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	2,460.90
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,771.86
Hillbill's Diesel, batteries	639.80
J & J Sanitation, services	106.87
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	184.57
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	961.73
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter fuel tax	240.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	8,796.65
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	49.37
NetCom, Inc, radio	570.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	108.57
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	691.72
Plugge's Rod Shop, batteries,	455.85
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Reiter, Doug, insurance deductible reimbursement	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	6,234.42
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	33,072.76
Spalding Enterprises, help wanted ad	82.50
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	220.99
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77
We Mart, road fuel	573.89
Wood, Lonnie, insurance	500.00

Jerry Koinzan requested a culvert be replaced on a driveway approach on his ranch property and also request the ditches be cleaned out while the county replaces the culvert. Reed stated that the work will be completed in the next couple of weeks.



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Rob Ita, David Rasmussen, and Mike Rasmussen requested an update on upgrading 827 Rd. between 496 Ave. and 487 Ave. so that Rasmussens have an easier access to the chicken farm. The road had been approved to receive the upgrade in 2013 but it wasn't completed. The topic was tabled to research into the matter.

Highway Superintendent Meyer reported the bridge on 502<sup>nd</sup> Ave that lies between 844 Rd. and 845 Rd. needs to be replaced as it failed the last bridge inspection. Meyer suggested having a hydraulic study performed to determine if culverts would be able to replace the current bridge or not and also suggested reducing the weigh limit to 10 tons. The board directed the hydraulic study be performed and to reduce the bridge capacity to 10 tons.

Alma from Region 26 presented the tower reception reports from the Bartlett, Ord, and Greeley towers. Holt-Boyd 911 representatives also visited with the board regarding the potential transfer of dispatch services to their region. This matter was tabled.

Resolution 03012021 was presented regarding the county's opposition to the 30 by 30 land preservation declaration proposal from the Biden administration. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The appointment of a County Surveyor was tabled until the April meeting.

A proposal from Ron Bennett for private contract road work was presented. Reed and Meyer will provide a recommendation for the April meeting.

Treasurer Seamann reported there was only 1 tax sale and that the county would not have to transfer any monies this month.

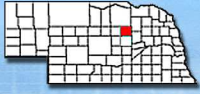
Pokorny made a motion to procure a bond for \$500,000, payable over 5 years, to help offset the expended funds to repair flood damaged roads, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. A representative from the bond company will be present at the April meeting to formalize the bond.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:45 am to discuss potential litigation issues. The board exited at 11:35 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM on a motion by Plugge, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
June 30, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge 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.

Reed stated that he is still waiting for the hydraulic study to be completed on the Schrunk Bridge in order to determine the best option for replacement. Reed will contact the engineer to see if the hydraulic study can be done sooner.

Discussion was held on whether to hire private contractors for road maintenance. No action taken.

Reed stated that the trees along 499<sup>th</sup> Ave have been cut and piled. Reed will look into different options to slope the road going to the Wagonhammer Ranch to prevent the water from washing out the entire road again and would report back at the next meeting.

The board also requested Reed compile a list of surplus property that could be sold and report back at the July meeting.

Weed Superintendent Reiter gave a monthly update on the areas that have been sprayed. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20210601 to transfer money from the inheritance fund to the General Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20210601 to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The County has been approved for the USDA Grant for a road grader. The grant is for \$50,000 and will be available for 2 years.

At 8:30 Heinz made a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization, seconded Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider stated that at this point there have been no protests filed. State law requires the board to meet 2 more times before July 25, 2021, to hear any protests that have been filed. The board set tentative dates of July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am for the next two meetings for Board of Equalization.

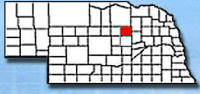
Heinz made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene as Wheeler County Board at 8:35, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board discussed the purpose and use of the county road bond funds was for a budget cushion and hopefully are not needed. Treasurer Seamann will seek the best options for an interest-bearing account to keep the funds in and was asked to report back after options have been decided.

