



Burt County Board Minutes



OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
September 12, 2017
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 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 1st 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, David Schold, Greg Brummond, Bird Swanson, Ted Connealy and Gerald Newill. Absent - Paul Richards.

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

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

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

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

The following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$513,823.62 and fund balances were approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Swanson, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent –Richards.

ZONING PERMITS	75.00
AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE	1,854.64
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,326.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	2,527.75
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	134.25
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	250.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	100.00
CO COURT-MISC FEES	93.50
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	447.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	2,714.65



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INTOX TEST	300.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	550.00
GUN PERMITS	40.00
FINGER PRINT CHARGES	20.00
CO ATTY FEES - CHECK COLLECTION	150.00
OVERLOAD FINES-25% COUNTY SHARE	181.25
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,490.47
MISC REVENUE - SHERIFF	23.14
MISC REVENUE - MOWER SALE	50.00
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	93,191.29
INSURANCE REFUND	49,565.68
MILLINGS	2,764.00
CULVERTS	3,510.00
TRANSFER -GENERAL TO ROAD	300,000.00
LODGING TAX	352.31
CO CLERK-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	495.50
DIVERSION - CUMING CO	50.00
STOP PROGRAM	700.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Eva Climer	4,900.95
INHERITANCE TAX- Mary Lou Wedgewood	14,567.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Anita Tietjen	2,030.69
INHERITANCE TAX -Roland Lee Shafer	9,028.65
INHERITANCE TAX - Warren Tiedtke	417.48
PLAT BOOK SALES	56.00
COUNTY 911	1,100.00
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,616.90
OVERLOAD FINES-75% STATE SHARE	543.75
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	6,071.72
DECATUR FIRE- GENERAL	14.02
DECATUR FIRE - BOND	8.92
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL	5.98
CARLINE TAX FROM STATE	5,505.13

Communications: Burt County AG Society's 2017-18 Fair Budget was reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Morrow declared a Public Hearing open at 9:18 A.M., for the purpose of the **2017-2018 Budget Hearing**. Fred Mytty of Mytty PC Consulting was present to answer questions. There was no public comment. The board thanked Fred for his knowledgeable work on the budget. At 9:20 A.M. Chairman closed the hearing, and the board returned to regular session.

Motion was made by Schold , seconded by Brummond, to **accept and approve the 2017-2018 Budget** via Resolution #2017-14, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold,



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Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent- Richards.

RESOLUTION #2017-14

Adopt Budget

WHEREAS, a proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, prepared by the budget making authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 12th day of September, 2017, at 9:15 A.M.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, as categorically evidenced by the budget document is, and the same hereby is adopted as the budget for Burt County, Nebraska for said fiscal year.

Section 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions hereby named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts hereby appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Section 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, and tax requirements for each fund.

AND WHEREAS, the following is also set:

2016-2017 Property Tax Request:	\$4,770,050.00
2017-2018 Property Tax Request:	\$5,155,836.00
2016-2017 Tax Rate:	0.243283
Proposed 2017-2018 Tax Rate:	0.257952
Accepted 2017-2018 Tax Rate:	0.257952

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors that the above be approved.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2017 at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

CLIFFORD MORROW, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Member Newill offered the following resolution for a one time transfer per the approved budget and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2017-15

WHEREAS, the Burt County Budget as adopted September 12, 2017, incorporates certain transfers of monies between funds and

WHEREAS, these transfers enable a stable tax base and adequate cash flow in existing funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT the Clerk and Treasurer are hereby authorized to transfer \$542,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to lower property taxes.

DATED this 12th day of September 2017, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

CLIFFORD L MORROW, CHAIRMAN
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Board Member Connealy seconded the motion, and the Chairman declared it adopted, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent –Richards.

The following resolution was offered in order to set up new funds discussed for the 2017-18 fiscal year business.

RESOLUTION #2017-16

Add New Funds

(2360) Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund

(4000) Building Fund

WHEREAS, Burt County needs to add New Funds to the Treasurer’s records as well as prepare such Funds in the County budget document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors that the New Funds be added as follows: *(2360) Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund and (4000) Building Fund* for new monies deposited into the County Treasurer’s accounts, and all money spent from such Funds will go through the regular budget process, including approval of claims by the Burt County Board of Supervisors.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2017, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

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BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Members Schold and Brummond made the motions to set up the funds, and the Chairman declared Resolution #2017-16 adopted, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent-Richards.

Motion was made by Connealy, seconded by Swanson, to **increase restricted funds spending authority by 2.5%**, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent- Richards.

Motion was made by Schold, seconded by Newill, to **increase restricted funds spending authority by an additional 1%**, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays – none. Absent –Richards.

Dustin Will and Dan Duren from Benefits Management met with the board to get their approval to move forward with the process of **exploring Health Insurance rates outside of the NACO pool**. They explained they will do full Health Insurance Applications, and then have details for rates and plans to propose in November. The board gave their approval to have employees do the applications process.

The following names were presented for **appointment to the Burt County Veteran’s Board**: George Fritts to be reappointed to continue service for another 4 years as representative for the Lyons area, and Melvin Schmidt to replace Ronald Rogers as representative for the Craig area; upon motions by Newill and Connealy, the above appointments were approved, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –



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none. Absent –Richards.

Upon motion by Newill, seconded by Brummond, the Board authorized Chairman Morrow to **sign the understanding of services letter with Ritterbush & Piotrowski regarding the audit** they're performing for Burt County's *fiscal year 2016-2017*, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –none. Absent –Richards.

Upon motion by Schold, seconded by Connealy, the Board went into *Executive Session* with Co. Attorney Frank Barron at 10:04 A.M. to *discuss pending litigations brought against the County*, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –none. Absent –Richards. Upon motion by Newill, seconded by Swanson, the Board went back into Regular Session at 10:07 A.M., with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –none. Absent –Richards. No action was taken.

The board had asked Mr. Barron to continue to look into the **surveyor's duties and consolidation of offices**. Mr. Barron shared memorandums that addressed these questions.

The board had also asked Mr. Barron to look into the preferred way **to pay out Court Appointed Attorney fees**; after the case is completed, possibly monthly, etc. Mr. Barron shared a memorandum suggesting that the current way of paying at the end of the court case made the most sense in order to avoid an unnecessary overload of drafting/reviewing claims and preparing extra checks monthly.

Karen Grass, Burt County Treasurer turned in a letter of resignation to the Board. She has served Burt County for 42 years, and she is looking to retire effective September 29, 2017. Karen recommended the appointment of her current Deputy Treasurer, Robin Olson. Upon motions by Schold and Newill, the Board accepted the letter of resignation 'with great regret', roll call vote followed: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –none. Absent –Richards. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Grass for her years of service to Burt County and they wished her the best in her retirement years.

Roads Business:

Upon motion by Schold, seconded by Brummond, the Board accepted the **SSAR Report**, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Schold, Brummond, Swanson, Connealy, Newill and Morrow. Nays –none. Absent –Richards.

Various projects were discussed: ditch clean out @ C.R. H; creek channel work on C.R. K; rock drains on C.R. RS; ~~a Corp permit was signed for C.R. 45 Bridge and they're anxiously awaiting letting bids~~ (*Sept. 27th meeting, motion to amend statement) a Corp permit application has been signed and submitted for C.R. 45 Bridge; the Mack Truck and Tool Truck (damaged in the fire) should be back in service next week.



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Board of Equalization: No meeting was held, just noted for record: Real Property Exemptions will be published and reported to the Nebraska Department of Revenue this month. Two(2) TERC cases were filed from the 2017 Protests.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M. until September 27, 2017.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

CLIFFORD L. MORROW, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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