

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 31, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the January 24, 2024, edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the December 27, 2023 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Doug Pokorny as chairman, the motion died due to lack of second.

Plugge made a motion to appoint Travis Heinz as chairman, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned to designate the Burwell Tribune as the County's Legal Newspaper, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion for each Commissioner to stay on the current boards they are representing, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Connie Plugge visited with the board concerning the lack of communication for the mail route to deliver mail.

Heinz made a motion to accept the underground permit that was presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Reed updated that they have contacted Rick Funk about storing a grader at Novak's red barn. He is waiting to get a time to meet with either Rick or Jeremy about storing the grader there.

There was no action taken for a weed pickup.

Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20240101, putting a weight limit on roads throughout the County, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:25 am to discuss personnel issues. Heinz then withdrew his motion to enter executive session.

The GLW extension report was reviewed.

Plugge made a motion to reappoint Christopher Dierks, David Durre, and Judy Havel for a 3 year term on the zoning board, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to give all County employees a 3.2 % cost of living starting February 2024, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz was nominated to contact Wada's Inc, and Wells Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. to see about getting the HVAC replaced before summer comes, and report back at the next commissioner meeting, and Pokorny was contacting Flenniken's Plumbing and Heating.

There was no action taken on the renovation of the courthouse, waiting on bids.

Sheriff King's quarterly report along with the call log was presented and reviewed.

Sheriff King stressed the importance of contacting 911 or Region 26 for complaints in order to have a better track record of calls and so that the correct officer is dispatched to the issue.

No update on the license plate reader.

Treasurer Seamann presented the Delinquent Tax Sales listing, the tax sale will take place March 4, 2024.

Treasurer Seamann also presented the Semi Annual Report that had been published in the paper.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 9:11 am to discuss personnel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 9:25 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to designate Cornerstone Bank and Farmers and Merchants Bank as depositories, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Annual Weed Report presented by the Weed Superintendent, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 10:13 am to discuss personnel, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:20 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that she couldn't transfer monies back at this time and as the board what they wanted to do for the upcoming month as taxes will be coming in slower, they decided to hold off for the time being.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,580.16
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,028.87
Appeara, services	118.11
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	2,068.54
Bartlett Post Office, postage	272.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,082.21
Centec Cast Metal Products, veterans grave markers	546.22
Central District Assessor Association, dues	25.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	258.56
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract	169.22
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,390.83
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,820.71
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	1,572.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC supplies	173.84
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	125.82
Howard County Clerk, county share district judge expenses	596.68
Levander Funeral Home, Wheeler County pickup	707.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	525.44
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	3,004.78
Menards-Grand Island, ice melt	76.53
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Center, membership	100.00
Mines Press, license holders	228.67
MIPS Inc, services	1,662.03
Morris Press, envelopes	55.79
Motorola Solutions, Inc, radios	15,652.56
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association County Assessors, dues	75.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	945.60
Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, dues	50.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	481.80
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Region III Administration, 3 rd quarter support	518.04
Sears, Donna, supplies	43.60
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/expenses	381.96
Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Wheeler County Pickup	425.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	228.18
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, fuel	16.39
Wheeler County Sheriff, service warrant	37.00
Woepfel, Lorraine, prior service	120.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$32,064.08
AKRS Equipment, fuel pump	1,019.99
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,693.97
Appeara, services	51.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	12,991.23
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	977.84
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	351.46
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	10,258.54
Farewell, Brian, mileage	51.59
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	9,891.35
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	92.33
Funk Construction, LLC, snow removal	2,587.50
Harpster, Terry, prior service	96.00

Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	21.99
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, oil	147.54
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	194.08
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.74
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co, INC, JDlink Cooper	450.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,662.63
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	929.01
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	87.24
Oak Creek Engineering, Ericson South Bridge services	3,200.00
PowerPlan, payloader rent/repairs	9,486.89
Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix, INC, supplies	333.48
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,454.87
Schaeffer Mfg, Company, fuel additive	670.46
Sheldon, Dale, prior service	192.00
Spalding Farm & Home, INC, supplies	82.36
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,839.46
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	7,672.71
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	1,117.54
STOP FUND	
Motorola Solutions, INC, radios	\$6,138.00

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

With no further business Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
Bartlett, Nebraska

Bartlett, Nebraska

February 28, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the February 14, 2024 and February 21, 2024, editions of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Deputy Sheriff McQuillan and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the January 31, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Jerry and Tami Keber requested the board repair a 2 ½ mile stretch of 509th Ave that's currently a minimum maintenance road located between Sections 35 and 36 Township 22 Range 9 and Sections 1 and 2, and 11 and 12 all in Township 21 Range 9. The board would not take any possible action until after a visual inspection.

Daniel McKeon introduced himself and advised that he would be running for State Senator for District #41.

Reed stated that the county has been hauling gravel and April 3rd is the sale date for the excess property on Big Iron. Reed stated that there are still a few culverts that need to be replaced and he will be meeting with Dinkel's to go over tractor leases and will report back to the board when he finds out the options.