Heinz made a motion to accept the Resignation of Patrick Mahony from the Planning Commission, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board discussed options to replace the Zoning Administrator, including cooperating with a neighboring county for services. No action taken.

Snider presented the 3-year Assessor Plan which the board reviewed.



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Snider presented the match request for Region 3 of \$2,065.49 for the next year. Pokorny made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

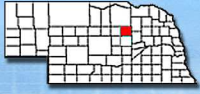
A Special Designated License (SDL) request by The Windmill, for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo to be held at the Fairgrounds, from August 6-8 was considered. Pokorny made a motion to approve The Windmill for the SDL, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

A Special Designated License (SDL) request by Windmill Productions, at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds, on August 28 was considered. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion for approval of June 2021 claims, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

## General Fund

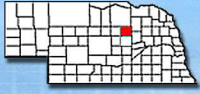
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Applied Connective Technologies, computer	1,717.50
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Bartlett Post Office, postage	165.00
Bloom Repair, LLC, Sheriff patrol repairs	950.71
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, dental insurance	418.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	13,318.16
Central District County officials, registration fees	275.51
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,719.56
Galls, LLC, Sheriff uniforms	147.35
GWorks, annual fees	5,000.00
Hampton Inn-York	325.50
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
KNLV Rado, tax ad	144.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	365.44
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, yearly support	818.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar re-cert	80.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,174.15
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	313.46
Nebraska Association of County Officials, Assessor Workshop	125.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	766.79
NIRMA, insurance	15,243.00
Nordhues Family, lawn mowing	690.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	495.16
Office Net, supplies	21.69
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	48.00
Quill Corp., supplies	605.18



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Ramada Inn-North Platte, Treasurer workshop lodging	178.00
Seamann, Carol, workshop milage	216.16
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	37.36
Snider, Cara, mileage	328.67
Standard Appraisal Services Inc, pick up work	1,648.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	269.58
State Probation Dist #8, county share of probation	455.78
Valley County Hospital, lab work	161.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.28
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	170.48
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	42.40
Wheeler County Court, court cost	50.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	117.95
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$27,443.73
AB Recovery, garnishment	507.16
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,029.40
Appeara, services	30.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental, insurance	156.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	6,482.80
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Country Partners, supplies	1,350.47
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	1,880.48
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	23,033.14
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,634.47
J & J Sanitation, services	99.87
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	174.64
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	4,798.09
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,149.81
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter fuel tax	1,490.00
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	4,261.59
Nebraska Weed Control Associations, workshop	125.00
NetCom, Inc, radio	202.00
NIRMA, liability insurance	17,206.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	107.77
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	4,655.85
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	6,893.12
Ramsey Ranch Supply, supplies	33.44
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Samsara Networks, INC, GPS costs	1,198.44
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	11,207.18
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,168.19
Ulrich Gravel, INC., gravel	6,062.02
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals	836.63
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77



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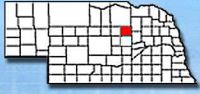


We Mart, road fuel	382.30
Kayton International, Inc, Albion, bobcat rental	2,500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM on a motion by Pokorny, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
July 28, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge 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.

Reed stated that he is still waiting for the hydraulic study to be completed on the Schrunk Bridge to determine the best option for replacement. Oak Creek Engineering is planning on attending the August meeting with the results of the hydraulic study.

Brad and Adoria Plugge visited with the board in regards to the possibility of extending 830<sup>th</sup> Road east of Old Highway 101. Reed was asked to get an estimate of what it would cost to make any type of improvements on the road and report back at the August meeting.

Marilyn Mignery gave a brief update on items that are happening with the Central Economic Development, on the Wheeler County Community Foundation, and the Ericson Day Care. The Central Economic Development had done surveys in the past and the results showed a lack of housing and day care.

Reed compiled a list of surplus property that could be sold. Pokorny made a motion giving Reed authority to list items on Auction Time and to dispose of any other items that will not sell on Auction Time on the list that he provided, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Reiter gave a monthly update on the areas that have been sprayed. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20210701 to transfer money from the inheritance fund to the General Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20210601 to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann also updated the board on the delinquent tax list and went over Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement which will be published in the paper at a later date. A request by Cornerstone Bank to include county funds in a Single Bank Pooled Collateral program was tabled.

