

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
April 28, 2023
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, April 28, 2023 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 (4-20-2023), 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: Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, 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 Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

The minutes of the April 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meetings were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Swanson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

The following claims for April in the amount of \$ 473,586.32 including \$157,959.08 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Pearson, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. The following claims were approved:

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| ADAM TRIPP | ATTY FEES | 2,090.00 |
| ALBIN LAW OFFICE | ATTY FEES | 289.75 |
| ALLISON ELECTRIC INC | SERVICES | 68.76 |
| AMANDA GATEWOOD | TRAVEL | 264.99 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC | IT SERVICES | 5,749.73 |
| AUDREY UNWIN | MILEAGE | 106.63 |
| B & B TECHNOLOGIES INC | PARTS/SUPPLY | 360.00 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | UTILITIES | 481.44 |
| BOARDERS INN & SUITES-BROKEN BOW | CONFERENCE | 285.00 |
| BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE | SUPPLIES | 272.52 |
| BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC | SUPPLIES | 828.37 |
| BRANIFF SERVICE INC | FUEL | 3,042.43 |
| BRUCE NATHAN | MILEAGE | 33.41 |
| BRUMMOND DISPOSAL | GARBAGE | 225.00 |
| BURT COUNTY ATTORNEY | CERTIFIED COPY | 39.50 |
| BURT COUNTY CLERK | POSTAGE | 63.00 |
| BURT COUNTY COURT | NON WAIVERABLE | 890.00 |
| BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT | NON WAIVERABLE | 288.00 |
| BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST | UTILITIES | 233.54 |
| BURT COUNTY SHERIFF | SERVICE FEE | 110.88 |
| CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES | COPIER | 27.09 |
| CASS PLUMBING & HVAC LLC | SERVICES | 42.95 |
| CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS | GRAVE MARKERS | 1,448.36 |
| CENTURY LINK | UTILITIES | 323.04 |
| CHRISTINE A DREGALLA | JAIL MEDICAL | 319.00 |
| CITY OF TEKAMAH | UTILITIES | 250.50 |
| CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH | MISC | 167.70 |
| CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO. | SUPPLIES | 38.50 |

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| CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV | UTILITIES | 985.09 |
| COUNTRY TIRE INC | PARTS/SUPPLY | 105.30 |
| CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS INC | CHEM/SUPPLY | 8,263.35 |
| CUBBY'S | FUEL | 2,522.62 |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN. | TELE TYPE | 350.00 |
| DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE | SOFTWARE | 89.12 |
| DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART | FUEL | 1,979.58 |
| DODGE COUNTY | PROBATION | 2,934.30 |
| EAKES OFFICE PLUS | SUPPLIES | 523.46 |
| FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR | JAIL MEDICAL | 621.00 |
| FASTWYRE BROADBAND | UTILITIES | 1,516.70 |
| FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC | INSURANCE | 525.77 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | SUPPLIES | 981.34 |
| FRANCES FRENCH | PRIOR SERVICE | 99.00 |
| GARY SWANSON | CHECKING ROADS | 44.54 |
| GRAHAM TIRE STORE | REPAIRS | 576.00 |
| GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS | SUPPLIES | 247.63 |
| GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS | EQUIPMENT | 178.50 |
| HUNTEL COMMUNICATIONS | PHONE | 62.50 |
| ILA DAVIS | PRIOR SERVICE | 162.00 |
| INTOXIMETERS INC | EQUIPMENT | 1,197.75 |
| J.F. AHERN CO | FIRE INSPECT | 237.00 |
| JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT | EQUIPMENT | 1,301.45 |
| JAMIE HERMANSON | COURT COSTS | 1,824.00 |
| JEFF KUTCHERA | CHECKING ROADS | 134.93 |
| JENNIFER HANSEN | MILEAGE | 56.33 |
| JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO | ATTY FEES | 902.50 |
| KATIE HART | MILEAGE | 106.11 |
| LUAN OLIVERIA | MILEAGE | 108.34 |
| MADISON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT | COURT COSTS | 100.00 |
| MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF | SERVICE FEE | 70.94 |
| MCH HEALTH SYSTEM | JAIL MEDICAL | 4,914.08 |
| MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC | INSURANCE | 255.75 |
| MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT | EQUIPMENT | 240.00 |
| MILLS LAW OFFICE | ATTY FEES | 3,657.50 |
| MIPS INC | SOFTWARE | 1,921.54 |
| MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT | SOFTWARE | 108.64 |
| NACO | WORKSHOP | 150.00 |
| NACO PLANNING & ZONING | P&Z DUES | 40.00 |
| NE NEBR ECONOMIC DEV DIST | FY 2023-2024 | 915.00 |
| NEBR ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS | NACT WORKSHOP | 150.00 |
| NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM | SERVICES/LODGING | 411.00 |
| NEBR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING | TRAINING | 786.00 |
| NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY EXTENSION | MEETING FEES | 40.00 |
| NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | 860.82 |
| NORFOLK TRANSMISSION & MUFFLER | PARTS/SUPPLY | 268.89 |
| OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR | PUBLISHING | 651.10 |
| OFFICE WAREHOUSE | SUPPLIES | 109.02 |
| ONE OFFICE SOLUTION | SUPPLIES | 708.70 |
| PAUL RICHARDS | CHECKING ROADS | 96.94 |
| PENDER HOSPITAL | JAIL MEDICAL | 49.00 |
| PENNY A. WARREN | TRAVEL EXPENSE | 339.00 |
| PERRY LAW FIRM | ATTY FEES | 928.00 |
| REGION IV INC | QTRLY PAY | 3,305.50 |
| SAMUEL TITUS | CHECKING ROADS | 98.25 |
| SARAH FREIDEL | MILEAGE | 133.11 |
| SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | SERVICE FEE | 22.61 |
| SCOTT'S HARDWARE | SUPPLIES | 484.31 |