Alex Wolf had talked to the commissioners prior to the meeting and requested they repair 506th Ave between Sections 28 and 29 Township 23 Range 9 that's currently a minimum maintenance road. The board would not take any possible action until after a visual inspection.

Pokorny made a motion to appoint Jay Meyer, Class A Superintendent License S-1162, as the employed County Highway Superintendent for calendar year 2024, for the purpose of the Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February 2025, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on the compensation for off-site road maintainer parking. The item was tabled until the March meeting.

Informal proposals were received from Wadas Inc. for \$10,019.54 (for an older model), and \$13,851.74 (a newer more efficient model), and from Wells Plumbing & Heating Co, Inc., for \$24,409.48 for upgrades to the Courthouse HVAC system. Plugge made a motion to accept the bid from Wadas, Inc. for the newer and more efficient air conditioner with the condition it installed by May 1, 2024, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented a bid to have insulation sprayed on the interior roof of the courthouse to help reduce utility costs. The matter was tabled.

No action was taken on the insurance buy-down.

Reed reported that he had gotten two bids on trading in the weed department side by side with both quoting a trade in value of \$4,500. Canam had one for \$19,000 after trade in, and Motor Plex had a Polaris for \$14,344.96 after trade in. The board agreed the current side by side can be used for at least another year and took no action.

Pokorny made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:30 am for the purpose of approval of Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed the Permissive Exemption forms. Pokorny made a motion to approve the following Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

<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
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 adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:35 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20240201 for partial payment of monies that were to be transferred between the Road Fund and the General Fund. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20240201 seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann noted that she had given out the current listing of Public Tax Sales that will take place on March 4, 2024.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,354.88
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,995.95
Appearia, services	112.74
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,135.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Burwell Tribune, notice/ads	356.23
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,414.64
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	258.56
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	667.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,775.67
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	272.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC supplies	179.76
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
K & S Welding & Repair, deputy patrol oil change	96.96
King, Dale, reimbursement	270.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	792.95
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,308.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,363.99
M M C Store, sheriff fuel	196.57
Murdock, Shawn, patrol oil change	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, meeting registration	55.00

Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	936.39
New Victorian Inn & Suites-Kearney, conference lodging	179.97
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	476.18
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding,	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	777.70
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage/expenses	160.80
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	208.66
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, fuel	62.69
Wheeler County Court, court costs	17.00
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., sheriff service	39.00

ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$24,534.08
AKRS Equipment, fuel pump	775.79
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,480.55
Appeara, services	36.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,619.80
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	194.97
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	415.25
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	1,198.82
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	100.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	5,968.18
Equipment Blades, grader blades	11,554.44
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,831.41
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	240.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	1,482.64
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
John Prouty Construction, Inc., hauling payloader	1,200.00
Kimball Midwest, supplies	464.35
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	279.65
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,058.18
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	9,326.68
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	12,232.47
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	88.77
Platinum Truck Services LLC, repairs	11,361.42
PowerPlan, payloader rent/repairs	506.45
Quill Corporation, supplies	99.98
Reed, Delan, trailer reimbursement	10.00
Sandhills Weed Management Area, dues	200.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,384.78
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	10,344.97
Snider, Cara, mileage reimbursement	300.60
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, tan registration	120.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,211.65
TRP of O'Neill, repairs	53.70
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	2,150.10

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

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March 27, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the March 13 and March 20, 2024, editions of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, Deputy Sheriff McQuillan and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Jerry and Tami Keber previously requested the board repair a 2 ½ mile stretch of 509th Ave that's currently a minimum maintenance road. The board inspected the road and took no action as the road is not a candidate for upgrade.

Alex Wolf previously requested the board repair a section of 506th Ave that's currently a minimum maintenance road. The board inspected the road and took no action as the road is not a candidate for upgrade.

Rob Ita met with the board regarding upgrading the west ½ mile of 827th Rd that lies between Welch Ave. and 495th Ave. as the board had accepted bids for the work in 2012. The board advised Ita that they will not be fixing the road as of now.

James Burtwistle advised the board that he is going to build a house in Section 8 Township 24 Range 11 and requested the county build a road to the house site. Reed will get some estimates and report back to the April meeting.

Heinz made a motion to grant the Ingress and Egress Easement for Jamie and Fay Rudolph that crosses the clay pit that Wheeler County owns in Section 7, Township 21, Range 9, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the Underground Electrical Permit for 492nd Ave and 830th Rd, contingent upon the oversight of Reed, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Mike Boden from NACO explained the insurance buy down options that are offered through the NACO Benefits Pool. He stated that the NACO board will be meeting soon to review the insurance policies to determine the new quotes for the upcoming year.

Reed informed the board that the road crew has retrieved the shoulders on 32 miles of road throughout the county. The Tin House Road is the only road that is still closed after the recent March 25th storm. He also reported that there are recalls on 2 of the graders and each grader will take approximately 1 ½ weeks to be performed at no cost to the county. Finally, the excess property will be sold April 3rd on Big Iron.