Heinz made a motion to close the D.A.R.E Account and move that money to the General Fund, as Sheriff Lindsay is no longer teaching D.A.R.E., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

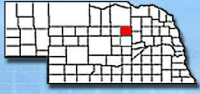
Snider presented the Sheriff's Quarterly report, it was reviewed as presented.

Snider presented the Veteran's Quarterly report, it was reviewed as presented.

Pokorny made a motion to table the Loup Basin's request of 7% increase until the August meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Jerry Koinzan to the Planning Commission and to advertise for the Zoning Administrator position, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The County's budget requests along with the Ag Society and Rural Fire Department preliminary tax asking were presented and reviewed.



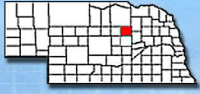
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Heinz made a motion for approval of July 2021 claims, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny.  
Voting nay: none.

## General Fund

Payroll	\$20,111.78
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,100.43
Appear, services	74.32
Bartlett Post Office, postage	354.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	13,736.66
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, services	290.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,561.77
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,908.44
Geoland Management, LLC, subscription	400.00
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Howard County Clerk, quarterly share judge expense	556.07
Johnson, Roger, veterans mileage	15.26
Kaczor, Larry, veterans mileage	8.72
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	395.15
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,210.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	329.98
Nebraska Association of County Officials, Clerk Workshop	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, Clerk/Treasurer registration	300.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	743.21
Nordhues Family, lawn mowing	450.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	498.49
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	50.00
Region 26 Council, 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter assessment	10,074.65
Standard Appraisal, 6 year inspection rural area	38,800.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	57.35
Stenka, Ken, veterans mileage	43.60
Village of Bartlett, water/trash	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	359.77
Wells Plumbing & Heating, Co Inc, ac repairs	295.06
Wheeler County Treasurer, fees/refund/postage	7,051.62
<b>ROAD FUND</b>	
Payroll	\$24,074.21
AB Recovery, garnishment	412.34
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,498.16
Appear, services	30.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	7,460.80
Country Partners, supplies	1,350.47
Dinkel's, tractor rent	2,020.00
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	7,700.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	51,833.25



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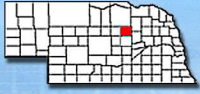


Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,470.48
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	369.86
J & J Sanitation, services	99.87
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rent	2,500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	185.15
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	907.13
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	2,167.60
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	1,381.33
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	106.99
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	4,396.99
Plugge Rod Shop, ac repair	706.94
Ramada-Columbus, weed meeting lodging	190.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,619.52
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	132.98
Ulrich Gravel, INC., gravel	7,746.86
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals	1,527.10
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77
We Mart, road fuel	770.49
Wood, Lonnie, insurance stipend	500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
August 25, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge 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.

Brad and Adoria Plugge visited with the board in regards to the possibility of improving the minimum maintenance road (South of 832<sup>nd</sup> Rd.) that leads to the NW ¼ corner of the E ½ SW ¼, and the W ½ SE ¼ of Section 14 Township 22 Range 11, where they are wanting to place a house. Plugge's were asked to get precise time frame that they are wanting to get a house moved in and to contact the village to see about the requirements of digging a well and then report back to the board.

Dave Sehi met with the board to discuss the possibly of closing the South ½ mile of 509 Avenue, between 843 and 844 Rds. The road was previously fenced out and had brush growing in it until recently when someone shredded the brush which allowed people to start traveling on it. Reed stated that he would have a road study performed and review the past meeting minutes to see if the road was ever closed. He'll report to the commissioners at the regular September meeting on the findings.

Doug Reiter gave a Weed Superintendent report stating that he is spraying trees and thistles when the weather permits.