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| STACEY KEYS | MILEAGE | 143.35 |
| STEPHEN J KRAVIEC P.C.,L.L.O. | CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE | 2,021.06 |
| THE APOTHECARY SHOP | JAIL MEDICAL | 1,143.71 |
| THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY | EQUIPMENT | 411.00 |
| THEODORE CONNEALY | CHECKING ROADS | 41.92 |
| THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF | JAIL | 10,950.00 |
| TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION | MAINTENANCE | 303.78 |
| TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC | EQUIPMENT | 894.76 |
| TRISTEN KAUTMAN | MEALS | 115.00 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | SERVICES | 913.60 |
| VISUAL EDGE IT | COPIER | 254.63 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK | 3RD QTR DUES | 2,952.04 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF | JAIL | 15,405.00 |
| WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SERVICE | COPIER | 60.22 |
| ZELLE | CONSULT | 125.00 |
| ANN CHYTKA | TRAVEL EXPENSE | 312.31 |
| BLUFF GRAVEL COMPANY | GRAVEL | 5,966.40 |
| BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL | GARBAGE | 90.00 |
| BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC | FUEL | 861.60 |
| CAPITAL ONE TRADE | TOOLS | 259.94 |
| CHRISTENSEN ELECTRIC LLC | SERVICES | 798.39 |
| CITY OF LYONS | UTILITIES | 260.57 |
| CITY OF OAKLAND | UTILITIES | 27.65 |
| CNA AUTO SERVICES,LLC | PARTS/SUPPLY | 11.08 |
| DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES | PARTS/SUPPLY | 78.45 |
| FARMERS PRIDE | FUEL | 3,718.06 |
| MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC | ENGINEERING | 572.50 |
| MARTIN MARIETTA | GRAVEL/ROCK | 17,047.72 |
| MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO | FUEL | 3,620.30 |
| MIDWEST SERVICE CO | ID BURRO | 11,521.83 |
| NEBR ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS | 2023 DUES | 50.00 |
| NMC CAT RENTAL | EQUIPMENT | 474.21 |
| OMAHA SLING INC | SUPPLIES | 208.28 |
| RDO TRUCK CENTERS, LLC | REPAIRS | 7,431.87 |
| SAPP BROS PETROLEUM INC | FUEL | 527.99 |
| SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY | SUPPLIES | 1,257.46 |
| STEINY'S GENERAL STORE | SUPPLIES | 164.53 |
| TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES | PARTS/SUPPLY | 24.91 |
| VERIZON CONNECT | SERVICES | 404.75 |
| VILLAGE OF CRAIG | UTILITIES | 68.24 |
| VILLAGE OF DECATUR | UTILITIES | 130.87 |
| 4S SERVICE AND REPAIR | REPAIRS | 854.24 |
| CHRISTINE BRUCE | RENO GRANT | 15,000.00 |
| MIDTOWN BODY SHOP | RENO GRANT | 1,825.00 |
| BURT COUNTY MUSEUM | LODGING TAX | 650.00 |
| TRI-COUNTY SADDLE CLUB | LODGING TAX | 500.00 |
| GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES | SHELVING ROD VAULT | 2,984.69 |
| CENTURY LINK - LUMEN | SERVICES | 314.26 |
| CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY) | SERVICES | 707.20 |
| NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO | UTILITIES | 130.47 |
| AFLAC | EMPE PD ADDL | 477.55 |
| ALLSTATE | EMPE PD ADDL | 183.96 |
| BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD | INSURANCE | 51,902.52 |
| ERIN M MCCARTNEY CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE | GARNISHMENT | 650.00 |
| FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS | FEDERAL TAXES | 46,329.91 |
| GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV | EMPE PD ADDL | 466.77 |
| MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC | EMPE PD ADDL | 95.82 |
| NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS | EMPE PD ADDL | 150.00 |

