

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
January 10, 2024
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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 (1-2-2024), 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: Ted Connealy, Gary “Bird” Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Samuel M. Titus and David Schold.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with the pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Sarah Freidel informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

The first order of business was **reorganization**. County Clerk Freidel asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Pearson motioned to nominate Ted Connealy, and Schold seconded the motion. Swanson moved that the nominations cease, seconded by Schold, and Connealy was elected Chairman of the Board for 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. Ted Connealy will be Chairman for 2024.

The next order of business, also part of reorganization, was to appoint a Vice-Chairman. Chairman Connealy asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Swanson moved to nominate David Schold, and Titus seconded the motion. Richards moved that the nominations cease and that David Schold be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2024, Pearson seconded. By roll call vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. David Schold will be Vice-Chairman for 2024.

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

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

The Financial Reports of County Clerk Fees, County Court fines, the District Court Fees and the Zoning Report for December; the Sheriff’s Quarterly Report and Treasurer’s 6 month report; the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$601,258.69 and Fund Balances were all approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed.

TOBACCO LICENSE & POSTAGE	30.00 + 10.00	40.00
ZONING PERMITS		900.00
MV PRO RATE (COUNTY SHARE)		1,736.58
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)		22.00
BAIL BOND COSTS -10%		100.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES		2,334.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)		1,954.30
CO CLERK-MISC FEES		715.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES		200.00
COURT COST REFUNDS		102.00
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COSTS		72.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE		697.50

DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES IV-D	3,042.07
CO COURT - MISC FEES	85.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	582.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	436.05
TITLE INSPECTIONS	410.00
GUN PERMITS	70.00
FINGER PRINT	20.00
OVERLOAD FINES - 25% COUNTY SHARE	125.00
INTEREST EARNED	990.17
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	124,697.88
ROAD-MISC REVENUE: CREDIT (NE NEBR. TELEPHONE)	808.24
TRANSFER GEN-RD	300,000.00
LODGING TAX - OCT	1,356.39
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	379.50
STOP	200.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Yvonne Niewohner	47,600.55
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST- Dan L. Smith	1,475.83
INHERITANCE TAX- Vincent Lindstrom	40,126.92
INHERITANCE TAX- Ione Lipps	24,618.94
INHERITANCE TAX- Ella Monson	15,840.44
PLAT BOOKS	60.00
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	3,293.94
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE	999.06
BUILDING FUND -PRO RATE	78.75
OVERLOAD FINES - 75% STATE SHARE	375.00
MV PRO RATE	9,674.98
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	4,504.00
COUNTY COURT FINES-BOND FORFEITURES	6,728.00
LIQUOR LICENSE	275.00
CRAIG FIRE GENERAL	66.96
LYONS FIRE GENERAL	0.65
LYONS FIRE BOND	0.07
DECATUR FIRE BOND	35.96
OAKLAND FIRE GENERAL	70.63
TAX SALE REDEMPTION	3,332.29
IN LIEU TAXES-1957 PRIOR	24.54

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Veterans – Penny Warren (2) Assessor – Katie Hart (3) County Attorney – Edmond Talbot

Omaha Public Power District Update:

Michaela Valentin, OPPD Govt & Community Relations Manager, gave an update from OPPD.

Eagle Island Subdivision:

No action taken today. Dave Brainard was present to disclose to the Board that he has decided to no longer create a housing subdivision; he intends to have approx. 74 campsites created outside of the flood zone on the land that is currently platted as Eagle Island Subdivision. Future action will be required for Conditional Use and possible vacation of the currently platted Subdivision. Resolution 2024-03 was presented, but no action taken due to zoning administrator not being present at today’s meeting.

2024 Depository Designations:

Board Members Schold and Kutchera moved for adoption of Resolution 2024-01 approving County Depositories for 2024 calendar year. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2024-01

County Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be authorized to deposit funds in excess of the capital and surplus in any depository designated for county funds, provided such depository furnish the proper securities as provided by law, and that the Treasurer be and she hereby is, authorized to invest surplus funds, if there be any, in United States Treasury bills or certificates of deposit in the following financial institutions: First Nebraska Bank, Decatur; First Northeast Bank of Nebraska, Tekamah; and Washington County Bank, Tekamah.