Rob Ita requested an update on improving and the removal of obstructions on 827<sup>th</sup> Road. The board said that they were going out to verify if the items had been removed and if they haven't Mr. McNally would be in touch with Mr. Hoerle again. The board again stated that at this time, they are not planning on making improvements to the road at this time.

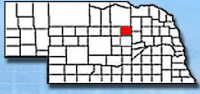
Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering presented 2 options for replacement of the Thunker bridge. The first option was for replacing the bridge with another bridge of the same size for approximately \$185,000. The second option was for removing the bridge and placing 3 culverts in its place for approximately \$121,000. If the county were to remove the current bridge itself, it would save approximately \$40,000. Heinz made a motion approve option 2 with the county providing the labor and equipment to remove the current bridge and to give Delan and Lance the authority to proceed with the design and bid request for option 2, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Sharon Derner visited with the board in regards to repairing the ceiling in the old courthouse museum as the ceiling over the old jail had fallen and needs to be repaired. Derner presented a bid from Gossman Construction to repair the ceiling for \$762.00. The board stated that after the meeting they would go over and check out the damages and would decide in the September meeting.

Chuck Abel presented a preliminary budget. The board set the budget hearing for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am., with an additional special meeting to follow the conclusion of the budget hearing.

Elaine Menzel, NACO representative, gave updates that are happening through NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials).

Pokorny made a motion to reappoint Jesse Plugge and Roger Johnson to the Veteran's Service Board, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.



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Treasurer Seamann reported there were no County Tax Sales to be had. Seamann also asked for permission to inquire about opening a new account for the Bond funds that the county had previously received. The board gave her verbal permission to inquire about opening a new account at Cornerstone.

Heinz made a motion to deny Loup Basin's request of 7% increase, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

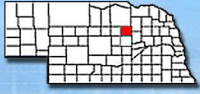
Heinz made a motion approve the inventories from the offices of Wheeler County, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion for approval of August 2021 claims, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

## General Fund

### Payroll

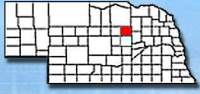
Commissioner, salary	826.25
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Clerk, salary	3,816.64
Clerk Clerical, salary	2,862.48
Treasurer, salary	3,465.01
Treasurer Clerical, salary	1,485.38
Janitor, salary	210.24
Sheriff, salary	4,116.83
Sheriff Deputy, salary	3,702.20
Sheriff Clerical, salary	1,036.20
Attorney, salary	2,916.00
Aflac, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,101.58
Appera, services	43.06
Bartlett Post Office, postage	321.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	13,736.66
Burwell Tribune, publication	350.18
Central District Assessors Association, dues	20.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	223.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,558.06
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	1,908.44
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract/share of probation	491.67
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	369.34
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,210.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	388.96
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	746.21
Nordhues Family, lawn mowing	450.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	501.39
Office Net, supplies	155.57
Peoples Service, sheriff patrol	87.79
Plugge, Roy, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, monthly services	50.00



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Region III Administration, 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter support	516.37
Sears, Donna, reimbursement janitor supplies	20.99
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	95.87
United Fire & Casualty Company, museum fire policy	5,136.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	324.52
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	282.73
Wheeler County Clerk, certified papers	29.85
Wheeler County Clerk, court fees	199.00
Wheeler County Sheriff, court fees	22.88
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	
Highway Superintendent, (part time) salary	833.33
Road Foreman, salary	3,662.58
Road Employee, salary	3,060.98
Road Employee, salary	2,910.44
Road Employee, salary	2,933.60
Road Employee, salary	3,014.74
Road Employee, salary	2,864.12
Road Employee, salary	2,904.42
Road Employee, salary	3,168.16
Road Employee, salary	2,501.28
Road Employee, salary	2,926.57
ARKS Equipment, repairs	11.25
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,462.78
Appeara, services	30.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	7,460.80
Bomgaars Supply Inc, supplies	46.98
Caterpillar Financial Services, motor grader	15,934.59
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, drug testing	210.00
Emme Sand and Gravel, gravel and dirt	31,305.60
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,371.86
J & J Sanitation, services	103.37
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rent	2,500.00
Kimball Midwest, supplies	364.17
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	188.95
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Midwest Service & Sales Co, blades	14,467.13
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	886.23
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	483.00
Nebraska Peterbilt Ford, repairs	262.87
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	109.34
Oak Creek Engineering, bridge study	3,732.20
Payne, Gail, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires,	832.00
Reed, Delan, insurance	500.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	16,166.89
Tetschner, Glenn, insurance	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	308.05



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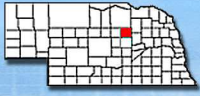
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	53.77
We Mart, road fuel	560.14
Wood, Lonnie, insurance stipend	500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next special meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2021, at 8 a.m. for purposes of conducting a preliminary budget hearing, with an additional special meeting immediately following to adopt the budget. Agendas for both meetings are kept continuously current and on file with the county clerk.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
September 14, 2021

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in special session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Treasurer Seaman and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with Chuck Abel from Lammers, Abel & Kaps, CPA's.

Heinz opened the special meeting at 8:15 am after the adjournment of the special budget meeting.

Resolution 20210901 was presented to increase the restricted funds base by 1%. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20210901, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to adopt the budget as published, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

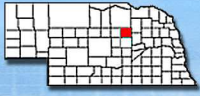
A public hearing was opened at 8:19 am to set the final tax request.

Heinz made a motion to adopt Resolution 20210902 to set the final tax request at \$1,720,483.00, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

With no other business coming before the board, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:23 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Wednesday September 29, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



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Bartlett, Nebraska  
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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Heinz opened the budget hearing at 8:01 am and opened the floor to Chuck Abel as he presented the final budget along with summary sheets from the previous years.

Heinz made a motion to close the budget hearing at 8:15 am, seconded by Pokorny. On roll call by the Clerk voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing and open the special meeting at 8:15 am seconded by 8:15 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

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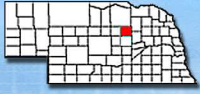
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Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
August 25, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge 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 accept the August minutes with the correction that it was the Schrunk bridge that the Oak Creek Engineer was getting bids for seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Kevin Schrunk and Merlyn Schrunk visited with the board about the county placing a triple culvert in the place of the current wooden bridge. There were 3 bids received on the triple culvert project they were: Ace Irrigation/Ace Eaton Metals \$79,664.24, metal Culverts Inc \$90,283.00, and Midwest Sales and Services \$76,565.49. After a lengthy discussion on the possibility of reconsidering the previous motion. Heinz motioned to table all the current bids that they had received, until they are able to get bids for a bridge replacement, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering thought that they would be able to have a design for a bridge and also have bids by the October meeting.

Fred Buhlman met with the board on behalf of Brad and Adoria Plugge, as Buhlman is selling the Plugge's 4 acres to place a house. Plugge made a motion to provide the Plugge's with an access approach and to allow Heinz to hire a surveyor if deemed necessary to set the section corners, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Rob Ita was in to discuss the 827<sup>th</sup> Road West of Highway 281. At this time the county is not going to do anything to road and are going to leave it at a minimum maintenance road.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that there are no delinquent taxes to report.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Steve Rasmussen as the surveyor for setting section corners for Danny Pelster Section 35 Township 23 Range 9, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

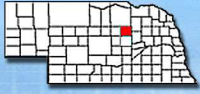
At 9:37 am Chairman Heinz had made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and open in executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Heinz moved to close the executive session and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 11:01 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
October 27, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting, September 30<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the October 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Heinz opened the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan public hearing at 8:05 am.

Diana Hurlburt, a Garfield County Commissioner and Steve Niemeyer, GLW Extension Agent, met with the board to discuss the possibility of using the ARPA money to either build on to the Garfield County Courthouse or building a new office space for a new Extension Office. The board will consider the idea when more specifics are known.