Reed reported that the 140M Grader has blown the engine in it with approximately 14,000 hours and hasn't had any work done on the engine or the transmission. A reconditioned motor would cost \$81,878.32 and to replace with a Cat remanufactured engine and transmission is \$84,935.81. The board requested Reed have an evaluation done on the machine see what a trade in value would be and to also get quotes for a different grader and report back at the April meeting.

Sheriff King presented an updated Resolution for the License Plate Reader contract since it has been 6 months since the last Resolution was approved. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240301, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King presented a maximum bid from Bill Root Building Repair for the remodel of the Sheriff's Office of \$14,750.00. Plugge made a motion to accept the maximum bid and give Heinz authority to execute any papers that are necessary before the next meeting to get the project started, seconded Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There were 2 bids received for the Courthouse interior roof spray foam insulation. BKE submitted a bid for \$26,568.00 and Superior Foam & Coating submitted a bid for \$18,630.00. After reviewing, the board tabled the bids until the April meeting in order to seek more specifics about both bids.

Heinz made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 9:30 am to approve corrected Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed the corrected Permissive Exemption forms. Pokorny made a motion to approve the following corrected Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge.

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett Cemetery	Religious	Place of Burials
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc.	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

Heinz made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:35 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The Noxious Weed Control Act Plan was received and reviewed. Heinz made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented a currently listing of the Tax Sales and reported that all the taxes were sold.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20240302 to allow a transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240302 seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

General Fund	
Payroll	\$25,719.52
Aflac, insurance	357.04
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,050.43
Appera, services	78.74
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,135.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Burwell Tribune, publication	580.86
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,531.73
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	89.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	74.62
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,842.69
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	64.29
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	429.79
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,308.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,299.34
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	950.58
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Assoc., registration	130.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	521.01
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	154.03
Region 26 Council, quarterly assessments	11,939.56
Seamann, Carol, mileage	255.61
Snider, Cara, mileage	151.42
Standard Appraisal Services, pickup work	12,429.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	359.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	208.66
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Historical Society, support	3,000.00
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letters	45.72
Wheeler County Sheriff, service/warrant fees	43.50
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,362.09
AKRS Equipment, repairs	1,171.92
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,456.79
Appera, services	36.15
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,619.80
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	1,315.30
Capital One Trade Company, winch	274.98
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00
Country Partners, fuel tank	1,351.97
Diamond Lime, lime rock	7,334.64
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	1,198.82

Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	11,166.91
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,778.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Hillbill's Diesel, hose repairs	92.73
IBE LLC, electrical repairs	985.98
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, supplies	173.61
Koenig, Chris, reimbursement	11.96
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	195.28
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Services, tires	1,789.39
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,049.02
Nebraska Department of Revenue, fuel tax	815.00
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	2,706.04
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	99.10
Patzel Construction, crushed concrete	768.00
Powerplan, repairs	2,072.36
Reed, Delan, insurance	40.07
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,452.68
Schaeffer MFG. Company, oil	36.88
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	18,914.83
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, registor	53.70
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,207.28
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46
We Mart, road fuel	2,732.00

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
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April 24, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the April 17, 2024, editions of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, Deputy Sheriff McQuillan and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public Comments were heard. Chad Matthews, on behalf of Herd Co., voiced concerns with the weight limit signs that had been placed on 836th Road going west of Highway 281. Herd Co will try and get the word out to their truckers to encourage the truckers to use the North Entrance.

Travis Sprout visited with the board about the repairs on the ½ mile of 833rd Rd, West of 490th Ave. and it was approved at a previous meeting that the county would repair the road shoulders. Pokorny made a motion to rescind the previous motion to repair such road, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Doug Reiter, Weed Superintendent, reported that he will be starting to spray when signs are showing up of spurge.

There was no update on the upgrade of a maintainer or maintainer storage agreement at this time.

Reed reported he contacted an asphalt repair company from Oklahoma to provide an estimate for repairs on the asphalted portion of 823rd Rd/Pibel Road. Reed was also directed to contact Werner Construction, as they are currently in the area, to get an additional bid for repairs.

Reed had one bid for the grader evaluation and was waiting for the other to determine if it can be repaired or traded off.

The Courthouse ceiling spray foam insulation bids were reviewed, and the board will seek further interested bidders.

Sheriff King presented the Sheriff's quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that there is no need to transfer funds this month as the funds were looking good, and that she would be able to pay back \$150,000 from Road Fund back to General Fund.

There was no action taken on the Central Nebraska Economic Development District board appointment at this time.

Zoning Administrator Brandi Pokorny updated the board on zoning topics. Heinz made a motion to give her the authority to seek proposals for updating the Zoning Comp Plan and Ordinances, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Brandi Pokorny also reported that Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a small solar facility and the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended approval. The board set a public hearing on the application for May 29th at 9:00 am to be followed by board consideration of approval or denial.

Veteran's Service Officer Ken Stenka gave a quarterly report on what his office has been doing. He is going to try and meet with the board quarterly and then be available for services after the meeting.

