



# Burt County Board Minutes



OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**January 28, 2021**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 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 Plaindealer (1-19-2021), 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, 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 Morrow. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The minutes of the 1/12/2021 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The following claims for January in the amount of \$945,302.98 including \$153,470.49 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Morrow, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

AMERICAN BROADBAND CLEC	PHONE/INTERNET	1,567.01
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	TECH SUPPORT	1,809.83
AVIS R. ANDREWS	COURT	788.50
BILL J PICKELL	SERVICE	39.98
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	514.74
BLUE360 MEDIA	SUPPLIES	160.50
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	53.94
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	963.70
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	305.75
BURT COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE	16.20
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT	140.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT	177.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	267.14
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	365.05
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	240,000.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	27.09



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CARTRIDGE CENTER INC	SUPPLIES	175.00
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	18.50
CENTURY LINK	UTILITIES	550.42
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	107.63
CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	QTR SERVICE	70.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	SHERIFF AUTO	53.00
CLIFFORD L MORROW	CHECKING ROADS	35.65
COMPLETE SECURITY & INVESTIGATIONS	COURT	174.00
CUBBY'S	FUEL	539.35
CVSOAN - TOM REIMERS TREASURER	DUES	50.00
DALE WEBSTER	CHECKING ROADS	59.80
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	AS/400	185.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	TELE TYPE	350.00
DAVID SCHOLD	CHECKING ROADS	58.08
DEPT CORRECTIONAL SVCS	JAIL	85.64
DETECTACHEM	SUPPLY	64.80
DODGE COUNTY	3RD QTR PROBATION	3,322.84
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	CERT COPIES	4.00
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	405.00
DUGAN PRINTING & PROMOTIONS	ELECTION SUPPLY	160.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEE	257.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	1,548.98
FORNOFF & SCHUTT	ATTY FEES	1,102.50
FRANCES FRENCH	PRIOR SERVICE	11.00
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	39.10
GENE STEFFY	SHERIFF AUTO	29,883.00
GRAHAM TIRE - FREMONT	FLEET	496.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	COPIER	159.40
HOPKINS LAW OFFICE, LLC	ATTY FEES	1,726.50
ILA DAVIS	PRIOR SERVICE	18.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	1,300.84
JACOBS ALEXANDER LAW	ATTY FEES	133.00
JAN RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	50.40
JAY W JOHNSON	MILEAGE	146.16
JENNIFER HANSEN	MILEAGE	136.98
JONI L. RENSHAW	MILEAGE	57.12
KB'S MINI MART INC	FUEL	707.78
LAURA R. MAURSTAD	SERVICE FEES	38.67
LAUREEN CANARSKY	PRIOR SERVICE	207.72
LEE AGRI-MEDIA	PUBLISHING	54.23
MARY LOFTIS	MISC EXPENSE	16.50
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	270.00
MILLS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	855.00
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,914.38
MOCIC	SOFTWARE	100.00



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NACO	HANDBOOK	108.00
NACo	DUES	450.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING	93.00
NEBRASKA LOESS HILLS RC&D COUNCIL	DUES 2021	350.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	944.60
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	50.00
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	43.65
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLIES	429.33
OFFICENET	SUPPLIES	969.57
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	110.40
PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	COUNTY BURIAL	1,650.00
PENDER HOSPITAL	JAIL MEDICAL	1,598.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	TESTING/AUTOPSY	2,050.00
PLAINDEALER PUBLISHING CO	2021 SUBSCRIPTION	32.00
QUALITY PRINTING & OFFICE SUPP	SUPPLIES	2,155.13
RAY O'HERRON	COURT	488.74
REGION IV INC	QTR BILLING	3,305.50
SEC OF STATE-ELECTION DIVISION	VOTER SUPPLIES	20.00
STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE	73.60
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC P.C., L.L.O.	CHILD SUPPORT	2,006.05
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	254.00
TEK PRINT & PROMOTIONS, LLC	MASKS	1,000.00
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	294.01
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	50.03
THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL, INC	MATNEY ROBE	403.00
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	7,000.00
TORY PENNY	POSTAGE	15.50
TRAVELERS	WORK COMP	21,769.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	SOFTWARE	2,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CONTRACT	677.24
VISUAL EDGE, COUNSEL	COPIER	44.28
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SERVICE	COPIER	60.22
WILLIAM E KAISER	COURT	350.00
ANDREW BRANIFF	TRUCK SEAT	150.00
ANDREW DONAWA	SUPPLIES	16.13
ARBY'S BODY SHOP LLC	PARTS	64.25
ARIZONA TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL	22,243.73
BATTLE ARMOUR DESIGNS LLC	CULVERTS	3,695.00
BELL CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	23,278.19
BLUETARP FINANCIAL, INC	CORD REEL	320.98
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES/PARTS	1,375.52
BREHMER MFG INC	PARTS/LABOR	1,539.82
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
CITY CLERK	UTILITIES	23.25
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	235.83



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CONNIE JUMP	PRIOR SERVICE	69.24
CRAIG TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL	33,000.19
DECATUR EXPRESS	FUEL	919.38
DECATUR TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	18,345.60
DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES	PARTS/LABOR	2,911.81
EVERETT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	12,577.95
FARMERS PRIDE	DIESEL	1,738.54
HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS INC	REPAIR	509.03
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	1,359.05
LOGAN TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	23,592.95
LORENSEN LUMBER & GRAIN LLC	REBAR	150.00
MARTIN MARIETTA	GRAVEL/BORROW	2,414.27
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	DRUG SCREEN	20.00
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	5,176.00
MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	PARTS	157.52
NMC CAT RENTAL	PARTS	12,395.49
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	SERVICE	186.09
OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	10,654.88
PERSHING TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL	14,836.50
PUMP SHOP	PLUMBING	169.24
QUINNEBAUGH TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	8,312.85
RDO TRUCK CENTERS	PARTS/FREIGHT	2,469.25
RICK ECKLEY	ROTORS	30.00
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	11,523.33
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS/SUPPLIES	433.84
SIGN DEPOT	BRIDGE MAP	385.00
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	15,040.62
STALP GRAVEL CO	GRAVEL	8,144.76
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLY/PLUMB	221.02
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL	29,242.24
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER RENTAL	158.50
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	PARTS	98.84
VERIZON CONNECT	MONTHLY PLAN	453.92
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	106.49
WARRIOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY LLC.	BRIDGE INSPECT	6,599.50
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	569.20
WOODHOUSE FORD CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	WHEEL NUT	100.70
WPCI	MISC EXPENSE	28.25
POP N DOC'S DECATUR MARINA	GRANT	9,584.00
KAYLA EISENMENGER	CONSULT WORK	32.50
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	403.24
BURT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV CORP	1ST HALF 2021	18,000.00
JUSTICE DATE SOLUTIONS INC	SOFTWARE	3,350.00
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	573.30
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	56,294.66



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DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	EMPE PD ADDL	1.31
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	46,278.79
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	500.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22,099.54
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,047.12
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	VISION INS - EMPE PD	580.97
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	830.00

*COMMUNICATIONS (2): (1) Lwr Elkhorn NRD: 2 cost share grant programs available (Urban Conservation Assistance Program for erosion and flooding; Recreation Area Development Program. Apps due March 9. (2) NE Loess Hills RC&D: 2020 annual report.*

Discussion of 2021 Legislation: LB310 is a bill that would sharply reduce the inheritance tax over a several-year period. The County will submit letters to Sen. Ben Hansen and to the Revenue Committee to “Oppose elimination or reduction of county’s share of inheritance taxes.” The opposition letter reads:

### LB310 OPPOSITION

The Burt County Board of Supervisors stand in firm opposition to LB310 and any reduction in Nebraska’s Inheritance tax. The Fund is absolutely necessary for the well-being of Burt County fiscally by helping keep property taxes from going much higher.

We, like most other counties, use the Fund as our ‘Reserve’ in case of emergencies and for unplanned expenses that cannot wait until the next budget process. We also use the Fund to lower the tax levy at budget time. If we lose our inheritance Fund, we will have no choice but to raise property taxes to build a significant emergency Fund.

We are at the mercy of any crisis caused by wind, rain, flooding, hail, tornadoes, and the ever-present threat of an unplanned devastating legal case.

We request you resist the urge to lower taxes by forcing counties to raise theirs. We respectfully request that our opposition be included as part of the public record.

Examples of Burt County’s use of our Inheritance Tax Funds: TAX RELIEF: If it were not for the use of inheritance dollars to lower our levy, the county tax rate would need to be increased in order to maintain the cash reserve and services. PUBLIC SAFETY: Used to pay annual fee for emergency software that helps keep our citizens safe. COURTS: Used to pay for a variety of costs of a large murder trial. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Economic Development dues are paid by the County, this helps offset the dues for our local Subdivisions (Cities/Villages) within Burt County that participate. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING: paid for a new (10 year) County Comprehensive Plan. TOWNSHIP SUPPORT: Used to help 5 townships with start-up costs when they re-organized in 2019. ROADS: helped pay for road projects in which the County was petitioned by a Township to help with. NATURAL DISASTER: To help cover costs of emergency road repairs after devastating flooding. COURTHOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE: Used to pay for new wiring/updates to our technology infrastructure. (new phone system, new data rack and addition of data ports through-out 4 floors of the



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building.) COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE: Tuckpointing, new windows and new doors with handicap accessibility for our 100 year old Courthouse.

An **Interlocal Agreement with Dodge and Colfax Counties for 911 Services** was previously signed on 9.28.2020, today the board approved signature of an amended agreement that adds Cuming County. Signed upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

*ROADS: no action*

Remarks from the Public (2): (1) Robert Byrnes - Lyons, NE: cautioned the board that he believes he is finding a sufficient number of citizens willing to sign recall petitions for board members if they allow commercial wind projects to come into Burt County. (2) Bill Price - 1615 CoRd. 10, Lyons, NE: discussed his views about rotor diameter and spacing of commercial turbines; cited LB434 currently in Legislation.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Richards and Connealy at 9:54 A.M.  
Next Meeting: February 9, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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