DATED this 10th day of January, 2024, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Sarah J. Freidel
Burt County Clerk

Ted Connealy, Chairman
Burt County Board of Supervisors

Board Committee Appointments for 2024:

As part of reorganization, the Board reviewed and approved their respective board committee appointments for calendar year 2024. Upon motions by Kutchera and Pearson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays- none.

- Samuel M. Titus North Star & Region IV Services
 N.E. Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition - Advisory & Governing Board
- Jeff Kutchera Region 4
 Burt County Road Committee
- Ted Connealy Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP)
 Burt County Economic Development Board
 Burt County (IMT) Incident Management Team (w/ Burt County Emergency Mgr)
- Carl Pearson Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services
 NE Nebr. Economic Development District – Council of Officials ‘elected rep’
 Burt County Road Committee
 Burt County Extension Liaison
- Paul Richards Elkhorn- Logan Valley Public Health Dept
 Burt County (IMT) Incident Management Team (w/ Burt County Emergency Mgr)
 Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition – *alternate*
- Bird Swanson Nebraska Loess Hills RC & D Council
 Burt County Economic Development Board
 Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services – *alternate*
 Burt County Road Committee
- David Schold N.E. Nebraska Area Agency on Aging –Governing Board
 Burt County Grievance Board-Supervisor Representative

All of the Burt County Supervisors are on the Burt County Weed Board.

Board Committee Appointment motions also included adoption of **Resolution 2024-02: Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board Appointments** (Solid Waste Coalition requires a separate Resolution for their records.)

WHEREAS, the County of Burt, Nebraska is a member of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; and WHEREAS, as a member of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition the County of Burt, Nebraska is authorized to name a representative to the Board of Directors of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Burt, Nebraska hereby adopts the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Burt, Nebraska that:

(1) Samuel M. Titus is hereby appointed as the representative of the County of Burt, Nebraska to The Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors, and in the event of the absence of Samuel M. Titus, then Paul Richards be declared as the alternate representative to the Board and shall act and vote on behalf of the County of Burt, Nebraska.

(2) That Samuel M. Titus shall serve as the County of Burt’s representative to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors until his resignation from the Board of Directors or until his successor is appointed by Resolution of the County Board of Supervisors, whichever shall occur first.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of January 2024.

County Website Designation:

As part of reorganization for 2024, the Board passed a motion to designate the Burt County Website as an additional method of providing meeting dates, holiday closing dates, notice of meetings and other publications for Burt County business. Upon motions by Schold and Titus. Motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Communications (3): (1) 2024 seal report completed per statute; (2) IRS compliance reminders for employees meals, travel guidelines, etc; (3) 2024 mileage rates: \$0.67 and \$0.70 for civil process

Burt County Economic Development Corp.

Board member appointments: motion was made by Pearson, seconded by Titus, to appoint Jodi Peterson for a four-year term; she is replacing Jen Hinman whose term ended. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays-none. The following (2) board members’ terms were re-affirmed via Board Committee Appointment action: Gary Swanson and Ted Connealy.

Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging

Upon motion by Schold, seconded by Kutchera, the Board approved the appointment of Linda Elliott to serve a 3-year term on the Advisory Board of NENAAA. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. David Schold was re-affirmed to their Governing Board via Board Committee Appointments.

Veterans Service Office - Software:

Upon motion by Schold, seconded by Richards, the Board approved an update to the Memo of Understanding with NE Dept. of Veteran Affairs for VetraSpec software use. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed.

ROADS:

Appoint 2024 Highway Superintendent: The Board appointed Ann Chytka as Burt County Highway Superintendent for 2024, upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Pearson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M. upon motions by Schold and Titus.
Next meeting: January 26, 2024 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.