Alex Hoepker from The Windmill requested a Special Designated License (SDL) for Mike Ellenwood and Teri Jo Perkins wedding at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds on June 22, 2024. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL application, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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Payroll	\$25,646.09
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Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,031.01
Appeara, services	78.74
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,234.29
Bartak Glass, door locks	1,192.56
Bartlett Post Office, postage	492.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,528.37
Blue to Gold, LLC meeting registration,	225.00
Burwell Tribune, publication	5.82
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,310.39
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, power rake lawn	345.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	533.35
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G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,069.98
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Holt County Sheriff, prisoner keep	500.00
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Howard County Clerk, share of Judge expense	613.76
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	410.55
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,308.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,299.34
Murdock, Shawn, patrol unit service	100.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, June workshop	150.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	942.51
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	536.10
Pokorny, Brandi, meeting reimbursement	224.09
Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	507.07
Snider, Cara, mileage	195.64
Standard Appraisal Services, pickup work	2,340.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	408.24
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	179.95
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	204.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,675.05
AKRS Equipment, repairs	138.79
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,504.33
Appeara, services	36.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,619.80
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	15.98
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00

Cooper, Courtney, road signs	200.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	54.82
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	26,940.45
Equipment Blades, blades	2,035.20
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J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	213.26
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Services, tires	648.08
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,068.38
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	2,326.67
Nitro Construction, Inc, crushed concrete	17,203.22
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	90.21
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc, filters	181.97
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	231.35
Powerplan, repairs	944.62
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,954.10
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, repairs	128.01
Spalding Farm & Home, Inc, repairs	5.99
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,091.33
Titan Machinery-North Platte, payloader repairs	5,533.05
TRP Of O'Neill, repairs	227.84
Ulrich Gravel, gravel,	4,085.51
Verizon Wireless, road phone	205.88
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	41.46

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
Bartlett, Nebraska

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 29, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the May 15, 2024 and May 22, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, Deputy Sheriff McQuillan and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comment was heard for items not on the agenda including Zac Thramer and Greg Gehl with concerns and questions about Region 26.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the April 24, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Reiter reported that he has begun spraying for leafy spurge.

Foreman Reed reported that Joe Wadas asked if the county would be willing to grade the roads at Lake Ericson once or twice a year, especially prior to major events being held at the Lake. The board advised Reed an amount they would be agreeable to charge for the county to complete the maintenance since the roads are privately owned and asked him to negotiate the terms. Mr. McNally would prepare an agreement if the Lake Ericson Corporation agreed to the amount and terms which would then need board approval at a later time.

Reed would like to place 3 to 4 culverts along the Cedar River Road leading to Pitzer's to help with the water flow. Birtwistle's requested a couple of culverts at their driveway so that the water would flow better, and Greg Gehl also requested culverts at his place to help with the excess water when it rains as it tends to wash out the road in places. The board instructed Reed to talk to the landowners and come up with a solution.

Jake Ryba, Murphy Tractor & Equipment representative, provided a bid for a grader that they have out for rent that will be coming up for sale. The matter was tabled until the June meeting so Reed could inspect the machine.

At 9:07 am Chairman Heinz opened the Public Hearing to take public comment on the Special Use Permit application that Loup Valley Rural Public Power District submitted for a 6 Acre solar farm. There was no public comment, and Pokorny made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:17 am, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit filed by Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District to install and operate a utility scale solar facility, subject to the conditions and findings of fact as determined by the Planning Commission, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Four bids were presented to the board for the installation of spray foam insulation for the courthouse interior ceiling including BKE Insulators for \$26,568.00, Superior Foam & Coatings for \$18,630.00, 4-Evergreen Insulation, LLC for \$22,032.00, and Murphy Bros, Insulation, LLC for \$22,054.00. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid from Murphy Bros. Insulation for 3 inches of insulation for \$22,054.00, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to appoint Kellee Rasmussen as the Central Nebraska Economic Development District representative, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The board had a video conference with Kristen MacLeod from Flock to better explain and answer questions about the license plate readers. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that there is no need to transfer funds this month, and that she would be able to pay \$150,000 from the Road Fund back to General Fund.

Zoning Administrator Brandi Pokorny stated that Deb Eschliman submitted a letter of resignation at the last zoning meeting. Heinz made a motion to accept the resignation letter seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Mrs. Pokorny stated that she is still working on getting proposals for revising the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations.

Plugge made a motion to appoint Adam Miller as a Zoning Board member and Greg Gehl as an alternate member, seconded by Heinz.

Correspondence from NACO was reviewed that indicated there will be a 3.5% increase on employee health insurance coverage for the upcoming year. No action taken.

Karla Slaymaker from AFLAC updated the board on supplemental health insurance options available and would be available for open enrollment for the new year starting July 1, 2024.

The Wheeler County Agricultural Society Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo was presented. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL application, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the Region 3 Match request, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

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

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
Bartlett, Nebraska

Bartlett, Nebraska

June 26, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the June 19, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Road Foreman Reed, Road Supt. Jay Meyer and Sheriff's Secretary Amy Spencer were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comment was heard for items not on the agenda including Dennis Derner having concerns with Leafy Spurge.

