



Burt County Board Minutes



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Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
January 14, 2020
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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: David Schold, Cliff Morrow, Gary “Bird” Swanson, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Dale Webster and Ted Connealy.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with the pledge of allegiance. County Clerk Sarah Freidel informed the public that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

The first order of business was **reorganization**. County Clerk Freidel asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Morrow motioned to nominate David Schold, and Swanson seconded the motion. Swanson moved that the nominations cease, seconded by Pearson, and Schold was elected Chairman of the Board for 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion passed, David Schold will be Chairman for 2020.

The next order of business, also part of reorganization, was to appoint a Vice-Chairman. Chairman Schold asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Connealy moved to nominate Cliff Morrow, and Richards seconded the motion. Pearson moved that the nominations cease and that Cliff Morrow be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2020. The motion was seconded by Webster. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion passed, Cliff Morrow will be Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Webster, the agenda was approved. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none.

The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and the Zoning Report for December; the Sheriff’s Quarterly Report and Treasurer’s 6 month report; the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$604,971.16 and Fund Balances were all approved upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion passed.

TOBACCO LICENSE	20.00
ZONING PERMITS	100.00
MV PRO RATE (COUNTY SHARE)	123.85
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	132.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	2,299.50



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CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	632.94
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	85.25
POLITICAL FILING FEES	143.11
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	90.00
COURT COST REFUNDS	138.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	235.75
CO COURT-MISC FEES	54.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	832.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	603.98
TITLE INSPECTIONS	520.00
GUN PERMITS	75.00
FINGER PRINT	50.00
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	19,781.84
OVERLOAD FINES - 25% COUNTY SHARE	125.00
MISC REVENUE- SALE OF FLOOR BUFFER	3,473.90
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	107,911.47
ROAD- REVENUE: SALE OF CULVERT	810.00
ROAD-MISC REVENUE: CREDIT (NE NEBR. TELEPHONE)	911.11
ROAD-REVENUE: FUND TRANSFER - GEN TO ROAD	30,000.00
PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS (NIELSEN FOUNDATION)	200,000.00
LODGING TAX	1,004.44
CO CLERK-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	379.50
STOP	150.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Dwain Jordan	16,679.34
INHERITANCE TAX- Sarah Hendrickson	928.05
INHERITANCE TAX- Kathleen Hartson	59.58
INHERITANCE TAX- Iver Beckstrom	3,497.96
PLAT BOOK SALES	30.00
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,663.07
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE	1,999.74
BUILDING FUND -PRO RATE	5.08
OVERLOAD FINES - 75% STATE SHARE	375.00
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	4,859.25
COUNTY COURT BOND FORFEITURES	37.00
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	2.55
LYONS FIRE -GENERAL	628.38
LYONS FIRE -BOND	67.39
MUNI COURT FINES -CITY VIOLATION - TEKAMAH	24.00
PRO RATE	4,233.41
TAX SALE REDEMPTION	196,174.18
IN LIEU TAXES-1957 PRIOR	24.54

COMMUNICATION noted and placed on file: Lower Elkhorn NRD sent a mailing for cost share grant program opportunities they're offering.



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Board Members Connealy and Morrow moved for adoption of Resolution 2020-01 approving County Depositories for 2020 calendar year. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2020-01

County Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be authorized to deposit funds in excess of the capital and surplus in any depository designated for county funds, provided such depository furnish the proper securities as provided by law, and that the Treasurer be and she hereby is, authorized to invest surplus funds, if there be any, in United States Treasury bills or certificates of deposit in the following financial institutions: First Nebraska Bank, Decatur; First Northeast Bank of Nebraska, Tekamah; and Washington County Bank, Tekamah.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2020, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Sarah J. Freidel
Burt County Clerk

David Schold, Chairman
Burt County Board of Supervisors

Board Members Connealy and Morrow moved for adoption of Resolution 2020-02. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2020-02

Region 5/6 no longer exists; Burt County is willing to take ownership of the Tower located at 27-23-10 Decatur TWP, Burt County, NE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Clerk are authorized and directed to sign any related documents necessary to transfer ownership of the Tower 27-23-10 to Burt County.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after this passage.
Passed and adopted the 14th day of January 2020.

Sarah J. Freidel
Burt County Clerk

David Schold, Chairman
Burt County Board of Supervisors

Board Members Morrow and Connealy moved for adoption of Resolution 2020-03 honoring retired County Sheriff, Robert Pickell. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2020-03

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Burt County Board of Supervisors wishes to show its appreciation to Sheriff Robert Pickell for 31 years of selfless service to the County. Sheriff Pickell spent 15 years serving as the Burt County Sheriff.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES that the county is a better place to



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live because of his service, and that Bob will truly be missed.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES to wish Bob Pickell well in his retirement from Burt County and in all his future endeavors.

