

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 9, 2025

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 31, 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, County Attorney Joe McNally, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no members of the public in attendance to provide comment.

Pokorny nominated Travis Heinz as Chairman, and motioned to cease nominations, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz motioned to keep the depositories at Cornerstone Bank, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to keep all investments as they currently are, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

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

Plugge motioned to keep all of the following board assignments the same, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Region 26- Pokorny  
Loup Basin Public Health Board- Pokorny  
Loup Basin RC & D- Heinz  
Mid-Plains Behavioral Services- Heinz  
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services - Plugge  
Region 3- Plugge  
Central Neb. Econ. Dev. District Kellee Rasmussen.

Pokorny motioned to reappoint Jay Meyer as the Highway Superintendent, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge motioned to appoint Delan Reed as the Emergency Manager, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to have insurance coverage for the Old Courthouse/Museum through NIRMA and to cancel the current insurance policy, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

With no further business Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

January 29, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the January 22, 2025, 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, Veteran Service Officer Ken Stenka was present to inform the board he was around to answer any questions they have.

Plugge made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2024 regular meeting and January 9, 2025 reorganizational meeting minutes as published, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

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

Foreman Reed reported that the road employees have begun to trim the overhanging trees. They will be piling some trees in the clay pit that the county owns in the southeast corner of the county. He stated that there have been a couple of machines that have had some warranty work done on them. They will continue to balance the time between trimming trees and grading the roads while the weather permits.

Pokorny made a motion to reimburse Larry Day, Rick Funk, Terry Glesinger, and Cindy Hoerle \$500 a year for the road maintainer storage on their properties, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none. McNally will draft an agreement.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report. No action taken.

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

Treasurer Seamann submitted an Employment of Immediate Family Members Disclosure Statement, in order to request the payment of an immediate family member for temporary employment . Pokorny made a motion to waive the conflict of interest for this one instance, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to pay the Treasurer's Clerical Claim's for a one time only instance, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented a Tax Sale Advertisement Listing and reported that all Distress Warrants had been satisfied.

Treasurer Seamann asked to have her employee Charlene Smith added as an additional signatory on all the Cornerstone Bank accounts. Plugge made a motion to have Charlene Smith added to all the bank accounts in Cornerstone Bank, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

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

Plugge made a motion to give a 2.5% cost of living increase for road employees, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held on employee leave and courthouse closure for Federal/State designated events. After discussion Plugge made a motion that when the Federal or State government declared a day for closure other than a county designated holiday during the workweek, the county courthouse would be closed and non-essential workers be given a paid day off; and if essential workers were on duty that day and unable to take the day off, they are eligible for a floating holiday to be used within 90 days of the holiday, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

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 Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 am seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

February 26, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the M & M C Store, Ericson Spalding Livestock Market, in Ericson and Post Office, Courthouse and We Mart, in Bartlett, along with published in the February 26<sup>th</sup> edition, and on the Burwell Tribune website 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, it was asked to have the trees west of the Courthouse trimmed so they are not overhanging the sidewalk. Reed stated he would look into trimming the tree limbs.

Plugge made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2025 regular meeting with the correction of removing the claim for 10-8 Video LLC, as it was published in December claims, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Foreman Reed reported that there will be a Damage and Road Assessment training on March 10, 2025, from 9 am to noon at the old Fire Hall in Bartlett. Reed also informed the board that Dinkle Implement will rent a tractor for \$50 an hour. The Freightliner is in the shop and would cost approximately \$13,000 to repair. The board opted out of repairing the Freightliner and will declare as excess property at a later date. Foreman Reed will look at getting bids for a new used truck and report back.

Sheriff King reported that he's looking into the cost to get WiFi extended to cover the exterior area of the courthouse to enable the automatic download the in-car cameras footage.

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

Treasurer Seamann presented a tax sale listing that was advertised. No action was taken.

Dennis Derner, on behalf of the Historical Society, presented a quote for some window repairs for the Old Courthouse/Museum. The board tabled the request and no action was taken.

Snider presented a bid for updates to the security cameras for the courthouse. Snider was asked to see if Applied Connective would come and explain their bid at the next meeting.

The GLW Annual Report was reviewed as presented.

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

Heinz made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 8:41 am for the purpose of approval of Permissive Exemptions, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. 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 Cemetery Association	Religious	Cemetery
Pibel Pleasant Hill Cemetery	Religious	Cemetery
Bartlett Church of Faith	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship

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

Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 8:45 am, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to accept Jean Niemeyer's letter of resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board Commission, and Brandi Pokorny's letter of resignation as the Zoning Administrator, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:48 am to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz motioned at 9:43 am to exit the executive session, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to provide a one-year Notice of Termination of the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$26,541.38
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,223.90
Appera, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	1,297.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	21,402.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,649.22
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	248.52
Contryman Associates, PC, audit	15,000.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,630.29
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,127.34
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	3,072.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC supplies	226.74
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	516.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	718.52
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, zoning regulations	2,100.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Officials, meeting registration	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	971.77
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	570.71
Paper Tiger Shredding, paper shredding,	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, repeater	8,715.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	126.58

Sears, Donna, reimbursement	16.59
Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC, supplies	66.63
Spencer, Amy, reimbursement	32.38
Streicher's, ammo	1,270.71
Sunset Law Enforcement, ammo	516.00
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., sheriff service	64.78
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$25,314.24
Ag & Industrial Equipment, heater	2,700.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,610.19
Appeara, services	52.20
Barco Municipal Products Inc, light bar	770.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	705.51
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	923.66
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, dues	165.00
Edghill Motors Inc, chain saw,	627.99
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	4,082.66
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,050.81
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	2,070.00
John Deere Credit, grader payment	25,592.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	288.27
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,056.49
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.49
PowerPlan, payloador rent/repairs	1,312.43
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	2,493.40
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	452.85
Spalding Farm & Home, parts	12.26
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	570.23
Titan Machinery-Grand Island, repairs	1,091.95
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	472.83

Pokorny made a motion to approve claims as presented and correcting January claims to removed 10-8 Video LLC, as it was paid and published in December and not January, 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 10:13 am seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

March 26, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the March 19<sup>th</sup> print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering 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 public comment session, Highway Supt. Jay Meyer reported that all of the county bridges had been inspected on Sunday, March 23rd, 2026, and that they all passed. There will need to be some signs that need to be replaced, and he will talk to Foreman Reed to have that completed.