Road foreman Reed updated the board on several culverts needing replacement and that he found auto gates/cattle grids manufactured in Texas that are \$2,300 a gate. The board gave Reed authority to purchase one auto gate to see how it would work before they purchase the rest.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20211002 to transfer money from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20211002 to transfer \$150,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund and transfer the monies back from Road Fund to Inheritance when the funds are available, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Distress Warrant list which will be turned over to the Sheriff on November 1, 2021, unless they are paid beforehand.

Sheriff Lindsay's quarterly report was presented and reviewed.

Pokorny made a motion to appoint Rasmussen Land Surveying as County Surveyor on an as needed basis, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid that Marilyn Mignery and Sharon Derner had presented in the August meeting to repair the ceiling in the basement of the Old Courthouse/museum, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

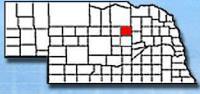
Grader Bids were opened to potentially replace 2 aging graders. Jake Ryba from Murphy Tractor visited with the board about his company's bids for the 2 graders that they had available for sale.

Heinz made a motion at 9:30 am to enter into executive session for contract discussion, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board exited executive session at 9:50 a.m.

Plugge made a motion to accept both bids for the purchase of 2 Deere road graders for a total of \$423,000.00 after the trade in, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz closed the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan at 10:08 am.



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Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20211003 approving the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:34 am to discuss elected officials salaries for the upcoming election, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

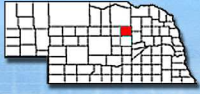
The board exited executive session at 11:15 a.m. The elected officials salary matter was tabled.

## GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$ 19,889.99
AFLAC, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,076.23
Appera, service	75.26
Applied Connective Technologies, support	17.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	13,736.66
Comfort Inn-Kearney, mtg lodging	379.85
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, AS400 fees	223.32
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,508.96
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,908.44
Holiday Inn-Kearney, mtg lodging	239.90
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	491.67
Howard County Clerk, Dist. Court qtrly expense	583.01
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	300.18
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Merrick County Sheriff, court fees	42.60
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., court equipment rent	60.00
MIPS, Inc., computer programs/supplies	1,435.34
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	245.91
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	739.35
Nordhues Family, mowing	360.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	493.64
Office Net, supplies	70.45
Gary Peterson, court appointed attorney	60.00
Roy Plugge, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, service	50.00
Region III Administration, support	516.37
Region 26, support	10,074.65
Carol Seamann, reimbursement	110.76
Donna Sears, supplies	23.32
Cara Snider, mtg mileage	300.20
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	85.18
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	1,250.00
Verizon Wireless, service	162.06
Village of Bartlett, water/sewer/trash	606.99
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	297.47
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	116.00

## ROAD FUND

Payroll,	\$ 23,984.24
AG Spray Equipment, repairs	32.29



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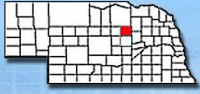
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,441.13
Appeara, service	41.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	9,126.60
Bomgaars Supply, Inc., supplies	214.62
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	20,817.67
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,449.14
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	639.80
J & J Sanitation, garbage pickup	106.87
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	173.56
Madison Nation Life, insurance	17.28
Midwest Service & Sales Co., repairs	584.98
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	885.39
Nebraska Dept. of Transportation, fees	710.89
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	1,542.66
Newman Traffic Signs, signs	4,792.33
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.66
Oak Creek Engineering, project fees	2,760.00
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires	14,213.30
Platinum Truck Service, LLC, repairs	1,508.50
Powerplan, repairs	212.02
Rasmussen Land Surveying LLC, set corners	568.00
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	645.38
Ryan's Truck & Tractor Repair, repairs	980.56
Sapp Petroleum, Inc., diesel	10,231.51
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	81.89
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
The Parts Bin, Inc., repairs	156.52
Ulrich Gravel, Inc., gravel	1,864.96
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	53.77
We Mart, fuel	544.29
Lonnie Wood, insurance stipend	500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a special meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> with County Government Day to follow.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
November 16, 2021

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in Special session on this date at 8:00 AM. Notice of the meeting was published and posted according to law. Chairman Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge 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.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 27, 2021 meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineer opened the two bids that had been received. Midwest Infrastructure for \$253,149.80 and Simon \$269,500.00. The project was estimate at \$196,000.00 provided by Oak Creek Engineer.