Plugge made a motion to approve the May 29, 2024, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Reiter presented a map of where he had been spraying throughout the county.

Jake Ryba, Murphy Tractor & Equipment representative, provided a bid for a grader that they have out for rent that will be coming up for sale as a new unit. Reed had been able to inspect it and requested a couple minor changes on the machine prior to delivery if purchased. Pokorny made the motion to purchase the Deere machine from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for \$265,084, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding for paid maintenance on the roads at Ericson Lake, seconded Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed suggested declaring the belly dump, the Case backhoe, and the excavator as surplus equipment and selling them on Big Iron. Pokorny made a motion to declare them as excess and authorize Reed to use his discretion to sell the 3 items, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: Heinz.

Heidi Borg from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office provided an update about what Congressman Smith has been working on.

Elaine Menzel gave an update on things that have been happening within NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) and stated that the Opens Meeting Act has been updated by the legislature and that the necessary changes will be outlined on the new posters being sent out in the future.

County Court Clerk Bert Metschke voiced concerns about the schedule of moving the court office. Her office would only be allowed to move during office hours excluding holidays. She was also promised a window in her office and requested it be installed instead of eliminated.

Snider reported that Murphy Brothers were here on June 8th and 9th to install the interior spray foam insulation on the ceiling, and that they are half done. They will be back to finish on July 3rd and 4th and the Courthouse will be closed on July 5th due to safety concerns.

Chuck Abel explained the budget process and money transfers between funds as well as possible changes to the Inheritance Tax collection.

The 3-Year Assessment Plan was reviewed as presented.

Spencer, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, requested sending out post cards and publishing notice in the paper reminding property owners and tenants to refrain from irrigating the roads as well as also the requirement to mow road ditches. The board asked Snider to publish notice and to also send out postcards to all landowners.

Discussion was held about termination of the Region 26 contract. There is a current 5-year agreement started in 2020, and if terminated, notice to do so would need to be given prior to 7/1/24. Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240601 to terminate the agreement with Region 26 with a year's notice. The motion died for lack of a second.

At 9:00 am Chairman Heinz opened the Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Road Supt. Jay Meyer explained what was in the Plan. Reed stated that the Cedar River Road (Pitzer Road) could be removed as it was completed in the fall of 2023, and that 845th Rd between 507th and 508th Ave. needed to be added. With no other discussion Chairman Heinz made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 10:09, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to adopt the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan with the agreed upon modifications, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The County Commissioners convened as the County Board of Equalization at 10:11 a.m. Snider stated there have been 2 protests that had been filed.

Heinz made a motion to set July 10th at 8:00 am to hear property tax protests, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:13 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20240601, to transfer funds from the ARPA account to the General Fund, to pay for the air conditioner unit. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20240601 seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

After the discussion with Chuck Abel, Treasurer Seamann stated that there is no need to transfer funds this month.

Zoning Administrator Brandi Pokorny presented a proposal from Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, which was the only company to provide a bid to update the Planning and Zoning Regulations. Pokorny made a motion to hire Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, to update the regulations and to authorize Zoning Administrator B. Pokorny to determine the scope of work that would be required for the update, seconded Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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Niemeyer, Jean, zoning mileage	9.38
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Presto-X, monthly services	61.02
Quill Corporation, supplies	116.98
Ramada Midtown-Grand Island, treasurer lodging	321.00
Region 26 Council, annual fee	730.00
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	103.19
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	17.18
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Madison Nation Life, insurance	1.73
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Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,954.10
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	5,825.22
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	614.30
Verizon Wireless, road phone	42.86
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30

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

Pokorny made a motion to pay Emme Sand & Gravel, Miller Tire Pros, Nebraska Department of Revenue-Motor Fuel, NIRMA, Sapp Bros, and Ulrich Gravel on July 1, 2024, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The Board of Equalization will meet July 10th for protests. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman
Bartlett, Nebraska

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 10, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met as the Board of Equalization on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the June 26, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider and County Attorney Joe McNally were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin and Lori Hlavac met with the board in reference to Protests 20240601, 20240602, and 20240603. Evidence was presented that the vacated East 20 feet of Van Sickle Road is a ditch which is unusable because of water flow.

Jay Wolf met with the board with Protest 20240604. There was a Certification of Irrigated Acres filed with the Assessors office dated June 14, 2023 which moved 97 acres from Grassland to Irrigated. Testimonial evidence was presented that the property is pasture, the use hasn't changed and that he would cap the well to prevent the use of it.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:45 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to exit executive session at 9:09 am, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to deny Protests 20240601, 20240602, and 20240603 due to lack of relevant evidence presented to modify the assessment and that the value remain as assessed, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to modify the classification of 97 acres in Protest 20240604 into a subclass of Irrigated Grassland, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board of Equalization Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 31, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met as the county board on this date. Legal Notice of the meetings was published in the July 24, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Sheriff King, Treasurer Seamann and County Attorney Joe McNally were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kellee Rasmussen provided an update on the activities of the Central Nebraska Economic Development board during the public comment period.