The board requested Meyer add the Green Valley Road, Tin House East Road and Pibel Lake Road to the one- and six-year plan. The one and six-year hearing is scheduled to be heard May 28th, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.

Jen Epp, on behalf of Garfield Loup Wheeler (G-L-W) Extension Office, was present to request the board approve a new Interlocal Agreement. Heinz made a motion to approve the GLW Interlocal agreement, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, Plugge Voting nay: none. Epp also invited the board to the open house of the new extension office on April 14th, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Foreman Reed stated that he'd found some intentional road sign damage, and that Sheriff King has been looking into the issue. Herd Co, Sunnyside Road, and Tin House East Road are all needing work but due to the lack of product, the major road repairs will need to wait until April. Reed stated that Missouri Mud may be all that's available to repair roads. Reed also submitted a bid from Ron Bennett to repair a quarter of a mile of the Herd Co Road. No action taken.

Reed and Treasurer Seamann presented lists of surplus property for possible disposal. Pokorny made a motion to accept the list and declare the items as surplus property and to give Reed the authority to use his discretion as to which auction company to sell the items, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed is still looking into getting a different semi-truck, and the board requested he get back to them with options.

The board reviewed a road department employment application. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann stated that a funds transfer wasn't needed for the Road Fund. She also stated that three of delinquent tax parcels were sold, and one may go on a tax sale in October. The Public Tax Sales Report will be handed to the clerk on April 1st.

Matt Childers, on behalf of Applied Connective Technologies, met with the board to discuss the bid for the security system cameras. The \$12,097.84 bid was for three exterior and two interior cameras with a three-month retention on any video recording. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid and delete the \$1,500 annual maintenance fee seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to accept the ownership of the upgraded technology equipment for the courtroom from the State of Nebraska, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board considered a \$450 proposal to connect the courthouse fire alarm with Region 26 via a landline connection. Heinz made the motion to proceed, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

At 8:48 a.m. Heinz motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting at nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 9:07 a.m. to exit executive session seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to appoint Delan Reed as Interim Weed Superintendent with authority to solicit contractors to spray as required, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

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

Pokorny made a motion to adopt Resolution 20250301, to provide formal notice to terminate the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:58 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,632.72
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,926.77
Appeara, services	116.90
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	3,884.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Burwell Tribune, publications	1,448.90
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	1,710.26
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	248.52
Cornhusker State Industries, file cabinet	600.00
CVSOAN, dues	200.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Delta Heating & Air, furnace maintenance	330.00
Elan Financial Services, supplies	297.23
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,681.11
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	72.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
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Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	514.88
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Menards-Grand Island, bulbs	59.94
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,411.21
Motorola Solutions, Inc, radio	8,770.69
Nebraska Association of County Treasurer, dues	175.00
Nebraska Clerk of District Court, summer workshop	75.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	885.63
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	592.26
Platte Valley Communications, services	995.00
Pokorny, Brandi, zoning mileage	236.60
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	8.05
Region 26 Council, support	14,616.03
Seamann, Carol, mileage	161.84
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	14.45
Standard Appraisal Service Inc., pickup work	1,350.00
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	2,101.77
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, postage	9.68
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., sheriff service	2.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	165.10

ROAD FUND

Payroll	\$24,909.94
AKRS Equipment, repairs	122.01
AKS Laser Cutting, repairs	1,282.50
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,547.13
Appeara, services	37.20
Applied Connective Technologies, road iPad	980.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	34,057.75
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades	10,698.84
Elan Financial Services, supplies	202.21
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	1,634.90
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,904.93
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,540.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	2,070.00
L & L Sanitation, services	530.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	212.25
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	8,287.14
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,028.49
Nebraska Department of Revenue, fuel tax	373.00

Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	2,220.58
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	92.51
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	3,488.14
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,607.51
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	11,821.05
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	349.65
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	536.61

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

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

April 30, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering 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 public comment period, Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer stated it would cost around \$25,000 to armor coat the mile section leading to Pibel Lake.

Foreman Reed updated that they are trying to hold off on purchasing patch material at this time. He also reported that a 3 mile stretch of the Green Valley Road (500<sup>th</sup> Ave north of Highway 70) needs to be added the 1 & 6 Year Program for this year as it is getting more truck traffic and that county will need to be contacting the land owners to let them know about replacing the fence along that stretch. The Herd Co. North road is back to where it need to be as there are still 150 to 200 trucks using it daily. Reed also met with Neil Parker with Platte River Dust Control and presented the board with a bid of \$12,788.32 to apply a Durablend PRDC product on Ericson Lake Road starting on the edge of the Village of Ericson and extending to Entrance C at Lake Ericson. This would be a trial run to see if it controls the dust from the road. Reed would like to have this applied the beginning of June. Reed updated that he had located a truck for \$45,500 that he'd request the board authorize purchasing. Pokorny made a motion to the purchase the truck from Landis Truck and Equipment of Elm Creek, Nebraska, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and ratify Reed's actions to verbally commit to the purchase, seconded Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County Commissioner and NACO president, visited with the board requesting the county becoming a National NACO member and with an annual fee of \$450. This matter was tabled.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report.

Heinz made a motion to approve the Agreement for Termination of Training Contract between Garfield County and Wheeler County, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann stated that a funds transfer wasn't needed at this time.

Aaron Hoffman from Platte Valley Communications was present to discuss the public safety radio repeaters that are needed for reliable communications within the county and that there needs to be better signal/service for the emergency radios to work properly. Sheriff King stated that for two repeaters and installation it would cost around \$58,000. The county would need permission to place repeaters on a couple different towers if necessary. No action taken.

Applied Connective Technologies presented a revised bid for \$12,097.84, with the \$1,500 annual maintenance fees removed, and an additional bid for \$791.41 for an additional camera that is needed on the west side of the building as the trees were removed. Pokorny made a motion to approve the two different bids, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the Letter of Acknowledgement for the State Weed Report as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Trevor Nekoliczak visited with the board as he is interested in serving as the Zoning Administrator and assist to update the zoning ordinance as he already serves in that capacity in Greeley Co. The board tabled the matter.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20250401 to increase the Veteran's Service Office by \$3.96 annually, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

At 9:27 a.m. Heinz made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 10:06 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$23,894.80
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,636.94
Appeara, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, computer repairs	3,383.51
Bartlett Post Office, postage	230.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	987.36
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	469.93
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn service	345.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copier	129.04
Elan Financial Services, supplies	381.09
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,283.02
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, monthly support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC sheriff supplies	157.91
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, district Judge quarterly expenses	644.00
Justice Data Solutions Inc., annual fees	4,000.00
Leads Online, LLC, subscription	2,219.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	413.46
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, zoning manual updates	1,350.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Meschke, Roberta, reimbursement	18.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	830.95
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	112.00
NIRMA, CPR training	351.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	559.44
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	55.00
Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs	341.25
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	2,054.88
Region III Administration, 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter support	510.40
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	154.00
Standard Appraisal Service Inc., pickup work	270.00
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	2,414.85
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	178.00
Valley County Sheriff, inmate expense	1,050.00
Valley Thunder Rods & Restoration, patrol service	836.41
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
Village of Bartlett, services	764.40

VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	222.43
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$30,425.86
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	4,416.76
Appeara, services	37.33
Barco Municipal Products Inc., school signs	217.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	10,992.16
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	232.74
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	20,323.95
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	3,688.70
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	8,984.24
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	40.00
Landis Truck & Equipment, LLC, 2008 Kenworth	45,500.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	198.38
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Miller Tire Services, tires	650.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,406.90
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	14.00
Nitro Construction, INC, crushed concrete	1,851.96
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.27
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	19,306.08
Platinum Truck Service LLC, repairs	1,714.12
Powerplan, repairs	569.43
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	6,015.28
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	27,578.09
Sioux City Truck Sales, INC, repairs	380.28
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	1,434.20
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	4,370.64
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
We Mart, road fuel	835.92
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	19.05
Hubel Welding, oxy fill	45.89

Pokorny made a motion to approve claims, 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 10:30 a.m., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a Special Meeting on May 19, 2025, at 8:00 am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday May 28, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 19, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners held a special meeting on this date at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the May 14<sup>th</sup> print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During the public comment period, Mark Nordhues presented a proposal to the board for spraying of noxious weeds. The board reviewed the bid and told Nordhues they would make a decision at the regular May board meeting after all proposals has been received. Pat and Debra Kelley also met with the board about the possibility of spraying the noxious weeds for the county. They would get a proposal sent to the clerk with a proposal so it as well could be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Plugge made a motion to renew the current employee health insurance policy with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Nebraska and authorized Snider to submit the subgroup application, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:38 am to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz a made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:45 am, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

With no other business to come before of the board, Heinz made a motion at 8:50 am to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday May 28, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

May 28, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the May 21<sup>st</sup> print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering 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 motioned to accept the April 30, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, along with the May 19, 2025, special meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Jerry Koinzan asked for some clarification on the equipment that was sold at the last surplus auction.

Foreman Reed updated that the road department is trying to put the roads back after the rain that we had received. Reed spoke with Neil Parker with Platte River Dust Control, they will be back out to recoat Ericson Lake Road, as it didn't hold up and they are going to try a different combination.

Heinz made a motion to accept the ROW Permit application that Elkhorn Public Power District, with the stipulation that the completion meets the approval of the Road Foreman, Delan Reed, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Kick-It Spraying and Kelley Spraying LLC, both submitted proposals for spraying the counties right away. Kick-It Spraying submitted a proposal of \$75/hour, with the county supplying the chemicals that need to be applied. Kelley Spraying LLC submitted a proposal of \$85/rig/hour that is spraying, and they would be supplying the chemicals that are being applied. Pokorny made a motion to accept both proposals and to have the county split and give half to each company at this time, with the stipulation of both companies providing the county with a copy of their current insurance, and the county being secondary insurance, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented Resolution 20250501, to transfer \$5,985.87 from the APRA Fund to the General Fund to pay for a portion of the camera upgrade done in the courthouse, and to also close the account once the funds have been removed. Heinz a motion to approve Resolution 20250501, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that he would contact the State Weed Department and let them know that we have hired Kick-It Spraying and Kelley Spraying LLC to spray the noxious weeds and trees in the right a ways.

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

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates at this time to report.

Diana Hurlburt, Garfield County Commissioner and NACO president, visited with the board and gave a brief update on the latest conference that was hosted in Rapid City, requesting the county becoming a National NACO member and with an annual fee of \$450. Pokorny made a motion to accept the proposal from NACO and become a National NACo member, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting aye: none.

The Zoning Administrator has been tabled until July to be able to budget for a Zoning Administrator.

Amanda Jeffres and Stephanie Gideon, Loup Basin Public Health Department gave a brief description of the duties and services that are available at the Loup Basin RC & D.

At 9:05 a.m. Heinz made a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation matter, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit executive session at 0:30 a.m. seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay none.

GENERAL FUND	
Payroll	\$23,574.79
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,601.43
Appera, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	7,440.47
Bartak Glass, rekey locks	254.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,306.32
Burwell Tribune, publication	1,290.38
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	621.53
Central Nebraska Economic Development, dues	921.60
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	237.46
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,225.83
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	64.00
G-L-W Extension Services, support	2,089.43
GWorks, annual fees	5,250.00
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	84.94
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Johnson, Roger, veteran's mileage	38.62
Kaczor, Larry, veteran's mileage	25.20
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	362.64
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Midwest Radar & Equipment, certified radar	40.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,343.21
Morris Press, title envelopes	101.28
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	824.19
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	589.37
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	693.41
RR Donnelley, citations	694.51
Sears, Donna, supply reimbursement	24.25
Stenka, Ken, meeting expenses	285.12
Tom Dinsdale, repairs	278.43
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	178.00
Valley County Sheriff, inmate expense	400.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	245.14
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	9.68
Wheeler County Court, court fees	103.00
Wright, Zach, veteran's mileage	20.30
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$23,637.73
AKRS Equipment, filter	224.96

Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,346.55
Appeara, services	37.07
Bartlett Post Office, plat maps	120.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,922.98
Burwell Tribune, weed notice publication	240.00
Chase Bank, bond interest payment	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	564.52
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,043.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,440.12
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	718.19
Hillbill's Diesel, battery	56.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	199.71
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Midwest Service & Sales Co, grader blades	2,154.00
Miller Tire Services, tires	757.68
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	941.23
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.63
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	26,680.50
Platte River Dust Control, durablend	16,500.58
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	153.20
Powerplan, repairs	5,244.61
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	5,578.00
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	10,851.00
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	882.47
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	4,436.22
Verizon Wireless, services	42.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	73.30
Wheeler County Clerk, certified letter	10.00
APRPA Fund	
Applied Connective Technology, camera upgrade	6,903.38

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

Pokorny motioned at 9:56 am to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned at 9:58 am to exit executive session, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: HEinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday June 25, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

June 25, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the June 18<sup>th</sup> print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering 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.

Chairman Heinz made a motion to convene as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny, made a motion to schedule the Board of Equalization protest meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the clerical error report as was presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion at 8:07 to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Heinz opened the Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 year Plan at 8:08 a.m. Highway Superintendent Jay Meyer presented the 1 & 6 year Plan, and reported that the Bartak road had been completed and the Green Valley Road is still on the Plan for future improvement.

Heinz made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to adopt Resolution 20250601 to approve the 1 & 6 Year Plan as submitted, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to accept the May 28, 2025 regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Karla Slaymaker from AFLAC provided an update on a few new policies that AFLAC is providing.

Foreman Reed reported that the road department is working to restore the roads after the rain that we had received, and that Sunnyside Road had been re-graveled along with 508<sup>th</sup> Ave south of Highway 70.

Reed presented the Kelley's Spraying paperwork and invoice for completed county ROW spraying.

Reed stated that he is currently working on the LEOP Handbook. Also, he contacted Federal Signal about the malfunctioning or inoperable emergency sirens in Bartlett. The representative told Reed that the sirens are so old and outdated that they need to be replaced. The board instructed Reed to coordinate with the Village of Bartlett to get the process started for replacement with an Interlocal Agreement to be signed later for a potential cost share.

Sheriff King presented a Wage Survey that was performed by Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, PC., LLO. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers were needed. She had also made the board aware of a discrepancy that had happened on the daily balance sheets. Seamann also informed the board about the annual budget now has a public safety exception for exceeding the statutory levy limits.

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates to report.

Pokorny made a motion to have the State printshop print any pink postcards that are needed for any special budget hearings, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

There were no updates on the Public Safety radios to report.

Snider presented the 3 Year Assessment Plan for review. No action taken.

Plugge made a motion not to extend alcohol hours of sale from 1 a.m to 2 a.m., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

The Wheeler County Agricultural Society Special Designated License (SDL) for the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo, for July 31, 2025 through August 3, 2025, was presented. Pokorny made a motion to approve the SDL application, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the auditor contract from Contryman Associates, PC., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$23,565.69
A & J Towing, towing	1,999.24
Adorama, finger printer	432.90
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,597.76
Appearra, services	81.10
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,454.60
Bartlett Post Office, postage	477.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,267.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	830.20
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
Courtyard by Marriott, treasurer lodging	278.00
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Department of the Treasury, annual fee	45.08
Eakes Office Solutions, furniture	9,607.60
Elan Financial Services, supplies	716.83
Electronic Systems Inc, bi-annual inspection	223.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,223.89
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	117.35
G-L-W Extension Services, support	2,089.43
Galls, LLC, holster	59.98
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	517.00
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, PC, wage survey	5,000.00
Lake Mac Assessment, LLC, grass study	300.00
LaQunita Inn-Kearney, clerk lodging	330.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	380.62
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	8,444.54
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mines Press, reg holders	253.85
MIPS Inc, services	2,477.03
Morris Press, title envelopes	87.51
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	1,382.25

Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	823.44
NIRMA, liability insurance,	19,705.50
Nordhues Family, April/May mowing	660.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	583.45
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	67.12
Quill Corporation, supplies	76.03
Rasmussen Land Surveying, LLC, set corners	1,682.00
Safe Life Defense, vest	2,364.15
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	235.20
Sears, Donna, supply reimbursement	31.14
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	292.60
Stamp Fulfillment Services, pre-stamped envelopes	455.30
State Probation Dist. #8, county support	313.47
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	233.04
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	248.73
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$21,733.74
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,062.41
Appeara, services	37.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, Inc, tools/supplies	297.38
Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	24,505.11
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	22,176.48
Elan Financial Services, supplies	146.43
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,841.59
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	55.82
Hillbill's Diesel, battery	348.24
Kayton International-Albion, bobcat rental	6,000.00
Kelley Spraying, LLC, labor and chemicals	11,040.52
L & L Sanitation, services	190.50
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	196.82
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	864.85
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter fuel tax	805.00
NIRMA, liability insurance	23,870.50
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.18
O'Neill Auto Supply, Inc, repairs	39.18
Overland Ready Mix, crushed concrete	17,899.50
Powerplan, repairs	877.80
Quill Corporation, supplies	212.94
Reiter, Doug, reimbursement	9.62
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	10,734.90
Shotkoski Enterprises, crushed concrete	21,529.63
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	144.69
Spalding Farm & Home, Inc, supplies	36.75
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	395.60
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	12,155.67
Verizon Wireless, services	55.04
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	54.06
We Mart, fuel	443.60

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

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 30, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

July 30, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the July 23, 2025, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering 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 June 25, 2025, regular board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the July 7, 2025, Board of Equalization minutes as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Reed stated that he is currently working on the LEOP Handbook. He also stated that they are working on a washed out section of 507<sup>th</sup> Ave. Darlene Bloomquist will provide the clay to fix the area while the county will provide the rock overlay. The county needs to place another culvert near 823<sup>rd</sup> Rd between Sections 25 and 36, Township 21, Range 10, to equalize the water flow in the ditches.

Jimmy Burtwistle inquired about access on 845<sup>th</sup> Rd lying between Sections 1 & 12, Township 24, Range 12 near where James Burtwistle is planning on building a house in 2026. This topic was tabled until closer to when the house will be constructed.

Sheriff King presented his quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers were needed.

There were no courthouse improvements or security updates to report.

The board reviewed the department budgets as presented.

Tim Conover, Custer County Weed Superintendent/Chairman of the Sandhills Weed Management Area, spoke with the board about providing spraying that will be covered by a grant for phragmites, a noxious weed. Wheeler County has 45 acres that have phragmites in the wetlands and riverbanks along the Beaver Creek and Cedar River. The board had didn't object to spraying the area as there will be no cost. Garfield County will be publishing the notice about 4 weeks in advance.

Nick Sanderson from the State Weed Board was present to discuss the duties of the Weed Superintendent and the County Board. No action taken.

The board tabled the topic of a Zoning Administrator to ask several candidates about their interest in the position.

Due to an Assessor workshop, Snider requested, and the board agreed to move the August meeting to August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Beth Ferrell from NACO provided a legislative update. Beth informed the board on upcoming workshops/meetings that are available to the board. Some changes that are coming include possible inheritance tax revisions, budget changes, licensing of ATVs and UTVs and motor vehicles being issued a single license plate in 2029.

Snider requested changing the courthouse hours to Monday through Thursday from 9 to 5 and being open over the noon hour, and 9 to noon on Fridays. No action taken.

Dennis Derner requested 9 windows be replaced in the Museum based on a bid from Joe Walkowiak for \$8,239 including labor. Plugge made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve Resolution 20250701 for the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Records Classification and Standards, seconded by Heinz. Voting nay: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$24,162.77
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,655.91
Appear, services	157.91
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	5,214.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,267.79
Burwell Tribune, publications	330.96
Carrot Top Industries, flags	198.84
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	739.35
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn services	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, furniture	473.09
Elan Financial Services, supplies	1,013.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,330.05
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	1,867.98
Garfield County, GLW Extension support	4,292.16
Geoland Management, LLC, yearly subscription	400.00
Harpster, Terry, veterans mileage	43.40
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, quarterly judges expense	681.45
Johnson, Roger, veterans mileage	19.60
Kaczor, Larry, veterans mileage	12.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	399.70
Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc, zoning comprehensive plan	4,200.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
Mid Nebraska Individual Services, support	774.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	50.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	839.29
Nordhues Family, June mowing	550.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	660.56

Presto-X, monthly services	73.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	426.44
SAW Graphics Embroider, sheriff stitch	152.50
Schindler Electric, county share office repairs	621.73
Shaefer, Gayla, youth hero cup	108.80
Sirchie Acquistion Company LLC, supplies	59.47
Snider, Cara, meeting mileage	342.30
Spencer, Amy, mileage	107.80
Stenka, Ken, mileage/meals	317.28
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	305.14
Village of Bartlett, water/garbage	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Clerk, large envelope	6.58
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage/checks	346.02
Wright, Zach, veterans mileage	20.30
Region III Administration, support	529.29
CVSOAN, registration	60.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	\$26,563.23
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ag & Industrial Equipment, cooler	3,495.00
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,825.49
Appeara, services	37.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Diamond Lime, lime rock	1,807.92
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition, crushed concrete	24,947.47
Elan Financial Services, supplies	129.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,609.45
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	367.81
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,048.81
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	202.49
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,193.08
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	790.92
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	93.06
Pavel Auction, angle broom	5,750.00
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	30,414.35
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	8,108.52
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc, repairs	53.07
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	232.81
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	26,614.00
Verizon Wireless, services	42.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	668.67

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

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday August 25, 2025, at 8:00 am.**

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

August 25, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the August 20, 2025, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the July 30, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was held and Jerry Koinzan asked for the reasoning for pulling up the shoulders and not grading the road.

Chuck Abel, CPA from Lammers, Abel, and Kaps, met with the board to discuss the budget as presented. The board asked the Road Department and Sheriff's Office to review their budgets and make some cuts as necessary. The board will have a special meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> for a budget workshop.

Road Foreman Reed reported that the Ericson-Scotia Road and Ott Road need attention as they are getting really sandy. There is a portion of the road near Kebers where the ditches need to be cleaned out and the county can reuse the clay that is reclaimed. He stated that the Green Valley Road will need to be rolled in and regraded in the Spring of 2026.

Sheriff King gave an update on the potential change to the dispatch center. Sheriff King is responsible for making changes in his office, if he wishes, while the rural fire department is responsible for making changes if they wish to contract for their own dispatch center. Sheriff King also stated that he has been in contact with Platte Valley Communications for upgrade on the repeaters that will be needed regardless of a change in dispatch centers. Discussion was held as to where to locate repeaters, and who would be responsible for maintenance on them.

Treasurer Seaman informed the board that Nebraska Department Motor Vehicles is evaluating keeping the driver's examiner in Wheeler County. Since the move to the Fire Hall, they have had issues with people disturbing the equipment and having no phone connection.

Treasurer Seamann also presented a possible tax sale that may happen at the September meeting.

Clerk Snider will contact Mike Rizer of O'Neill about getting the lights fixed in the courtroom.

Clerk Snider will contact Bartak Glass about getting new doors for the entryways in the courthouse.