Heinz made a motion to reject the bids that were presented and rebid the project for December 16, 2021 special meeting.

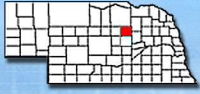
Heinz made a motion to table the Veteran's Aid request until November monthly meeting hoping to get more details on the claim, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

There was no discussion held on the Elected Officials salaries as the board would like to have a Resolution at the November monthly meeting to pass with the salaries they had decided at the previous executive meeting.

With no other business to come before the board Heinz made a motion and seconded by Plugge to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 am. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
November 24, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Road Foreman Reed updated that they are still maintaining the roads and there were few spots that needed to be fixed. Reed also updated that he would like to look into seeing how much is left on the Samsara contract, and possibly switching over the Deere/Caterpillar Link for a GPS system.

Snider presented a right-a-way permit from Great Plains Communication. Great Plains Communications is wanting to burry underground fiber cables leading to the Verizon Wireless tower that was recently purchased by T-Mobile. Heinz made a motion to approve the permit with the following stipulations; that they send a check for \$50 for the filing fees, sending a corrected permit with the correct legal description, along with getting approval of completion from Foreman Reed, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Distress Warrants that were issued, and stated that 2 have been satisfied and that left 1 Distress Warrant that is still unsatisfied.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20211101 to transfer money from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20211101 to transfer \$100,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund and transfer the monies back from Road Fund to Inheritance when the funds are available, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Homestead Exemption Summary Certificate, and it was reviewed.

Snider presented the Resolution 20211102 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, and Resolution 20211103 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20211102 and 20211103 as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

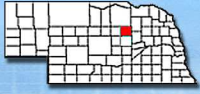
County Attorney Joe McNally presented a Juvenile Diversion Agreement. Pokorny made a motion to accept the Juvenile Diversion Agreement, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to acknowledge the letter submitted by Herb and Sherry Mignery, stating they agree to release all rights of ownership of said sculptures, including future donations tot Wheeler County, Nebraska, Heinz seconded the acknowledgement. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting aye: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Veteran’s Service Office Request for Veteran’s Aide for \$1,274.55, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented Resolution 20211104, with the Elected Officials Salaries for the term of 2023-2026:

County Commissioner	\$15,000.00
County Attorney	50,000.00



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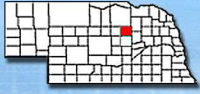
County Clerk	52,000.00
County Treasurer	45,000.00
County Sheriff	52,000.00

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20211104, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz.  
Voting nay: none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman



# Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska  
December 29, 2021

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 Heinz 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 Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff Lindsay, Road Superintendent Meyer, County Engineer Lance Harter and Road Foreman Reed were also present along with members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Lance Harter, County Engineer, opened the two bids that were received to replace the Schrunk Bridge. Bidders were asked to bid a steel girder replacement design and/or precast concrete replacement design. Mid-West Infrastructure submitted two bids with the precast concrete design for \$241,557.61 and the steel girder design for \$261,195.30. Tyson Construction only bid a precast concrete design for \$232,585.60. Pokorny made the motion to accept bid #3 from Tyson Construction for \$232,585.60, with the county removing the old structure and providing traffic control, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Larry Day requested repairs on 495<sup>th</sup> Ave that lies north of 839<sup>th</sup> Road which is classified as minimum maintenance. He requested filling a couple holes near the north end going to Highway 281 and fixing the south entrance as well. The board agreed to the repairs to bring the road back to minimum road standards so that at least a semi would be able to travel that road.

Treasurer Seamann updated the board on the financial reports. After discussion the board felt that no transfers of funds between accounts were needed.

Sheriff Lindsay presented a report stating that all the Distress Warrants have been satisfied.

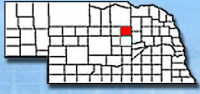
Pokorny made a motion to give the road employees a 5.9% of Cost-of-Living increase for 2022 as set by the US Department of Labor, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to pass Resolution 20211201, amending the elected official's salary resolution passed in November, to include a maximum of 5% annual Cost-Of-Living increase and also to include family health insurance for elected officials, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented an agreement for the Opioid Settlement participation. Pokorny made a motion to participate in the Opioid Settlement, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Mr. McNally presented policy guidelines from NIRMA to clarify when and how county employees who are also volunteer first responders can respond to emergencies while on duty for the county. Plugge made a motion to approve the policy and to amend the policy manual to reflect the changes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

McNally presented a letter from the Department of Energy's Western Area Power Administration, that notified the county that Thunderhead Wind Energy LLC (Thunderhead) has requested to interconnect their existing Thunderhead Wind Energy Center to Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) existing transmission line via Nebraska Public Power District's Holt County Substation. No action was taken on this matter.



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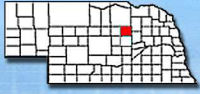
Jerry Koinzan gave the county permission to stack cut down trees upon his property that are taken down in the right of way near his property and he would take responsibility to burn them this winter.

Heinz made a motion at 9:12 am to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The board exited the executive session at 10:07 am.

The following claims were audited and approved.

	General Fund
Payroll,	\$20,078.12
AFLAC, insurance	203.33
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,103.23
Appearra, service	76.61
Applied Connective Technologies, service	167.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	13,736.66
Burwell Tribune, subscription	36.00
Cornerstone Bank-Bartlett, safe box	40.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, AS400 programs	223.32
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,584.63
G-L-W Extension Service, support	1,908.44
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	491.67
KNLV Radio, radio ad	48.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Dist., service	357.16
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, court equipment rent	60.00
MIPS Inc., programs/supplies	1,454.78
MM C Store, sheriff fuel	297.33
Nebraska Association of County Officials, mtg registration	200.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, payroll w/h	748.20
Nebraska Dist. Court Clerks Association, dues	50.00
New Victorian Inn-Kearney, meeting lodging	368.48
Nordhues Family, October/November mowing	360.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	477.19
Office Net, copier	40.06
Peterson Legal Services, court appointed attorney	310.00
Roy Plugge, insurance stipend	500.00
Presto-X, service	50.00
Pro Printing & Graphics, supplies	20.00
Quality Sew & Vac, repairs & new vacuum	970.96
Region 26 Council, support	10,074.65
Carol Seamann, mtg mileage	109.76
Donna Sears, janitor supplies	42.72
Seger Funeral Home, supplies	100.00
Staples Credit Plan, supplies	183.53
Tonniges & Associates, PC, audit	6,669.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	162.06
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	155.37
We Mart, sheriff fuel	169.97
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	9.96



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Wheeler County Sheriff, fees	319.36
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	196.01
	Road Fund
Payroll	\$27,248.56
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,951.29
Appearra, service	31.23
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, insurance	8,526.16
Capital One Trade Credit, supplies	667.99
Dinkel's, tractor rent	5,340.93
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	31,813.03
Farmers & Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,652.87
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	504.30
Loup Basin RC & D, dues	334.44
Loup Valley Rural Public Power Dist., service	163.73
Madison Life Insurance, insurance	17.28
Nebraska Dept of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,117.52
Nebraska Dept of Revenue, Motor fuels, gas tax	1,445.00
Nebraska Peterbilt, repairs	54.75
Netcom, Inc., repairs	246.00
New Victorian Inn-Kearney, mtg lodging	179.97
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., service	106.98
Office Net, supplies	12.99
Gail Payne, insurance stipend	500.00
Peoples Service, tires	6,968.65
Delan Reed, insurance stipend	500.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, diesel	9,717.73
Seamann Trucking, transporting equipment	1,600.00
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, tank permit	120.00
Glenn Tetschner, insurance stipend	500.00
Ulrich Gravel Inc., gravel	5,726.68
VSP Insurance Co., insurance	53.77
We Mart, fuel	344.23
Lonnie Wood, insurance stipend	500.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM on a motion by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman