



Burt County Board Minutes



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Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
August 28, 2020
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, August 28, 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: Cliff Morrow, Gary ‘Bird’ Swanson, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Dale Webster, Ted Connealy and David Schold.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted.

The agenda was approved; upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The minutes of the 8/11/2020 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Webster. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The following claims for August in the amount of \$1,030,701.28 including \$143,078.85 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Morrow, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays –none.

ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	1,417.00
ALBIN LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	788.50
AMERICAN BROADBAND CLEC	PHONE/INTERNET	1,319.93
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	58.34
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	TECH SUPPORT	10,342.25
BILL J PICKELL	EQUIP/REPAIR	107.96
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	77.75
BLUE360 MEDIA	SUPPLIES	147.56
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	497.29
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	1,491.00
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BRYAN HEART	JAIL MEDICAL	21.00
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	JAIL MEDICAL	7,289.00
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	168.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	359.99
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	MISC EXPENSE	186.39
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	251,064.04
BURT COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL	MISC EXPENSE	115.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	LEASE	37.89



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CASS PLUMBING & HVAC LLC	SERVICE	452.24
CENTURY LINK	UTILITIES	658.66
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	347.05
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	SHERIFF	11.00
CLIFFORD L MORROW	CHECKING ROADS	41.40
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	1,040.20
CUBBY'S	FUEL	756.87
CVSOAN - TOM REIMERS TREASURER	REGISTRATION	60.00
DALE WEBSTER	CHECKING ROADS	86.25
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	210.92
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	AS/400	185.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	TELE TYPE	350.00
DECATUR EXPRESS	FUEL	994.29
DEPT CORRECTIONAL SVCS	JAIL	2,552.48
DES MOINES STAMP MFG. COMPANY	SUPPLIES	74.00
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	3,605.75
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEE	257.50
FORNOFF & SCHUTT	ATTY FEES	1,417.50
FRANCES FRENCH	PRIOR SERVICE	11.00
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	87.40
GREAT AMERICAN FINANCIAL SVCS	COPIER	188.58
HOPKINS LAW OFFICE, LLC	ATTY FEES	1,095.00
ILA DAVIS	PRIOR SERVICE	18.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	89.95
JAN RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	51.75
JAY W JOHNSON	MILEAGE	266.80
JEANICE BOWERS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	61.79
JONES AUTOMOTIVE INC	SUPPLIES	77.70
JONI L. RENSHAW	TRAVEL EXPENSE	308.67
KB'S MINI MART INC	FUEL	962.68
LEE AGRI-MEDIA	PUBLISHING	22.54
LYONS MIRROR-SUN	PUBLISHING	136.00
MADISON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	100.00
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	23.15
MARELLY AEDS & FIRST AID	SUPPLIES	618.00
MARY LOFTIS	SUPPLIES	75.02
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	15,277.50
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	1,922.86
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING	93.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1,186.14
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA PSYCHOLOGICAL	DEPOSITION	945.00
O'KEEFE ELEVATOR CO INC	MAINTENANCE	293.51
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	79.01
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	423.00
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLIES	306.64



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PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	96.60
PENDER HOSPITAL	JAIL MEDICAL	7,125.00
QUALITY PRINTING & OFFICE SUPP	SUPPLIES	1,725.02
REPCO MARKETING INC	SUPPLIES	41.30
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	990.80
SEC OF STATE-ELECTION DIVISION	ID CARDS	10.00
SID DILLION	AUTO REPAIR	1,289.91
STACEY KEYS	OFFICE SUPPORT	671.43
TERRY G PICKELL	1/2 CARPET	1,326.92
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	242.00
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	47.73
THOMAS & THOMAS COURT REPORTERS	COURT COSTS	607.41
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	6,500.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICE	206.87
VISUAL EDGE, COUNSEL	COPIER	177.17
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPIER	60.22
WILLIAM OUREN	AUTOPSY SERVICE	75.00
ANN CHYTKA	TITLE/REG	468.68
ASPEN EQUIPMENT	LABOR/REPAIR	3,988.68
BOBBY KELLOGG	PRIOR SERVICE	46.16
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	587.95
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	104.79
CITY CLERK	UTILITIES	22.43
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	92.50
CONSTRUCTORS INC	CO RD PROJECT	32,022.42
D & M REPAIR	LABOR/REPAIR	5,097.11
DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES	SWITCH	54.24
FARMERS PRIDE	DIESEL	5,113.52
GENE STEFFY	2020 DODGE RAM	24,679.00
GINI, LLC	FUEL	123.86
GLUP PIPE SALES	PARTS	121.50
K-C PARTS & REPAIR	PARTS/LABOR	168.36
MARTIN MARIETTA	SUPPLIES	831.86
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	DRUG SCREEN	50.00
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	SUPPLIES	61.35
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	PAINT	8,537.30
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL/CHEMICAL	3,971.49
NE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRDG INSPECT	4,328.33
NMC CAT RENTAL	PARTS	24,359.03
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	UTILITIES	232.96
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	91.92
PUMP SHOP	PLUMBING	28.66
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	34.34
SEALS & SERVICE INC	SUPPLIES	178.74



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SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS/SUPPLIES	88.34
STALP GRAVEL CO	GRAVEL	17,817.80
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	3,772.65
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER RENTAL	158.50
VERIZON CONNECT	SERVICE PLAN	453.32
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	87.77
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	PRINCIPAL	132,694.55
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	996.23
WPCI	MISC EXPENSE	28.25
4S SERVICE AND REPAIR	PARTS/LABOR	2,449.07
MARIAH TOBIN	PROMO WORK	466.19
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	ROD SUPPLY	406.03
JOEL SINCLAIR LLC	EWPs	91,405.26
KAUP SEED & FERTILIZER	OATS	420.00
SPENCER QUARRIES, INC	SUPPLIES	40,850.40
BURT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV CORP	1/2 DUES	18,000.00
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	496.99
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	53,768.32
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	EMPE PD ADDL	2.18
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	42,937.22
LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE	EMPE PD ADDL	872.10
MANHATTAN LIFE ASSURANCE CO OF AMER	EMPE PD ADDL	10.25
MASSMUTUAL	EMPE PD ADDL	200.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	950.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	20,420.21
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,327.04
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	VISION INS	523.29
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CO	EMPE PD ADDL	16.15
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	CHILD SUPPORT	730.00

Josie Oliver, interim Emergency Manager and Planning/Zoning/Floodplain Administrator turned in her resignation stating that her last day will be today; she chose to not apply for the open position. Resumes are being accepted at this time and candidates will be reviewed and possibly interviewed before the next board meeting by the following three board members: Carl Pearson, Paul Richards and Bird Swanson.

The board discussed changing the health insurance. They considered a Resolution stating that the County will no longer pay 100% of the insurance premiums for county employees hired/elected after September 1, 2020. Burt County Attorney Talbot recommended this be tabled until he could look into how the proposed changes would work with the ACA affordable coverage guidelines. County Attorney Talbot, County Sheriff Eric Nick and County Clerk Sarah Freidel all expressed concerns of difficulties hiring if the benefits package was cut. After discussion amongst the board members, Pearson made a



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motion to take no action on the Health Insurance Resolution, Swanson seconded. By roll call vote: Ayes -7. Nays -none. The board decided to not go through with any changes at this time.

The FY 2020-2021 budget: a few specific costs were discussed: a gWorks contract was presented by County Clerk Freidel for the board to consider; the Supervisor Districts were added to the Assessor’s tab but boundary changes needed to be reprogrammed. Freidel asked the board if they wanted to follow through with the programming for \$420.00, the board gave her the ok. Budget authority for an extension vehicle was discussed with Mary Loftis and Jennifer Hansen, the board asked if they would foresee needing a new vehicle this budget year and they didn’t, so a vehicle will not be budgeted for this year for the Extension office. The county fair budget was discussed, the board was deciding whether they were going to cut the payment down this year. Dale Miller, Burt County Ag Society explained that they would appreciate getting the full amount of \$100,000.00, he explained that they continue to make improvements every year and the funds they expected are already earmarked, he asked the board to leave their payment at the \$100,000.00, the county board agreed to do so. Fred Mytty (Mytty Consulting) was present to discuss the 2020-2021 budget: Burt County’s ‘Certification of Valuation’ is \$1,784,494,398.00; the final numbers will be approved at the September 8, 2020 budget hearing.

Board member Morrow offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption. Per §77-3443(4) the resolution states the final allocation of levy authority for political subdivisions. **RESOLUTION #2020-12**

WHEREAS, under L.B. 1154 (1996) any property tax for political subdivisions will be included in the County’s tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to law, the County has subdivisions levy authority as specified on the County Levy Limit Form hereby and by this reference incorporated herein.

Fire Districts: up to 4 cents
Cemetery Districts: up to 3 cents
Townships: up to 8 cents

\$100,000.00 of the County’s five-cent miscellaneous levy will be allowed to the Ag Society under an Interlocal Agreement.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2020, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN
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Board Member Connealy seconded the motion, and the Chairman declared it adopted. By roll call vote: Ayes -7. Nays - none.



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ROADS:

A working draft of the 2020-2021 One & Six Year Plans was discussed; the public hearing will be held September 8, 2020.

Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent asked the board to allow her to hire a secretary; she explained that she will not be adding roads staff because the road crew is currently down one operator. Chytka also told the board that the secretary’s working hours would be worked out so that there was a person to cover the office while Chytka must be out of the courthouse during road site checks, etc. The board agreed that the office has plenty of work to be done on a daily basis. Pearson made a motion and Webster seconded to allowed Chytka to hire a road’s secretary for 30 hours per week with full benefits. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays -none. Chytka explained that she intends to offer the position to the temporary office helper that is currently working for her.

update of Projects:

EWP Projects: for the county force projects, 21 are complete and there are 8 more to be done. All of the contracted projects have a contractor bid accepted.

Public Comments: Erin Raabe (Lyons) spoke about a book that was handed out to the board members. The book “Paradise Destroyed” by Gregg Hubner is about wind turbines.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Connealy and Webster at 11:19 A.M.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN
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