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| RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS | RETIREMENT | 22,962.18 |
| STATE TAX COMMISSIONER | STATE TAXES | 7,491.36 |
| VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT) | EMPE PD ADDL | 615.55 |
| COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO | EMPE PD ADDL | 57.79 |
| CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES | GARNISHMENT | 30.99 |
| NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR | CHILD SUPPORT PAY | 830.00 |

Communication: Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District – Burt County’s Economic Development Report for July 2012-current. Placed on file.

P&C Insurance:

Kevin Brenneis from Brenneis Insurance presented a deductible buy down option for wind/hail coverage on the Courthouse Building; the premium came in considerable higher than in past years, the board decided to not act at this time due to their plans of a possible new roof in FY23-24. Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Connealy, Chairman signed renewal paperwork for P&C insurance plan with Travelers for May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

County Health Insurance:

Employee Health Insurance options are being explored prior to the July 1, 2023 renewal date.

(a) Dustin Will, consultant with *Benefit Management* (Lincoln): Dustin asked the board to consider letting him provide services to evaluate options and costs for employee benefits outside of the NACO group pool (the County’s current employee benefits provider). The County Board gave permission for Dustin to gather employee information from the Clerk’s office in order to provide benefit options.

(b) Mike Boden, Benefit Services Manager with *NACO Benefit Services*: presented options within the NACO Group Pool for County Employee Benefit Plans effective July 1, 2023. He discussed the difference plan options and rates available via the NACO Group Pool as well as the added benefits that come with being in the Nebraska County Group Pool.

(c) Mr. Boden also offered to explore and bring back information for options outside of the NACO Group Pool.

No action was taken today; Discussions will continue at the May 10, 2023 board meeting, Insurance Reps will return with more information at that time.

Burt County Extension: *Luan Oliveira, PhD Extension Educator*

(a) *Burt County Extension Board Constitution & ByLaws*: Luan presented an updated version; Burt County Board approved signature to the updated document upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Pearson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

(b) *Extension Vehicle*: Luan reported the vehicle has repair appointment in May. Vehicle usage will be further discussed once repair situation is finalized.

Meeting date changes:

Wednesday meetings will overlap with Annual Conferences in June and December 2023; these dates will be moved to the Tuesday before to accommodate Officials attending their conferences. Wed, June 14th will move to Tues, June 13th ; Wed, Dec. 13th will move to Tues, Dec. 12th for 2023.

Roads: no action needed.

Board of Equalization:

Connealy moved the Board recess at 10:35 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Pearson seconded, motion passed with All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:37 AM upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Kutchera, with All Ayes. See separate BOE minutes.

Public Comment (2): (1) Donette Jackson (Tekamah): Asked who is the designated Roads Foreman. The Board responded there are now two “leads”, Andy Braniff and Leon Anderson; they informed Donette that her first contact for road issues/concerns/questions should be the Highway Superintendent’s office. (2) Dean Carlson (Decatur): Referenced the NE Dept. of Revenue’s Reports and Opinions document – he noted high valuation increases throughout all of Burt County. Mr. Carlson suggested the Board set up public meetings to explain the valuation processes/assessment practices.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Connealy at 10:49 A.M.
Next Meeting: May 10, 2023 @ 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.