PASSED by the undersigned Burt County Board of Supervisors this 14th Day of January 2020.

BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Cliff Morrow

Dave Schold

Carl Pearson

Paul Richards

Gary Bird Swanson

Ted Connealy

Dale Webster

Attest: Sarah J. Freidel

Burt County Clerk

Patty Plugge with Burt County Economic Development had business to discuss with the County Board. (1) on behalf of the Burt County Visitors Committee, she presented an application for **Lodging Tax Funds**: Pheasant Bonanza/Out Beside You requested \$1500.00 for Burt County Ice Bowl fundraiser promotions; Plugge reported that the Visitors Committee recommended the approval of \$300.00 for this request. Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Pearson, the County Board approved the release of \$300.00 from the Visitors Promotion Fund for the application. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays-none. Motion passed. (2) With regards to the County Fund 0900 **Renovation/Demolition Grant Funds**, Plugge reported that the Nielsen Foundation gifted another \$200,000.00 for that fund.

As part of reorganization for 2020, the Board reviewed and approved the following **board committee appointments** to be effective as of January 2020 with motions by Morrow and Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion passed.

BURT COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS - 2020

- Clifford Morrow North Star & Region IV Services
N.E. Nebraska Waste Coalition - Advisory & Governing Board
- Dale Webster Region 4
Heartland of Nebraska Board
- Ted Connealy Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP)
Burt County Economic Development Board
- Carl Pearson Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services
- Paul Richards Elkhorn- Logan Valley Public Health Dept
Northeast Nebraska Waste Coalition - alternate
- Bird Swanson Nebraska Loess Hills RC & D Council
Burt County Economic Development Board
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services - alternate



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David Schold

N.E. Nebraska Area Agency on Aging –Governing Board
Burt County Grievance Board-Supervisor Representative

All of the Burt County Supervisors are on the Burt County Weed Board and the Burt County Roads Committee.

The **County Grievance Board** members were updated. The Board approved replacement of Robert Pickell by Eric Nick and replacement of John Wilson by Ann Chytka to be on the list of employees whom can be requested when a grievance has been submitted. The board changes were approved upon motions by Connealy and Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none.

John Hundahl and Ray Petersen, Silvercreek Township board members, asked the County for **aid for their Township** per §39-1524. They explained that weather events over the past year have required more than normal funds for repairs/maintenance/materials on their Township Roads. They tried to get help from FEMA/NEMA, but were denied due to there not being one particular event that caused excess damages. The Township board is asking for financial assistance from the County until tax money comes in for them. County Attorney Frank Barron advised the County Board that the County can provide assistance, but specific project needs and costs will need to be cited by the Township. The County Board expressed that they would enter into a repayable loan agreement to help the Township; a Resolution can be drafted to outline the agreement if/when the Township submits the requested documentation.

Eric Nick, interim Burt County Sheriff introduced himself to the Board.

The Board **designated the Burt County Website as an additional method of providing meeting dates, holiday closing dates, notice of meetings and other publications for Burt County business.**

The Board approved a **cost of living increase** of 2.0%, to be applied at the January 2020 payperiod; stating that in the process of calculations, cost of living increases will not be applied for temporary employees. Motion by Webster, seconded by Morrow. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays- none. Motion passed.

The board discussed the **County Surveyor position** with reference to 2020 Elections; legislation was enacted in 2014 to require the election of county surveyors in all counties under 150,000 unless certain actions are taken. In counties with an elected surveyor as of January 1, 2020: the county board may, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution prior to February 1, 2020 to continue to elect the county surveyor. If the county board does not adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor, the question of electing a county surveyor must appear on the general election ballot in November 2020. The Burt County board took no action; therefore, the question will appear on the GN20 ballot for Burt County voters to decide.



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ROADS:

The Board appointed Ann Chytka as **Burt County Highway Superintendent for 2020** upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed options suggested by Mainelli Wagner to assess liquidated damages from County Road GH overlay project C-11(359). The liquidated damages include increased maintenance to other roads the public used as detour routes and additional inspection time when the contractor was progressing slowly/not at all. Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Swanson, the board voted to assess 40 LD days at \$300/day = \$12,000.00. By roll call vote: Ayes- all. Nays -none. Motion passed. A change order documenting the liquidated damages will be submitted to the contractor.

Side Dump Purchase: three bids were collected for the purchase of a side dump for the Road Department.

Side Dump Trailer	Side Dump Industries trailer	49,900.00
John’s Truck & Equip	JET Co trailer	49,900.00
SmithCo Mfg. Co.	SmithCo side-dump trailer	49,404.66

Webster made a motion to purchase a JET trailer from John’s Truck & Equip, Morrow seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Ayes – 6. Nays – Swanson. Motion Passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M. upon motions by Swanson and Connealy.

Next meeting: January 28, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved official minutes is available to the public at the Clerk’s Office.