Wayne Standlea, on behalf of Globe Life, provided information on benefits available to employees for supplemental insurance. The board didn't oppose him talking to any employees who are interested in the benefits.

Heinz made a motion to accept the June minutes with an amendment to reflect the corrected bid from Murphy Brothers for \$21,688 and not \$22,054, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024 Board of Equalization minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter gave an update on the spraying of noxious weeds. There have been a couple of letters sent out to warn patrons about spraying the weeds.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the 12 oversized/overweight permits as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Matthew Bartak contingent upon Reed's approval, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed updated that the grader arrived on Friday and the road department is currently working 845 Rd. between 507th Ave. and 508th Ave. When they are finished there, they will be repairing 495th Ave. located between 825th Rd. and 826th Rd. The road department will start cutting down trees in October and Reed requested input on additional locations that need to be trimmed.

There were no reports on courthouse improvements at this time.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

King reported courthouse renovations are progressing and that the ceiling tiles are starting to bow and need to be replaced. Once bids for the tiles are received and accepted, the plan is to replace all the tiles throughout the courthouse. NIRMA did an inspection on July 30, 2024, and found that since there is no sprinkler system in the courthouse, that would need to be installed at some point.

Treasurer Seamann informed the board that she would be having an opening in her office as her assistant has given her 2 weeks' notice. Seamann will advertise that it will be a full-time job as she has had two employees resign because benefits aren't offered for the part time position.

Seamann presented Resolution 20240701 to transfer \$21,688 from ARPA Fund to the General Fund for the spray foam work on the ceiling. Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20240701, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20240702 to transfer \$150,000 from General to Road, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Samantha Olson was present to request a Special Designated Liquor License for The Stone House Shindig & Buffalo Blowout event that will be held on September 7, 2024, at the Stonehouse. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL request seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the Region 3 Letter of Agreement as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Snider presented the Preliminary Tax asking request from the Wheeler County Rural Fire District and the Wheeler County Ag Society.

Snider presented the budget requests from each office which were reviewed.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:21 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 11:15 am.

Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session at 11:15 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 11:22 am.

General Fund

Payroll	\$25,588.18
Aflac, insurance	342.92
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,072.80
Appeara, services	152.11
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	2,050.59
Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, prisoner medical	16,377.12
Bartak Glass, repairs	245.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,087.58
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	264.39
Comfort Inn-Kearney, clerk workshop lodging	359.85
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies	156.98
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,703.70
Ericson Insurance Agency, museum insurance	5,126.92
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,857.77
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	2,516.36
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, sheriff's uniform	714.99
Hanquist, Andrew, court appointed attorney	913.50
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Howard County Clerk, county share of Dist. Judge expense	613.39
Leads Online, LLC, subscription	2,154.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	324.08
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging System, services	60.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, support	774.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,343.21
Murphy Brothers, LLC, spray foam insulation	21,688.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	945.08
Nordhues Family, services	1,100.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	505.11
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs	29.50
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	1,851.39
Region III Administration, support	1,028.45
Region 26 Council, quarterly assessments	14,616.03
SAW Graphics Embroidery, sheriff uniforms	173.80
Seamann, Carol, mileage	96.22

Smith, Rodney, court appointed attorney,	995.00
Snider, Cara, mileage	434.08
Tom Dinsdale, tires/repairs	1,827.50
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solution, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phones	245.02
Village of Bartlett, services	666.99
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, sheriff fuel	58.53
Wheeler County Sheriff, service/warrant fees	418.40
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	428.08
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$28,181.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,080.57
Appera, services	102.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, supplies	206.01
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	430.00
Dexter Diesel, repairs,	8,382.24
Elan Financial Services, shop repairs	213.99
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	27,761.12
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,335.64
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,419.20
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	3,766.35
Holt County Tire, tire repair	295.90
J & J Sanitation, services	191.74
Kayton International-Albion, supplies	2,500.00
Klabenes Construction, maintenance	6,200.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	195.13
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	596.88
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,360.70
Nebraska Weed Control Associations, fall training	150.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	88.74
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	1,592.66
Quill Corporation, supplies	197.98
Roaches Lumber & Redi-Mix, INC, lumber	357.51
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	8,536.30
Shotkoski Enterprises, gravel hauling	5,391.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	2,469.55
Ulrich Gravel INC, gravel,	49,673.21
Verizon Wireless, services	42.90
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30

Warne Chemical & Equipment Co, sprayer	6,471.00
We Mart, road fuel	215.15
Courthouse Fund	
AC/DC Electric, LLC, wiring	1,194.40

Pokorny motioned to approve claims as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board of Equalization Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

August 28, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met for the regular monthly meeting on this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the August 21, 2024 edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Sheriff King, Treasurer Seamann and County Attorney Joe McNally were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the July 31, 2024, minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

No public comments were made during the public comment period.

Chuck Abel presented and reviewed the proposed budget.

Heinz made a motion to enter executive session at 8:12 am to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 9:12 am.

There was no date set for a Joint Public Hearing for a budget increase as all county entities will be under the statutory limit requiring a hearing.

Weed Superintendent Doug Reiter gave an update on the spraying of noxious weeds. There was one legal notice served to a patron about spraying the weeds.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Tyler and Makayla Reiter, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed reported that the road department has completed work on 845th Rd. between 507th Ave and 508th Ave. He also has spoken with Greg Gehl about the upcoming repairs on 495th Ave between 825th Rd and 826th Rd. Trees will be cut in October and Reed requested input on additional locations that need to be trimmed. The board requested to have Cedar River Road leading to the Pitzer Ranch be graded at least Thursday and Friday during the sale to try and prevent accidents.

There were no reports on courthouse improvements at this time.

There were no reports for Region 26.

Treasurer Seamann requested having a board member signature added to the accounts at Cornerstone Bank as she's the sole signatory at this time. Pokorny made a motion to add Travis Heinz's name to the accounts, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to adopt Resolution 20240801 adopting the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Classification and Standards, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on snow removal and cleaning for the DMV use of the fire hall. Reiter stated the village is responsible for snow removal on days the DMV are scheduled. Seamann recommended Donna Sears be paid to clean the firehall after the Driver Examiners come once a month and the board agreed to include those hours in addition to those for cleaning the courthouse.

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Pokorny made a motion to provide a Letter of Support for the T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program for improvements at Ericson Lake, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The museum insurance inspector report was presented and reviewed. Heinz made a motion to provide only liability insurance on the "Old Courthouse/Museum", seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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County Office inventories were presented. Heinz made a motion to approve the inventories as presented, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept Resolution 20240802 to implement a Zoning Application Moratorium for a term of 3 years for renewable energy applications, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:02 am to discuss courthouse security issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none. The session was exited at 10:54 am.

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Appera, services	40.55
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Deputy Clerk , salary	3,354.00
County Treasurer, salary	3,870.00
Treasurer Clerical, salary	594.75
Janitor, salary	231.18
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ROAD FUND	
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Road Foreman, salary	5,518.49
Road Dept. employee, salary	4,172.36
Road Dept. employee, salary	4,283.65
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Road Dept. employee, salary	4,729.31
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With no further business Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye:
Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, County Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

October 7, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met as the Board of Equalization at 8:00 a.m., this date. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the October 2, 2024, edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, and County Attorney Joe McNally, were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 20241001 was presented to set 2024-2025 levies. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

November 27, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the November 20, 2024, edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no public comments made during the period given to do so.

Plugge made a motion to approve the October 30, 2024 minutes as published, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that they are focusing on the increased maintenance needs on the Herd Co. Road because of construction traffic at the feedlot. He has also been stockpiling gravel and suggested ordering an additional 40 loads of to get ahead for the springtime which the board agreed with.

County Weed Superintendent Reiter reported that there is a plan in place for future instances where there are non-compliant landowners who fail to maintain noxious weeds, including civil penalties and fines, in addition to assessing the costs of remediation.

Jen Epp, GLW Extension Agent, gave brief updates on statistics over the last year of the enrollment and involvement with the students at Wheeler Central and local 4-H chapters. Epp also proposed the nomination of Neleigh Gehl for reappointment for a second term on the GLW Extension Board. Pokorny made a motion to reappoint Gehl to the GLW Extension Board, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann sent out three Distress Warrants, two of which have been satisfied at this time.

Treasurer Seamann requested the board designate the use of the remaining \$5,957.75 in the ARPA Fund to meet federal requirements. Pokorny made a motion to allocate the remaining funds for the electrical connection for the generator and to upgrade the courthouse security cameras, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20241101 for the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to Road Fund. Pokorny made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann inquired about the cleaning of the Firehall after the DMV uses it. Plugge stated he would talk to the Rural Board to see what the expectations are. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on The Flock Group Inc. invoice that was paid in August and deducted from the Sheriff's Office budget for the automated license plate readers. No action was taken by the board to use a different fund for the invoice. Sheriff King also reported that he'd be purchasing in-car cameras for the units and if the potential arises that he needs extra funds before the end of the budget year, he will request the board approve the contribution from another fund to help cover the cost. The board agreed to consider the request if it's necessary.

Courthouse security was discussed with no action at this time.

Courthouse improvements were discussed with no action at this time.

Pokorny made a motion to set the December Commissioner Meeting date for December 23, 2024 at 8:00 am because of the conflict with Christmas on the regular date, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$24,273.18
Aflac, insurance	189.21

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,893.67
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,199.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Burwell Tribune, publication	1,485.57
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,402.85
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	183.45
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	605.51
Election Poll Workers, services	866.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,615.63
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Hydro Tech Fire Extinguishers, fire extinguisher checks	190.00
K & S Welding & Repair, deputy patrol service	137.70
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	297.53
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,345.21
Nebraska Association of County Officials, dues	1,366.92
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	925.64
Nordhues Family, services	220.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	510.01
Paper Tiger Shredding, service	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	48.92
RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, electrical repairs	465.30
Seamann, Carol, mileage	94.60
Seamann, Wylie, services	19.82
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	27.22
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
We Mart, generator fuel	188.56
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	2.87
White Realty & Appraisal, appraisal	6,500.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,246.93
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,449.53
Appeara, services	37.20
Barco Municipal Products Inc, light bars	1,140.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, bond interest	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	497.42
Dinkel's, tractor rent	7,786.00
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	44,966.08
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, random drug tests	420.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	64.58
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,197.86
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,749.28
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00

Gehring Construction & Ready Mix,	7,499.10
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	209.73
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Service, tires	3,397.91
M M C Store, fuel	154.11
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,037.68
Nebraska Machinery CO, repairs	178.33
Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues	125.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	91.70
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	128.14
Powerplan, repairs,	1,163.77
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,546.55
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	19,470.96
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	476.16
Titan Machinery-Grand Island, repairs	226.75
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	22,072.59
Van Diest Supply Co, weed chemicals	704.15
Verizon Wireless, cell phone	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	570.54

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

With no further business Plugge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday December 23, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

December 23, 2024

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the December 18, 2024, edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the Court Room West wall. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During the period available for public comment, a landowner requested clarification on the responsibility for removal of trees that could be on the section line. The landowner was advised to have it surveyed as the issue is likely a private dispute.

Plugge made a motion to approve the November 27, 2024 minutes as published, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held about overgrowth of trees on the section lines. No action taken.

Pokorny made a motion to make changes to the Driveway Application to reflect that the Road Foreman has the authority to approve or deny applications prior to a board meeting, if need be, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed reported that the road employees are going to begin to trim the overhanging trees. He also stated that while at the NACO conference, he and Pokorny had spoken with representatives from Platte River Dust Control. He stated that they have a product they spread on the roads to help limit the washboards and grading. Platte River Dust Control would provide a complimentary 500-foot section of a road to test and the board suggested testing the product on the Ericson Lake Road south of Ericson. In other matters, Reed stated that the warranty for the def head has recently expired on a maintainer so the county will have to pay to have it replaced, and the other machine will be fixed today. McNally suggested looking into a grant with Nebraska Game and Parks for the Pibel Lake Road.

Sheriff King reported that the Sheriff's Office has received a grant for in car cameras and requested the funds already spent for the cameras from his budget be restored once the grant funds are received. Pokorny made a motion that the camera funds be transferred back to the Sheriff's budget when funds are received from the grant, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the General and Road Funds look good as there has been tax money coming in.

Treasurer Seamann requested the board allow her to hire a direct relative to work in her office one day a week and waive the conflict of interest in doing so.

At 8:07 am Heinz made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 8:10 am to exit the executive session, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion, seconded by Plugge to deny Treasurer Seamann's request to hire a relative to work in her office. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 8:12 to enter into the Board of Equalization to discuss the tax correction for the Lower Loup Natural Resource District for a parcel of land that was purchased in October of 2024.

Board of Equalization was adjourned at 8:18 am, with a motion from Heinz to have Mr. McNally do some research and report back, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There was no update on Courthouse security or Courthouse improvements at this time.

A motion to reconvene as the Board of Equalization at 8:30 am was made by Heinz, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the tax correction as presented seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization at 8:31 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

General Fund

Payroll	\$25,584.11
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,071.19
Appera, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	5,260.37
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Burwell Tribune, publication	52.00
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,322.67
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	183.45
Cornerstone Bank, safe deposit box	40.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	370.32
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,848.44
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance bye down	599.28
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, alco sensors	1,322.89
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, copier payment	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	337.80
McNally Law Office, clerical, meeting reimbursement	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, services	60.00
MIPS, Inc, program	1,343.21
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	949.10
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	529.94
Platte Valley Communications, repairs	614.76
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Pro-Printing & Graphics, tobacco licenses	17.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	877.80
Region 26 Council, 3 rd quarter assessment	14,616.03
RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, electrical repairs	172.00
Saw Graphics Embroidery, sheriff stitch	62.50
Seamann, Carol, mileage	154.90
Sioux Sales Company, equipment	571.70
Snider, Cara, supplies	162.44
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	179.00
Verizon Wireless, cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	441.67
10-8 Video LLC, in car body camera	5,940.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$24,208.00
Ace Irrigation & MFG. Co., culverts	9,906.00
AKS Laser Cutting, repairs,	823.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,443.21
Appera, services	36.77

Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	709.74
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	497.42
DB Trucking, services	400.00
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	100.00
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,588.14
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,717.92
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	55.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	25,701.06
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	88.72
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	189.98
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,035.06
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 4 th quarter fuel tax	761.00
Nebraska Truck Center, INC, repairs	25.64
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	95.04
Platinum Truck Service LLC, Pete Repairs	11,896.22
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	60.46
Ramsey Ranch Supply, supplies	9.90
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	9,108.28
State of Nebraska Fire Marshall, storage tank fees	120.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,226.13
Ulrich Gravel Inc, gravel	3,732.13
Verizon Wireless, cell phone	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	309.84

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

With no further business Plugge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There will be a reorganizational meeting on January 9, 2025 at 9 am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday January 29, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman