



Burt County Board Minutes



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Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
July 13, 2021
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 (7-6-2021), 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 with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved upon motion by Webster, seconded by Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

Approval of June Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report, the Zoning Report, Sheriff's Quarterly Report, Treasurer's 6 month report, Fund Balances and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$888,135.85 were all approved upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

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| ZONING PERMITS | 100.00 |
| STATE OF NEBR. -EM Grant 2020- 1/2 salary | 6,198.71 |
| STATE OF NEBR. -MV ProRate 2nd Qtr. <COUNTY SHARE> | 323.15 |
| TAX SALE REDEMPTION <COUNTY SHARE> | 132.00 |
| CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES | 2,670.50 |
| CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE) | 993.40 |
| CO CLERK-MISC FEES | 172.50 |
| DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES | 441.00 |
| DISTRICT COURT- COURT COST REFUND | 52.00 |
| DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE | 306.35 |
| DISTRICT COURT-FEES & COSTS | 35.00 |
| CO COURT-MISC FEES | 34.00 |



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| CO SHERIFF -SERVICE FEES | 838.00 |
| CO SHERIFF -MILE AND COST | 804.91 |
| TITLE INSPECTS | 350.00 |
| GUN PERMITS | 50.00 |
| INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS | 6,016.11 |
| MISC REV- SHERIFF _FUEL EXCISE | 1,205.38 |
| MISC REVENUE - BURT CO EM - NATURAL GAS | 262.15 |
| ROAD: HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION | 124,603.13 |
| PILT | 5,641.00 |
| BARRICADES | 522.69 |
| FUEL EXCISE | 4,133.79 |
| ADJUSTMENT FOR WAGE GARNISHMENT | 405.79 |
| TRANSFER GEN-ROAD | 565,000.00 |
| LODGING TAX | 332.22 |
| CO CLERK-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION | 445.50 |
| STOP | 100.00 |
| INHERITANCE TAX- Catherine Jolene Corbin | 1,574.82 |
| INHERITANCE TAX- James R. Barta | 424.14 |
| INHERITANCE TAX- Frank Lee Holiday | 40,699.38 |
| INHERITANCE TAX- Iver Beckstrom | 7,852.95 |
| INHERITANCE TAX- Erma Shawver | 7,210.72 |
| PLAT BOOKS | 25.00 |
| COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE | 1,163.61 |
| STATE OF NEBR. -MV ProRate 2nd Qtr. <BLDG FUND> | 7.13 |
| STATE OF NEBR. -MV ProRate 2nd Qtr. <OTHER ENTITIES> | 11,676.06 |
| FINES & LICENSE -COUNTY COURT BOND FORFEITURES | 3,327.00 |
| FINES & LICENSE -COUNTY COURT REGULAR FINES | -490.00 |
| DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL | 628.31 |
| DECATUR FIRE - BOND | 333.87 |
| LYONS FIRE -GENERAL | 260.12 |
| LYONS FIRE -BOND | 29.62 |
| OAKLAND FIRE - GENERAL | 852.71 |
| TAX SALE REDEMPTION <HOLDING FUNDS> | 20,993.11 |
| HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION | 59,490.94 |
| IN LIEU HOUSING AUTHORITY | 4,907.08 |

COMMUNICATIONS (4): (1) The board reviewed the Burt County salaries that will be published in July per §23-122. (2) Village of Decatur: requesting to receive some of the County's ARPA funds. (3) NE DOT: opportunity for input into STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan). (4) NACO -Annual Conference registration procedure plan.

The Board reviewed the new **Applied Connective Technologies contract** for IT for the coming year. New contracts begin August 1, 2021; the number of service hours will remain the same at 140 hours, the hourly rate will be \$115.00/hour (up \$5.00/hr); the



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software contract costs will go up (software cost \$9,168) due to increases in the number of county computers being monitored and additional restoration capabilities. Morrow moved to accept the annual contracts, Connealy seconded the motion. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays - none.

Upon motion by Swanson seconded by Richards, the Board approved a **special designated liquor license for** Nelson's Food Pride to serve at a wedding at Harvest Moon (Oakland) on August 28, 2021. By roll call vote: Ayes Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays - none.

The board invited the County Officials and Department Heads to discuss utilization of outside HR services from **Zelle HR**. After discussion, Webster made a motion to hire Zelle HR for 6 months at a cost of \$3,000.00/month; this will include the company helping to update the County's Employee Manual/Handbook. Connealy seconded the motion, and motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Morrow, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays - Swanson.

Zoning: Renae Feilmeier, an attorney from the law office of 'Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer' met with the board to present proposed changes to the Burt County zoning regulations with respect to Wind Energy. Points discussed: (a) Nebraska legislation pertaining to renewable energy §66-901-§66-914; (b) setbacks from property lines for wind turbines; (c), density requirement implementation; (d) decommissioning plans and bond requirements; (e) compliance fee payment by applicants. Ms. Feilmeier will go back and re-type changes discussed and will bring back a draft for possible adoption.

Public Comment after the discussions with Bromm Law representative:

(1) Robert Byrnes: (a) doesn't believe it's fair and right to compare solar and wind when it comes to decommissioning plans. (b) doesn't believe §66-901 means we have to host renewable energy. (2) Bill Price: (a) setbacks should be consistent everywhere. (b) turbine rotor size should matter when thinking about setbacks.

Board member Connealy moved to adopt the following resolution as part of Burt County 2020-2021 Fiscal Year End Business:

RESOLUTION #2021-12 911 Set Aside Funds

WHEREAS there is a balance of \$16,271.63 in the E-911 (2913) fund from the 2020-2021 fiscal year;
AND WHEREAS Burt County has earmarked these monies for the purchase of new equipment and upgrades to the 911 system;

AND WHEREAS this is in compliance with rules and regulations set forth by the Public Service Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors that \$8,000.00 from the E-911 (2913) fund be transferred to the (2914) holding fund in order to be held and earmarked for the purchase of new equipment and upgrades to the 911 system.



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Board Member Pearson seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Chairman declared Resolution #2021-12 adopted.

Eric Nick, Burt County Sheriff informed the board about the need to sign an **interlocal agreement with Thurston County for a jail contract**. The agreement was approved and signed upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Webster. By Roll call Vote: Ayes -Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

Patty Plugge with Burt County Economic Development presented a **Lodging Tax Grant** application from Lewis and Clark Scenic Byway for advertising their “skipping through time” event that will be traveling through Burt County in July. Plugge reported that BCEDC board had reviewed the request and recommended their approval for \$479.00. Upon motion by Morrow, seconded by Connealy, the board approved the funds be released from Fund 0990. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays- none.

Public Comment: Gerald Newill (a former Burt County Board Member) stopped to greet the board.



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ROADS: Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent

Pick-ups: Five (5) pick-ups were lost in the Decatur Shed fire; four (4) roads pick-ups and the (1) weeds pick-up. Chytka gathered State bid info from dealers that had inventory, due to COVID after-effects, inventory is hard to come by for pick-ups. Chytka confirmed that insurance money will come in to help with some of the costs for replacement. Upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Swanson, the board voted to purchase the following four (4) pick-ups. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays- none.

(3) Roads Fleet: (1) 2021 Dodge 1500 Bighorn/Lonestar, gas, crew cab, \$40,555
two (2) 2021 Dodge 2500 Tradesman, gas, regular cab \$33,043

(1) Weeds Pick-up: 2021 Dodge 3500, cab & chassis, diesel, \$47,572. A flatbed will be put on this.

MotorGrader Fleet: Upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy, the board voted to sell one (1) motor grader via an online auction; upon roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Morrow, Swanson, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays -none.

Co.Rd. GH: cracks will need to be repaired when the next patching project is done.

The Board **reviewed budget requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and met with (some) officials to discuss their budgets.** Initial requests will be submitted to Mytty Consulting (budget authority hired) and changes may be made after seeing initial budget projections. (officials/dept. heads present: Andrew Donawa – EM & Zoning; Fred Franklin – Surveyor; Joni Renshaw – Assessor; Eric Nick – Sheriff & 911; Jennifer Hansen & Mary Loftis – Extension office; Sarah Freidel – Clerk, ROD, Elections, Gen. Misc., special Funds; Ann Chytka - Roads)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M. upon motion by Connealy and Morrow. Next Meeting(s): July 23, 2021 BOE – 2021 Protest decisions.

July 28, 2021 is the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting

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COUNTY CLERK

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Burt County NOTICE pursuant to §23-122:

Burt County Positions and Salaries

CLERK, TREASURER, ASSESSOR, CLERK DISTRICT COURT: \$4,382.49/month

DEPUTY: CLERK, TREASURER, ASSESSOR, CLERK DISTRICT COURT: \$19.52/hour

OFFICE CLERKS in CLERK, TREASURER, ASSESSOR: \$17.28-\$16.94/hour

REAPPRAISAL LICENSED APPRAISER: \$59.80/hour

REAPPRAISAL REVIEWER: \$19.52/hour

REAPPRAISAL CLERK part time: \$12.80/hour

ATTORNEY: \$4,382.49/month

DEPUTY ATTORNEY: \$2,852.65/month

ATTORNEY SECRETARY: \$17.58/hour

SURVEYOR: \$873.75/month

COUNTY BOARD: \$1,240.77/month

SHERIFF: \$5,043.30/month

SHERIFF DEPUTIES: \$4,195.55 - \$3,748.31/month

SHERIFF SECRETARY/911 DISPATCHERS: \$16.32 – \$17.85/hour

HIGHWAY SUPT: \$26.53/hour

HIGHWAY CLERICAL: \$17.28/hour

ROAD DEPT: \$19.53 - \$27.49/hour

MAINTENANCE & BUILDING: \$19.52/hour

WEED AUTHORITY & ROAD SIGNS: \$22.91/hour

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: \$25.30/hour

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$3,750.00/month

EXTENSION CLERICAL: \$17.55/hour

EXTENSION ASSISTANT part time: \$12.55/hour

ZONING & FLOODPLAIN ADMIN: \$1,000.00/month

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