

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**FY 2023-2024 Budget Meeting**  
**September 13, 2023**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding FY 2023-2024 budget meeting. The notice of budget hearing was published in the Oakland Independent (9-7-2023), 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, Gary "Bird" Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus and Ted Connealy.

Public/Press present for meeting: two (2) members of the press and no public.

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.

Chairman Schold declared a Public Hearing open at 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024. Proposed budget statements were made available for public review. County Clerk Sarah J. Freidel gave a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget. Having no public comment, Chairman closed the hearing at 9:05 A.M., and the board returned to regular session.

FY23-24 Tax Request Hearing will be held during the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 28, 2023.

The budget meeting was adjourned at 9:05 A.M. upon motions by Richards and Connealy.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## BURT COUNTY

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 13th day of September 2023 at 9:00 o'clock AM at the Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2021-2022 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2023-2024 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	5,296,890.75	5,628,349.18	7,573,301.83	150,000.00	3,232,310.86	4,490,990.97
ROAD	4,330,405.31	3,293,264.95	6,213,679.00	0.00	6,213,679.00	0.00
PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS	75,265.40	87,963.46	142,870.86	0.00	142,870.86	0.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAX	29,260.81	2,014.00	44,400.68	0.00	44,400.68	0.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRES & MAINT	2,231.64	10,697.66	12,796.17	0.00	12,796.17	0.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	0.00	0.00	2,722.63	0.00	2,722.63	0.00
STOP PROGRAM	812.10	0.00	7,780.53	0.00	7,780.53	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
K-9	0.00	10,590.88	15,000.05	0.00	15,000.05	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE./FLOOD DISASTER	30,341.62	0.00	1,648,140.84	0.00	1,648,140.84	0.00
ARPA FUNDS	54,677.50	33,826.50	1,166,081.00	0.00	1,166,081.00	0.00
CDBG -MIDWEST VET_2021	189,692.21	157,307.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	76,227.26	18,904.03	2,954,121.08	0.00	2,954,121.08	0.00
911	11,564.25	3,989.28	110,063.25	0.00	110,063.25	0.00
E 911	29,964.78	45,943.31	92,452.24	0.00	92,452.24	0.00
SET ASIDE FUNDS (911)	94,378.29	0.00	144,206.54	0.00	144,206.54	0.00
BUILDING FUND	0.00	0.00	1,245,998.57	0.00	1,045,998.57	200,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10,221,711.92</b>	<b>9,292,851.04</b>	<b>21,374,615.27</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>16,833,624.30</b>	<b>4,690,990.97</b>
<b>Unused Budget Authority created for next year</b>						<b>2,146,137.48</b>

## BURT COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1601.02, that the governing body will meet on the 28th day of September 2023 at 9:00 o'clock AM at the Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2022	2023	Change
Operating Budget	18,625,363.00	21,374,615.27	14.761%
Property Tax Request	4,610,306.00	4,690,990.97	1.750%
Valuation	1,878,981,669.00	2,175,738,440.00	15.793%
Tax Rate	0.245362	0.215605	-12.128%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.211896		

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The meeting opened at 9:05 A.M. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

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

The minutes of the 8-28-2023 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes –Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

Approval of August Financial Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and Zoning Report, Fund Balances, and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$ 318,071.58 were all approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Titus. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. Motion passed.

ZONING PERMITS	350.00
LATCF - TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND	50,000.00
AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE	810.27
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <CO.SHARE>	22.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,217.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	3,570.64
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	284.25
DISTRICT COURT - FILING FEES	301.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	155.00
DISTRICT COURT - MISC FEES & REV.	743.50
DISTRICT COURT- FEES & COSTS	87.00
DISTRICT COURT - BAIL BOND 10%	800.00
INTOX	75.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	495.05
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	376.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	460.00
GUN PERMITS	25.00
OPIOID PAYMENT	2,189.04
CO ATTY - STATE OF NEBR - CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE	3,375.00
NIELSEN FOUNDATION _SHERIFF GRANT	24,000.00
SURPLUS SALE - FORD EXPEDITION	1,530.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	2,033.25
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	131,035.15
REIMBURSE - REMOVAL OF TUBE - BRODERSEN	1,092.67
SALE - SCRAP METAL	2,176.20

TWP REIMBURSE - DECATUR TWP _APRIL-JUNE	9,205.00
REIMBURSE - STATE OF NEBR _PELICAN POINT & SUMMIT LAKE	490.00
LODGING TAX	1,712.05
ROD - PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND	518.00
STOP	0.00
K-9 DONATION	2,235.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Kenneth R. Schram	16,886.40
INHERITANCE TAX - Iona G. Long	10,069.54
PLAT BOOK SALES	120.00
COUNTY 911 (+\$122) (-\$525 duplicate entry; posting error fix)	-403.00
E 911	3,293.94
COUNTY COURT FINES - REGULAR	2,343.00
DECATUR FIRE GENERAL	124.01
DECATUR FIRE BOND	66.59
LYONS FIRE GENERAL	3.52
LYONS FIRE BOND	0.38
OAKLAND FIRE GENERAL	31.64
MUNI COURT FINES - TEKAMAH CITY	75.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <HOLDING FUNDS>	30,882.39
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATIONS	9,680.62
CARLINE TAX FROM STATE	1,534.48

**OFFICE UPDATES (2):** (1) Treasurer – Robin Olson (2) District Court – Michele Quick

**Courtroom Equipment**

Michele Quick, District Court Clerk reported that updates to Courtroom equipment are complete. The equipment costs were paid via a State Grant applied for by the (AOCP) Admin Office of Courts & Probation; now the ownership of the equipment will transfer to Burt County. Chairman Schold signed the transfer paperwork.

**Demo Grant Applications:**

Burt County Economic Development submitted a demolition grant application, BCEDC board had reviewed the request and recommended their approval for demolition grant for Steve Devening (1504 E St., Tekamah), \$3,6000.00 (50% low bid). Burt County Board approve the demo grant (Fund 0900), upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

**Public Transit Program Proposal:**

David Branch, Cuming County Economic Development and Tyler Toline, CEO of Franciscan Healthcare presented a proposal for PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES to be offered via a joint venture between Burt County and communities and Cuming County and their communities and Franciscan Healthcare. Citizens utilizing the services will pay a small useage fee based off duration/distance; rides will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Franciscan Healthcare would operate the entire program; i.e. vehicle acquisitions and maintenance, staffing, scheduling, monthly/annual grant paperwork requirements and comply with all regulations thereof. Funding will come from three sources: Federal sources (Federal Transit Admin), State Sources (NE Dept. of Transportation), and Local matches (Burt County, Cuming County and Cities/Villages within both Counties); local match covers 25% of operating costs and 10% of capital and non-operating costs, the local match is required to secure the Grant funding. Mr. Branch will return to a future Burt County Board meeting with final numbers for participation in the program at a later date; he anticipates Burt County’s portion to be \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00 and requested a two-year commitment. No action today.

**City/Village Building Permits:**

Katie Hart, Burt County Assessor asked to discuss an issue her office is having regarding the County’s Cities/Villages; there is a lack of building permits being turned in from the County’s Cities/Villages. The issue is problematic in that if permits are not obtained and/or turned in to the County, the result is a loss of growth and value for all taxing entities affected. Discussion and Resolution: Communication will be drafted explaining the necessity of the permits; Katie will present to all five (5) City Councils/Village Boards of Burt County, County Board members offered to attend the meetings with Hart within their respective districts.

**ROADS:** Present for discussions: Andy Braniff, Road Employee

(a) Road Committee Report: Tool Truck engine blew up ('08 Dodge 5500); Board advised Braniff collect cost comparisons for new engine -vs- new cab/chassis.

(b) Lyons Shed – spray insulation bids: The board advised Braniff to bring back cost comparisons for full insulation of exterior walls -vs- putting up walls to create bays in order to insulate less area.

(c) State Stop Sign Program – Resolution 2023-12

Supervisor Pearson made a motion to sign the Contract and Resolution for the Stop Sign Program, Richards seconded. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

**RESOLUTION #2023-12**

**SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads**

Whereas: Burt County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Burt County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Burt County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Burt County that:

The Chair of the Burt County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Burt County and NDOT.

Burt County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2023 at Tekamah, Nebraska.

By the Board of Supervisors of Burt County.

*Board of Equalization: Communication - Real Property Exemptions will be published this month per §77-202.03(5).*

*Public Comment: none*

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 P.M. upon motions by Titus and Connealy.

Next meeting: September 28, 2023 at 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.*