

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
February 14, 2024
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 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 (2-6-2024), 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: Gary “Bird” Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, David Schold and Ted Connealy.

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

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

The minutes of the 1/26/2024 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of January 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 \$2,089,984.03 were all approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Schold. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

ZONING PERMITS	50.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	66.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,275.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	2,053.29
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	722.50
ELECTION FILING FEES (4)	620.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	450.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	153.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	713.50
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COST	108.00
DISTRICT COURT - BAIL BONDS 10%	14.00
DEPT SOCIAL SERVICE IV-D	4,435.21
CO COURT-MISC FEES	17.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	1,043.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	1,316.45
TITLE INSPECTIONS	340.00
GUN PERMITS	105.00
FINGER PRINT	10.00
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	2,689.77
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,087.40
MISC. SHERIFF CIVIL FEES	46.96
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	125,850.71
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES - HWY ALLOCATION	22,252.63
RESTITUTION _ COUNTY COURT CASE	29.75
REIMBURSE - Ann Chytka - conference meals	7.93
TRANSFER GEN-RD	60,000.00

LODGING TAX	1,239.05
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	545.00
STOP	100.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Arla Jean Landholm	5,485.37
INHERITANCE TAX- Helen M. Erickson	4,346.34
INHERITANCE TAX- Karen A. Smidt	19,496.68
PAYBACK (PARTIAL) INTO INHERITANCE	400,000.00
COUNTY 911	1,420.00
E-911 (WIRELESS)	3,293.94
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	2,190.00
STATE FINES TO SCHOOLS	1,000.00
DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL	1,065.65
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	3,701.68
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL	3,443.50
DECATUR FIRE BOND	623.49
LYONS FIRE BOND	734.28
MFO	82,655.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION	7,307.15
REAL ESTATE TAX CREDITS (IN) this \$\$ goes back out	1,323,879.80

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Building & Grounds – Bruce Nathan (2) ~~Zoning – Ann Chytka~~

COMMUNICATION (2): (1) opposition letters were sent to the committee and Senator Hansen regarding LB1067, Inheritance taxes phase out legislation proposal; (2) Lwr. Elkhorn municipality funding available via cost share grants, application deadline is March 14, 2024.

Public Transit (JOYRIDE):

Interlocal Agreement to collectively provide local funding for a Rural Transit Program to be operated by Franciscan Healthcare Services, Inc. for the benefit of residents of Cuming and Burt County. The funds will partially reimburse Franciscan Healthcare Services, Inc. up to 25% of operating expenses, 10% of admin expenses, and 10% of vehicle acquisition expenses incurred by the Transit Program. Agreement is effective March 1, 2024. Entities and funding involved are: Cuming County (\$20,000.00); Burt County (\$20,000.00); City of West Point (\$4,500.00); City of Tekamah (\$4,000.00); City of Oakland (\$2,500.00); City of Wisner (\$2,000.00); City of Lyons (\$2,000.00); Village of Beemer (\$1,500.00); Village of Bancroft (\$1,500.00); Village of Decatur (\$1,500.00); and Village of Craig (\$500.00). Supervisor Schold made a motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement; Kutchera seconded, motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Boardroom Equipment:

A quote for a second tv/display monitor was approved upon motions by Kutchera and Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Black Diamond Electronics will install the tv on the North wall; project cost ~\$1,500.00.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Hwy Supt (not present).*

Leon Anderson and Kirby Bowland, present from the roads dept.

Plow Trucks: Two new trucks from Kenworth will arrive soon. The (2) trucks being replaced can either be traded in or sold on auction; the board will decide at a later date.

2014 Motor Grader (fleet #7): It was previously discussed to possibly get rid a motor grader, but the roads department does still utilize this machine enough that they'd like to keep it. The board agreed to keep it in the fleet.

Burt County Audit for FY 2022-2023:

Correspondence Received: from Mark Avery, CPA- Assistant Deputy Auditor
A letter dated January 25, 2024, notifying our current Auditing firm, Ritterbush & Piotrowski, LLP, that the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA), from this date forward, will not be accepting audit report filings from this firm because the firm has not demonstrated the desire to follow required professional standards. Due to the correspondence, Burt County must secure a new Auditing firm to complete the FY22-23 Audit. *Bids:* County Clerk, Sarah J Freidel reached out to multiple firms to request services/quotes; two firms returned quotes: Ric Ortmeier & Assoc. LLC (\$30,000.00); Contryman Assoc. (\$14,500.00- \$17,500.00).
The Board voted to hire Contryman Assoc. to complete the Audit; upon motions by Schold and Swanson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Price, 1615 CoRd. 10, Lyons – shared a handout ‘Wind, Solar, and Electricity Prices in Europe’.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 A.M. upon motions by Schold and Titus.
Next meeting: February 28, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, 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.