

Bartlett, Nebraska

February 28, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No action was taken on the insurance buy-down.

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

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

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

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
Bartlett United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Religious	Place of Worship
St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Sandhill's Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious Instruction workshop
Ericson Lake, Inc,	Educational	Recreation/educational activities
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair

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

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

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

#### GENERAL FUND

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

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

#### ROAD FUND

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

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

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

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

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Travis Heinz, Board Chairman

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