Neleigh Gehl met with the board about the Zoning Administrator position. She would consider the position after reviewing a job description, available training and compensation.

At 10:16 a.m. Pokorny made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss wages, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to exit the executive session at 10:43 a.m., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to pay Road Foreman Delan Reed \$850.00 per month for the Emergency Manager position, starting September 1, 2025, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Clerk Snider was asked to advertise for a Weed Superintendent and to have a job description available for the next meeting.

Discussion on regular courthouse hours was held. Pokorny made a motion to set the courthouse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open over the noon hour on Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays, starting January 1, 2026, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

County Department inventories were reviewed as presented.

Pokorny made a motion to accept the Wheeler County Ag Society and Wheeler County Rural Fire Board Preliminary Tax Requests that were submitted to the Clerk's Office before August 1, 2025, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Clerk Snider informed the board that Paul and Jean Nordhues would not be interested in continuing to mow the courthouse yard starting in the Spring of 2026. Snider was asked to advertise for a groundskeeper.

Discussion was held on the reasoning for leaving Region 26 Dispatch. There was no decision made at this time on whether the county will be leaving.

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Payroll

Commissioner, salary	\$1322.25
Commissioner, salary	1322.25
Commissioner, salary	1322.25
Clerk, salary	4583.80
Deputy Clerk, salary	3483.80
Treasurer, salary	3966.75
Deputy Treasurer, salary	1428.00
Janitorial, salary	216.64
Sheriff, salary	4583.80
Sheriff Clerical, salary	3900.00
County Attorney, salary	4407.50
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,594.41
Appera, services	42.26
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,454.10
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	20,267.79
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	649.27
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, furniture	940.76
Elan Financial Services, supplies	644.03
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,212.10
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	1,732.01
Galls, LLC, uniform	60.97
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	423.36
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Menards-Grand Island, supplies	729.97
Meschke, Roberta, check order reimbursement	38.95
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27

Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	215.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	821.83
Nordhues Family, June mowing	660.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	556.73
Ord Animal Clinic, necropsy bull	280.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, services	55.00
Peterson, Preston J, court appointed attorney	1,412.50
Presto-X, monthly services	73.16
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	350.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.06
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	
Highway Superintendent, salary	833.33
Road Foreman, salary	5653.64
Road Employee, salary	4300.43
Road Employee, salary	4509.81
Road Employee, salary	4186.84
Road Employee, salary	4824.05
Road Employee, salary	4042.07
Weed Superintendent, salary	100.00
Emergency Manager, salary	100.00
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,076.88
Appeara, services	52.60
Bartak Glass, window repair	998.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	22.97
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Diamond Lime, lime rock	4,257.23
Edgehill Motors Inc, saw chains	132.00
Farwell, Brian, reimbursement	26.74
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,859.46
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,674.34
John Deere Financial, grader payment	25,592.60
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	205.69
Madison Nation Life, insurance	5.42
MidWest Repair, hydraulic repairs	675.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	867.88
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	90.15
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	8,378.36
Powerplan, repairs	1,637.65
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	11,513.74
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	21,859.26
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	346.52
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	20,862.17
Verizon Wireless, services	39.91
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	387.34

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

At 11:23 a.m. Pokorny motioned to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to exit the executive session at 12:16 p.m., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

With no further business, Heinz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a Special meeting held on September 8, 2025 at 8 a.m. for budget workshop.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday September 24, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

Bartlett, Nebraska

September 24, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the September 17, 2025, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the August 25, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the September 8, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Chuck Abel gave a brief overview and answered questions about the budget before leaving for another budget hearing.

Public comment was received from Mark Nordhues, on behalf of Kick-it Spraying, who presented a bill and requested to be reimbursed by the county for the insurance he had purchased to spray weeds for the county. Rick Funk also asked about placing a culvert on 508<sup>th</sup> and was given instructions for applying for a permit. He also inquired about the wings are still being on the graders, why we hadn't been using dirt from Emme's or using clay from Paul Dicke in the Sunnyside Road area. Doug Allemang requested road work on the trail that he uses to get to his pasture. Heinz and Reed stated they'd look into it since it is not a maintained road. Jerry Smith stated that the crushed concrete that had been placed on the Niewohner Road is holding up nicely.

Road Foreman Reed presented his report and asked the board whether any temporary weight limits should be established on any roads. Branches will be trimmed on Ericson Lake Road, between Sections 29 and 32 Township 21 Range 11. He stated that there will need to be a culvert placed along the Cedar River Road by Pitzer Ranch and there is also a 50" tube and another culvert further east on Ericson Lake Road near Renner's that need to be replaced. The culverts are in inventory for the projects.

Pokorny made a motion to recess the regular board meeting and open the Budget Hearing at 9:05 A.M., seconded by Plugge, Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Public comment was heard. Dennis Derner had asked about pay back of the road bond that was issued in 2021. Abel had previously explained that in the regular board public hearing section and his explanation was repeated.

Heinz made a motion to close the budget hearing at 9:08 A.M. and reconvene with the regular board meeting, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to open the public hearing to set the tax request for 2025-2026 year at 9:09 A.M., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to approve Resolution 20250901 to the tax request, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: None.

Heinz made a motion to close the hearing and reconvene with the regular board meeting at 9:12 A.M., seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Heinz, Pokorny, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King had nothing to report.

Treasurer Seamann stated that the road fund looked good this month.

Treasurer Seamann reported about a possible tax sale that would be eligible for the county to take if they were interested in doing so on October 1, 2025. Plugge made a motion to proceed with the tax sale on October 1, 2025, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Plugge, Heinz, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Treasurer Seamann presented the board with a list of possible Distress Warrants. She will be handing them over to the Sheriff on October 30, 2025, with their office being closed on Friday's and with November 1<sup>st</sup> being on a Saturday this year.

Attorney McNally stated he had checked into getting a reference for updating the courthouse entry door security system and was unsuccessful.

Snider presented bids to update the lights throughout the courthouse. She presented bids from RSR Electrical Contracting, LLC, for \$15,698.16 (for a fancier light fixture) and for \$12,125.88 (for a plain light fixture), and from IBE Electric for \$4,000 to remove the ballasts and wire as LED. Pokorny made a motion to accept the bid from IBE Electric, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Snider was asked to advertise for the Weed Superintendent position.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$23,942.03
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,595.52
Appear, services	126.16
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	2,956.13
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Burwell Tribune, publication	861.42
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	394.11
Clark, Kayla, court appointed attorney	750.00
Colliers Landscaping & Lawn Care, lawn care	305.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	132.78
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,288.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	242.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
KBRX-FM, tax due notice	66.00
KNLV Radio tax due notice	63.00
LaQuinta Inn-Kearney, assessor lodging	389.85
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	432.77
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, comp payment	3,500.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,378.27
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	160.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	838.12
Nordhues Family, June mowing	440.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	596.91
Presto-X, monthly services	73.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	490.66

Region 26 Council, support	34,407.86
Seamann, Carol, meeting mileage	133.49
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	28.46
Snider, Cara, mileage	252.00
Spencer, Amy, mileage	53.20
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	181.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	50.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.12
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Court, court fees	117.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	156.00
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	21,811.28
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,082.88
Appearia, services	37.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	362.72
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Diamond Lime, lime rock	2,784.73
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition	11,098.04
Elan Financial, road supplies	176.56
Emme Sand & Gravel, gravel	854.91
Farwell, Brian, mileage	152.60
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,874.56
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	36.00
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	7,815.40
Hillbill's Diesel, supplies	78.52
Kelley Spring LLC, fall right-of-way spraying	13,263.21
Kramer's Wrecker Services, towing Kenworth	781.58
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	207.32
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Service, tires	149.51
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	871.05
Nebraska Department of Revenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter fuel tax	1,222.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	90.46
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	9,947.21
Powerplan, repairs	96.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	9,970.80
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	25,254.21
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	30,350.54
Verizon Wireless, services	39.93
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	217.53

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

Heinz made a motion at 9:20 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

Heinz made a motion to exit the executive session at 9:28 A.M., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Voting nay: none.

County Government Day will be November 4, 2025.

With no further business, Pokorny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M., seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

There will be a Special meeting held on October 6, 2025 at 8 A.M. for Board of Equalization to set levies.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday October 29, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

## Bartlett, Nebraska

October 29, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners met to conduct a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. Legal Notice of the meeting was published in the October 22, 2025, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve the September 24, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Plugge made a motion to approve the October 6, 2025, special Board of Equalization meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Rick and Jeremy Funk visited the board about the underground permit application for a culvert. Reed stated that he had sent letters to the adjacent landowners and was waiting to hear back from them. The item will be on the November agenda. Travis Sprout visited with the board about how often graders are to pass on all roads and about the frequency of maintenance on minimum maintenance roads. Jerry Smith stated that the Kelleys have done a good job spraying the road ditches along Old Highway 101.

Road Foreman Reed stated that he worked out a deal with Sinclair on getting red clay delivered for use on the Green Valley Road this spring. The plan is to use the product to finish that project. Reed also reported that they are getting some more graveling done before the winter weather sets in and he'll be meeting with Trina Pelster, the bus administrator at Wheeler Central Public Schools, to discuss the winter bus routes. He'll provide the information to the board once he receives it.

Pokorny made a motion to approve both the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent and Resolution 20251002, certifying the same, seconded by Heinz. Voting aye: Pokorny, Heinz, and Plugge. Voting nay: none.

The board reviewed Sheriff King's quarterly report. No action taken.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers were needed at this time. She also reported that she did take the tax sale that had been discussed.

There was nothing to discuss on courthouse security at this time.

Snider reported that all the lights had been replaced in the courthouse.

Plugge made a motion to hire Alexis Sprout as the Zoning Administrator for a \$9,000 salary per year, which includes a phone stipend, plus any mileage and expenses, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,265.47
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,607.70
Antelope County Sheriff Department, prisoner keep	270.00
Appear, services	119.08
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,574.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16

Burwell Tribune, publication	713.80
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	506.16
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Eakes Office Solutions, copies fee	215.08
Elan Financial Services, supplies	189.21
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,749.60
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	132.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Howard County Clerk, District Judge share	678.83
Lammers, Abel, & Kaps C.P.A.'s PC, budget preparation	2,245.00
LaQuinta Inn-Kearney, Election Commissioner lodging	344.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	408.77
Marvin Planning Consultants, INC, comp payment	1,950.00
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	2,910.43
Murdock, Shawn, sheriff patrol service	687.80
Nebraska Association of County Officials, conf registration	960.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	911.36
Nordhues Family, June mowing	440.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	606.36
Paper Tiger Shredding, service	55.00
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Quill Corporation, supplies	385.10
Region III Administration, support	529.29
Sears, Donna, reimbursement	15.95
Snider, Cara, mileage	345.60
Stenka, Ken, meeting meals	67.22
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.15
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Sheriff Dept., bench warrant fees	27.55
ROAD FUND	
Payroll	27,283.49
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
AKRS Equipment, repairs	58.91
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,947.86
Appeara, services	88.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	84.79
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Dinkel's, tractor hours	9,550.00
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition	15,756.12
Farwell, Brian, mileage	147.00
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	7,938.50
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	1,757.70
Forbes, Clay, crushed concrete	6,650.84
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	3,451.15
John Deere Financial, grader payment	65,406.45
Kelley Spring LLC, fall right-of-way spraying	2,879.13
L & L Sanitation, services	190.50

Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	196.08
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
McManus Dirt Work, Machine hire lowboy haul Kenworth	375.00
Midwest Repair, repairs	348.30
Miller Tire Service, tires	658.78
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	1,265.75
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.72
Oak Creek Engineering, Ericson bridge mitigation	1,800.00
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	7,087.83
Plugge's Rod Shop, repairs	412.57
Powerplan, repairs	6,494.97
Quill Corporation, supplies	249.98
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	11,400.46
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	18,255.45
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	654.92
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	18,861.44
Verizon Wireless, services	39.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	123.77

Heinz made a motion to approve claims, 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 9:20 A.M., seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday November 26, 2025, at 8:00 am.

