



# Burt County Board Minutes



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**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**March 14, 2017**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment of their last meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Oakland Independent, upon a 1<sup>st</sup> floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County’s Website. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. The following members were present: Cliff Morrow, Dave Schold, Greg Brummond, Paul Richards, Bird Swanson, Ted Connealy and Gerald Newill.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. upon motion by Newill, seconded by Schold, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays-none. Chairman Morrow informed the public that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall.

Upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy, the agenda was approved, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays-none.

The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of Fines, the District Court Fee Report and the Zoning Report for February were approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Connealy, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays-none.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Connealy, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays-none.

The following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$273,675.84 and fund balances were approved upon motion by Newill, seconded by Schold, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes –Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays-none.

ZONING PERMITS	125.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING	3,030.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	1,561.34
CO CLERK-MISC	127.75
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	50.00
DISTRICT COURT-COST REFUNDS	542.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	1,000.00
DISTRICT COURT-FEES & COST	5.00
DISTRICT COURT- IV-D FUNDS	6,832.50
CO COURT-MISC FEES	260.00
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	9,812.56



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CO ATTY - INCENTIVE MONEY	5,970.71
PLAT BOOK	34.00
OVERLOAD FINES-25% COUNTY SHARE	93.75
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	803.17
MISC REVENUE- ROAD DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,173.50
FUND TRANSFER	100,000.00
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	76,604.65
ROAD INCENTIVE PAYMENT	9,000.00
LODGING TAX	2,194.52
CO CLERK-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	551.00
STOP	250.00
INHERITANCE TAX-VIRGINIA SIMPSON	12,632.32
INHERITANCE TAX-MARILYN WHEATON	1,384.18
INHERITANCE TAX- SHIRLEY ALLELY	27,123.78
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,762.50
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGES	1,473.00
OVERLOAD FINES-75% STATE SHARE	281.25
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	4,845.23
COUNTY COURT -BOND FORFEITURES	26.00
DECATUR FIRE-GENERAL	153.44
LYONS FIRE-GENERAL	280.76
OAKLAND FIRE-GENERAL	582.40
DECATUR FIRE-BOND	93.89
LYONS FIRE-BOND	15.14

*COMMUNICATION:* A note about Emerald Ash Borer warning in the area was shared. There are no Ash trees on the Courthouse grounds or on any of the County Shed properties; but the public should be aware of the need for treating these trees. John Wilson offered advice for treatment, “when the disease is within 15 miles of your tree, then you need to treat.”

A letter from Papio-Missouri River NRD stating that Burt County has been awarded a \$2,500.00 Tree Grant they’d applied for to **replace trees on the Courthouse grounds**. Upon motion by Schold, seconded by Brummond, Ten 4 inch trees will be ordered and put in later this spring, roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none.

Jennifer Jackson from **Heartland Counseling Services** came before the Board to talk about the Services they provide. *(This is one of the Boards that Gerald Newill sits on.)* Heartland serves 11 Counties in Nebraska. They provide a wide range of mental health and substance abuse services with a focus on keeping individuals living independently in their own homes. Clients come from referrals and advertisement; they can serve those with or



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without insurance. Funding for them is mainly from Region IV and grants, they do get some private pay and Insurance payments. Jennifer explained that their main goal is to help individuals who are struggling with mental health or substance abuse live independently (outside of Hospitals).

Chairman Morrow signed a **lot split application for:**  
WAYLAND MAGEE located in part of the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 29, Township 22 North, Range 10 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Burt County, Nebraska.

*Roads Discussions - FIRE DAMAGE:* Cecil reported settlements from the fire damage.  
\$23,201.00 for the 2014 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ton Dodge Ram pickup  
\$28,252.00 for the 2016 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Ton Chevy pickup  
\$46,900.00 for the 2008 1 Ton Dually Tool Truck

Titles will be sent to the Insurance company so we can receive payment. Brenneis and Cecil are still working with the adjuster for a settlement on the 2015 Mack Truck. For Building Replacement - Dale Huffman and Cecil are collecting Electrical Bids. The structure bids will be reviewed on March 22, discussions and recommendations to come before the board at the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

BRIDGE #1: Traffic counts will be starting for Co.Rds. 45 & CD.

MISC: Fuel and Mile Logs were discussed.

Paul Richards reported that the USDA Grant application is still being drafted for Courthouse doors. Richards and Pete Ueding are also working on plans for a new handicap restroom in order to meet ADA compliance in the Courthouse, the plans are still in brainstorming phase but Richards is hopeful to apply for a grant for this project as well. Patty Plugge had looked into the Nielsen Foundation Grant for help, but reported that it does not sound like an option.

Patty Plugge reported to the board that the Visitors' Committee had their first meeting. Grant guidelines were discussed for the disbursement of the lodging tax fund.

Upon motion by Brummond, seconded by Connealy, the Board authorized Chairman Morrow to **sign the Management Representation Letter as requested by auditors Ritterbush & Piotrowski** relevant to Burt County's 2015-2016 audit, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Richards, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none.

Sarah Freidel, Co. Clerk, told the board that several employees have come to her office to ask if **Direct Deposit** would be an option for payroll payments. She explained that the payroll software has the option, so she polled all employees and found that an overwhelming majority would like to have their checks Direct Deposited. She reported that



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First Northeast Bank of Nebraska agreed to waive any fees for the process. Freidel asked the board if they wanted to approve moving forward with the offering; the board instructed her to work out the details of the process and come back to report the new procedures that will be needed in order to start the offering.

Birthday Plans for the Courthouse were discussed; the building is 100 yrs. old in 2017. Karen Grass is working on getting pamphlets made about the mural that is painted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, a date for an Open House was discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 P.M. until 9:00 A.M., March 31, 2017.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
COUNTY CLERK

CLIFFORD L. MORROW, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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