

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

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 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 (4-2-2024), 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: 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 Swanson, 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 3/28/2024 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of March 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 \$530,228.78; and Sheriff’s Quarterly Report 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.

ZONING PERMITS	975.00
EM MGMT GRANT	11,345.75
MV PRO-RATE (GEN FUND)	495.90
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <CO. SHARE>	572.00
TAX SALE REGISTRATION FEES <12 BIDDERS>	300.00
TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FEES <CO. SHARE>	1,140.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	2,497.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	2,079.29
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	43.75
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING & POSTAGE	40.00
DISTRICT COURT - FILING FEES	590.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	508.00
DISTRICT COURT - MISC FEES & REV.	1,935.45
DISTRICT COURT- FEES & COSTS	415.73
DISTRICT COURT - BAIL BONDS 10%	250.00
DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES IV-D	4,190.91
CO COURT-MISC FEES	17.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	333.80
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	447.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	320.00
GUN PERMITS	35.00
INTOX	75.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	13,851.53
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	994.34
MISC REVENUE (ZONING COPIES)	14.25
ROAD: HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	130,460.75
ROAD: HIWAY BUYBACK	130,558.26

ROAD: BRIDGE BUYBACK	99,931.42
TWP REIMBURSE: (JULY-DEC 2023) QUINNEBAUGH	5,145.00
TWP REIMBURSE: (JULY-DEC 2023) ARIZONA	28,115.59
TWP REIMBURSE: (JULY-DEC 2023) DECATUR	35,229.06
RESTITUTION - GUARDRAIL JUDGEMENT	339.45
LODGING TAX	1,278.36
ROD-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	372.50
STOP	50.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Norma Goll	32,470.82
INHERITANCE TAX - John Hardy	4,611.66
INHERITANCE TAX - Mildred Moseman	23,193.85
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST - Elinor Beaver	8,486.93
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE	971.15
MV PRO-RATE (BLDG FUND)	22.08
MV PRO-RATE (TO ENTITIES)	20,835.86
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <HOLDING FUNDS>	22,310.45
LIQUOR LICENSE	250.00
FINES & LICENSE -COUNTY COURT REGULAR FINES	5,880.75
DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL	375.17
DECATUR FIRE - BOND	213.42
LYONS FIRE -GENERAL	242.70
LYONS FIRE -BOND	51.50
OAKLAND FIRE - GENERAL	17.62
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION	91,025.99
IN LIEU TAXES	177,484.05
STATE OF NE: NAMEPLATE CAPACITY TAX (wind/solar)	2,322.00

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Sheriff – Eric Nick (2) ~~Emergency Manager~~ – vacant position

COMMUNICATION (2): (1) SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) Report for 2024 financials was completed; ARPA (American Rescue Plan) close out report was also completed because all awarded funds are expended. (2) Robin Olson, Burt County Treasurer’s 2024 Tax Sale Certification was placed on file per §77-1813

Omaha Public Power District Update:

Michaela Valentin, OPPD Govt & Community Relations Manager introduced Chris Meeks, Govt & Community Relations Strategist. Chris gave an update from OPPD.

NACO Updates: *Luke Bonkiewicz, Research Program Analyst*

Nebraska Association of County Officials provided updates from the Organization such as: educational opportunities, lobbying they do on behalf of Counties, offices that provide the NACO services, etc.

Closed Session:

Kutchera made a motion to go into *Closed Session*, Schold seconded, and the motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman Connealy declared at 9:17 A.M. the board went into closed session *for the protection of public interest to discuss negotiations*. Pearson made a motion to come out of Closed Session, Titus seconded, and motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman declared the public meeting back in regular session at 10:20 A.M. No action was taken during closed session.

Congressional District #3 Updates: *Heidi Borg, Agricultural Liaison*

Congressman Adrian Smith’s office updates from Nebraska Congressional District #3.

Burt County Economic Development Corp: (2) Grant Applications

(1) *Lodging Tax Grant:* Burt County Museum applied for advertising expenses for the Nebraska Life Magazine, ads in two different campaigns. \$650.00 (max. allowed) was approved to pay out of the Lodging Tax Fund (0990); motion by Pearson, seconded by Richards, Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays- none.

(2) *Residential Demo Grant:* James Kelly to demo house and garage at 1022 H ST., Tekamah. The board did not take action on this application; there were not enough bids collected in order to proceed with awarding of the Grant.

Emergency Management -hiring:

Hiring committee reported they reviewed applicants, held interview, and they invited Jason Redding-Geu to attend today’s meeting. After the board held discussions with Jason, the board approved motions to hire Jason Redding-Geu as full-time Emergency Manager; motions by Schold and Kutchera, passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays- none. *Jason accepted the position, his start date will be April 15, 2024.*

Pay (salary): starting at \$49,000.00; additional \$2,000.00 after a successful probationary period of 6 months; additional \$3,000.00 after Jason is fully certified.

EM Vehicle use: approval was given for ‘to and from Courthouse’ (Oakland-Tekamah), Jason lives in Oakland; the board also requested the vehicle be parked at the Oakland County Shed.

Roads: Ann Chytka, Highway Supt.

(i) board requested she talk to road crew about making room in the Oakland Shed for the Emergency Management vehicle to park there. The Em. Mgr. lives in Oakland, and he will leave this vehicle sit at that shed rather than parked on street by his home.

(ii) board requested a plan be made and carried out for the maintenance of Hard Surfaced Roads, i.e. crack seal, etc.

Board of Equalization:

Schold moved the Board recess at 11:20 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Kutchera seconded, motion passed All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:23 AM upon motion by Schold, seconded by Pearson, All Ayes. See separate minutes for BOE.

Sam Titus and Ted Connealy reported that they will be attending a meeting with other stakeholders to listen in on information about Federal money being used to hard surface the road going out to the Tekamah Airport. The meeting will be at the Tekamah City Auditorium on April 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M. upon motions by Schold and Titus.
Next meeting: April 26, 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.