Cara Snider, County Clerk  
Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

## Bartlett, Nebraska

November 26, 2025

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 19, 2025, print edition of the Burwell Tribune and Official Agenda posted according to law. Chairman Heinz called the meeting to order and identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster on the West wall of the courtroom. Answering to roll call were Commissioners Heinz, Plugge, and Pokorny. Clerk Snider, Treasurer Seamann, County Attorney Joe McNally, Sheriff King and Road Foreman Reed were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Plugge made a motion to approve October 29, 2025, regular board meeting minutes, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

During the public comment period, Jim Havel inquired about fence line setbacks.

Road Foreman Reed reported that there have been some repairs done to the trucks. The road department is getting the machines ready for the winter months, and he'll be getting contracts for fuel as our current contract has just expired.

Reed stated that he had heard from Mr. Clark and that there should be no issues with the Underground Permit that Rick and Jeremy Funk had previously submitted. Plugge made a motion to approve the Underground Permit for Rick & Jeremy Funk, seconded by Pokorny. Voting aye: Plugge, Pokorny, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff King had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer Seamann reported that no transfers needed between the Road and General Funds this month. Seamann also presented a County Tax Sales List for the tax sale that was taken on October 1, 2025, as previously approved by the board. She also reported that there is one distress warrant left to be satisfied.

There were no updates on the security updates on the courthouse. Pokorny stated that he would see about getting a proposal to install keyless locks to the courthouse and Heinz will continue to seek proposals to replace the ceiling tiles.

Snider presented information from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) for guidance on setting the salaries for the 2027-2031 elected official's terms. There will be a special meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to set the salaries for 2027-2031 term.

Pokorny made a motion to accept audit drafts as presented, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny made a motion to approve a 2.8% cost of living increase to all the county employees, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 8:00 am., as the regular date falls on New Year's Eve.

Matt Childress from Applied Connective Technologies explained the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program which provides partial reimbursement for county expenditures for cybersecurity. The county has qualified for the first two rounds of the grant, and the third round is now open for applications. Childress will be contacting Cara Snider and help with the application process.

Congressman Adrian Smith's representative Heidi Borg, gave a brief update on what Congress is doing and the current legislature.

Steve Melnick, Colonial Life Insurance representative, visited with the board and gave a brief description of new programs that are offered.

Pokorny made a motion at 9:33 am, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

Pokorny motioned at 10:09 to exit executive session and reconvened with the regular board meeting, seconded by Plugge. Voting aye: Pokorny, Plugge, and Heinz. Voting nay: none.

#### GENERAL FUND

Payroll	\$25,389.43
Aflac, insurance	189.21
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,809.18
Appeara, services	83.28
Applied Connective Technologies, camera upgrade	1,634.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance, dental/health insurance	18,037.16
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc, county share of siren	247.50
Burwell Tribune, publication	163.26
Cenex Fleet Fueling, sheriff fuel	641.55
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	211.94
DAS Sate Accounting AS 400 fees	309.75
Elan Financial Services, supplies	73.26
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	6,655.23
Federal Signal Corp-SSG, siren	17,338.18
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buy down	322.00
Garfield County Treasurer, G-L-W Extension support	2,146.08
Holt County Treasurer, veterans contract	616.67
Hometown Leasing, services	60.41
Hydro Tech Fire Extinguishers, fire extinguisher inspections	115.00
KNLV Radio, DMV notice	51.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, services	389.95
McNally Law Office, clerical/rent	2,358.34
Microfilm Imaging Systems, INC, equipment rental	60.00
MIPS Inc, services	1,485.61
Nebraska Department of Revenue, state w/h	890.02
Nordhues Family, June mowing	440.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	618.89
Presto-X, monthly services	76.16
Transunion Risk & Alt Data Solutions, subscription	175.00
Valley County Hospital, prisoner medical	1,912.00
Valley County Sheriff, prisoner keep	200.00
Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell	276.15
Village of Bartlett, services	764.40
VSP Insurance Co. vision insurance	156.29
Wheeler County Court, court fees	34.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, stop payment fees	35.00

#### ROAD FUND

Payroll	21,692.36
AFLAC, insurance	66.10
Ameritas Retirement Plans Division, retirement	3,068.87
Appeara, services	111.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield, dental/health insurance	9,903.86
Bomgaars Supply, INC, supplies	1,167.74
Burwell Tribune, publication	250.00

Caterpillar Financial Services, grader payment	23,338.20
Chase Bank, bond interest payment	1,750.00
Colonial Life Insurance, insurance	533.04
Colonial Research Chemical Corp. supplies	851.05
Dirt Worx Excavating & Demolition	16,662.65
Diversified Drug Testing, LLC, Annual members	129.00
Elan Financial Services, road expenses	494.37
Emme Sand & Gravel, oil spill & gravel	3,828.75
Farmers and Merchants Bank, payroll w/h	5,877.66
First Conrad Benefits Group, insurance buydown,	256.04
Forbes, Clay, crushed concrete	3,384.36
Gehring Construction & Ready Mix, crushed concrete	18,118.25
J & J Materials, rock	48,251.03
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District, shop services	205.84
Madison Nation Life, insurance	9.11
Miller Tire Service, tires	5,417.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue, payroll w/h	873.50
Nebraska Machinery Co, repairs	786.73
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, services	94.57
Platinum Truck Service LLC, truck repairs	37,568.80
Sapp Bros Petroleum, INC., diesel	13,479.10
Shotkoski Enterprises, concrete haul	20,902.50
Sioux City Truck Sales Inc, supplies	367.45
The Parts Bin, Inc, supplies	638.01
Trevipay, parts	311.00
Ulrich Gravel, INC, gravel	34,056.94
Verizon Wireless, services	39.94
VSP Insurance Co, vision insurance	63.68
We Mart, fuel	250.61

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

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