



# Burt County Board Minutes



OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**April 13, 2021**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 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 (4-6-2021), 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: 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. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

Upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy, the agenda was approved. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

The minutes of the 3/26/2021 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved; upon motion by Webster, seconded by Pearson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

Approval of March Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and Zoning Report; the Sheriff’s Quarterly Report; Fund Balances and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$1,869,787.29 were all approved upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

TRAILER COURT LICENSE	50.00
ZONING PERMITS	20,175.00
EM GRANT	7,182.80
PRO-RATE <CO. SHARE>	563.29
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <CO. SHARE>	550.00
TAX SALE REGISTRATION FEES <25 BIDDERS>	625.00
TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FEES <CO. SHARE>	1,260.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,306.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	1,512.35
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	114.85
ADVERTISING - LIQUOR LICENSE	15.00
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COST	5.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	410.00
DISTRICT COURT-COURT COST REFUND	700.00



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DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	36.00
CO COURT-MISC FEES	99.00
DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES IV-D	4,953.31
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	608.25
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	459.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	650.00
GUN PERMITS	95.00
FINGER PRINT	10.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	2,378.92
MISC REVENUE (SURVEY MAP COPY)	1.25
ROAD: HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	115,853.30
ROAD: HIWAY BUYBACK	108,488.41
ROAD: BRIDGE BUYBACK	41,297.94
ROAD: QUINNEBAUGH TWP -maintenance 2020	9,840.00
ROAD: PERSHING TWP -maintenance 2020	9,180.00
ROAD: SALE OF PICKUP	790.00
ROAD: INS PAYOUT -collision 2005	2,488.10
FUND 2500 -CAP. IMPROVE/FLOOD DISASTER	205,000.00
LODGING TAX	405.56
ROD-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	516.00
STOP	50.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Lloyd Ulrich	2,996.37
INHERITANCE TAX - Dale Brodersen	1,015.58
PAYMENT FOR ELEVATOR REPAIR	11,101.78
PLAT BOOK SALES	30.00
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE	2,276.44
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,663.07
PRO-RATE MV Prorate	20,362.16
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <HOLDING FUNDS>	42,245.73
FINES & LICENSE -COUNTY COURT REGULAR FINES	3,860.00
FINES & LICENSE - liquor license	250.00
DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL	134.19
DECATUR FIRE - BOND	69.59
LYONS FIRE -GENERAL	293.78
LYONS FIRE -BOND	33.44
OAKLAND FIRE - GENERAL	1.53
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION	59,490.94
IN LIEU TAXES-1957 PRIOR	2,968.04
IN LIEU TAXES- 5% GROSS REVENUE	169,329.91
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT	1,008,994.91

*COMMUNICATION (2): (1) 2020 Tax Sale Certification from Robin Olson, Burt Co Treasurer per §77-1813. (2) The deed for the (Region 5/6) Decatur Tower Property has been filed and the property now belongs to Burt County. Mowing of the property will be overseen by the*



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Roads Dept. Andrew Donawa, Emergency Manager, will get this added to our property insurance policy; Donawa also reported that we currently are not using the tower, so he will have the power shut off.

Building and Grounds safety: Bruce Nathan will order 'keep off' signs to anchor into the concrete around the tank.

Mary Loftis gave an update on the extension educator position (cropping and water systems team). She reported that interviews were held, but all applicants turned down the position, so the position will remain open and they'll re-post.

Chad Thies and Stephanie Vanous, representative from Zelle Human Resources discussed services they could offer the County. The County Board suggested the Zelle team members visit with the County Officials and Department Heads to see if they have any interest in utilizing the services of Zelle within their departments.

## Radio Communications:

Bob Cain with Tri-State Communications did an emergency review of Burt County's communications equipment (dispatch console, towers / repeaters / antennas / microwave) that are used by the County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services. Mr. Cain reported that immediate replacement is needed for the dispatch console, Sheriff Nick expressed to the Board that replacement of this piece of equipment is of an emergency nature. Upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Morrow, the board approved for tri-state communications to do emergency repairs and/or replacement of the 911 dispatch radio console up to \$90,000.00 (including \$15,000.00 previously authorized on March 26, 2021). By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed. Spending authority for authorized amount in FY20-21 budget will have to come from the Inheritance Fund (2700), with repayment back to the fund being budgeted in FY21-22 budget. Emergency Manager, Andrew Donawa and the Sheriff Nick will work with Tri-State Communications to prepare a request for proposal that will address the rest of the system needs in next year's (FY 21-22) budget. Sealed bids can then be let for next fiscal year budgets.

Burt County Emergency Communication Committee requested to have one Burt County Supervisor be on their board, Carl Pearson volunteered.

Patty Plugge with Burt County Economic Development presented two (2) applications for Fund 0900, Private Foundation Grants; Plugge reported that BCEDC board had reviewed the requests and recommended their approval for both. According to the language of the grant, monies are awarded for up to 50% cost. The two (2) applications presented were for consideration for **Demolition Grant(s)**, both from Three Rivers Housing Development Corp.: (1) for asbestos abatement for house at 901 L. St., Tekamah, with a bid of \$4,100.00; (2) for demo of the house at 901 L. St., Tekamah, with a bid of \$4,900.00. The Burt County Board approved the release of \$2,450.00 & \$2,050.00 for the demo project; funds will be released from County Fund 0900 upon completion. Approval of the



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demo grant was upon motion by Richards, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

The following resolution was offered in order to set up a new fund for COVID American Rescue Plan dollars.

**RESOLUTION #2021 –08**

New Fund (2580) per COVID

WHEREAS, on March 10, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, and

WHEREAS, part of this Act includes State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, which specifically allocates \$65.1 billion in direct aid to every county in America, and

WHEREAS, President Biden signed this legislation into law on March 11, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) was instrumental in making sure that counties were provided for in this legislation, and

WHEREAS, the United States Treasury will make the counties’ allocation in two halves with the first half to be within 60 days of the President’s signature with the second half no sooner than 12 months after, and

WHEREAS, guidelines for the use of these funds will become known in the near future by the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the total estimated allocation (includes consolidated funds) to Burt County is \$1,252,683. and

WHEREAS, the Burt County Board of Supervisors has been advised by the Nebraska State Auditor’s office to establish the COVID American Rescue Plan as Fund #2580; and

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Burt County Board of Supervisors to direct the County Treasurer to establish the new fund of the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund as Fund #2580 and to direct the County Clerk to add the newly created COVID American Rescue Plan Fund in the Burt County 2021/2022 Budget.

Dated this 13th day of April 2021 at Tekamah, NE.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Members Connealy and Morrow made the motions to set up the fund, and the Chairman declared Resolution #2021-08 adopted, with roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

Carl Pearson reported that on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, he had contacted attorney Curt Bromm from the law office of ‘Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer’ to ask about hiring the law group to act as consultants for Burt County to help look over zoning regulations, specifically wind energy regs. The law office will be contacting the Burt County Clerk and Burt County Zoning Administrator seeking information for their review.

**ROADS:**

Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent reported that she has one open position; she’ll place an employment ad for a motor grader operator.



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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M. upon motions by Pearson and Connealy.  
Next meeting: April 28, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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