

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
May 8, 2024
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 8, 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 (4-30-2024), 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 4/26/2024 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Kutchera. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of April 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 \$1,673,667.60 were all approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Pearson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

ZONING PERMITS	1,675.00
AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE	4,436.58
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <CO. SHARE>	242.00
TAX SALE - COLLECTION OF FEES	323.88
TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FEES <CO. SHARE>	60.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,458.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	5,642.94
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	105.00
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING & POSTAGE	35.00
DISTRICT COURT - FILING FEES	400.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	256.00
DISTRICT COURT - MISC FEES & REV.	1,780.45
DISTRICT COURT- FEES & COSTS	384.00
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE	5,011.17
ELECTION REIMBURSEMENT - BRSDSP24	93.97
CO COURT-MISC FEES	28.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	661.14
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	508.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	460.00
GUN PERMITS	70.00
INTOX	150.00
FINGER PRINTS	40.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	22,001.82
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	8,802.23
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY	25.23
MISC REVENUE (SHERIFF)	27.00
ROAD: HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	112,426.24
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	33,918.79

LODGING TAX	589.92
ROD-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	548.50
STOP	150.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Sandra Parcel	13,755.40
INHERITANCE TAX -Doris I Peterson	1,998.24
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST - JoAlice Chamberlain	1,527.79
INHERTIANCE TAX & INTEREST - Rick A. Andersen	766.46
PLAT BOOK SALES	90.00
COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE	1,111.00
E 911 WIRELESS	6,587.88
TAX SALE REDEMPTION <HOLDING FUNDS>	14,777.01
LIQUOR LICENSE	200.00
FINES & LICENSE -COUNTY COURT REGULAR FINES	3,100.00
STATE FINES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	2,750.00
DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL	168.65
DECATUR FIRE - BOND	97.53
LYONS FIRE -GENERAL	164.86
LYONS FIRE -BOND	37.54
OAKLAND FIRE - GENERAL	309.17
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION	91,025.69
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT - 2nd HALF 2023	1,323,879.80
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF - FROM CARLINE TAX	7,009.22

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Attorney – Edmond Talbot, via phone. (2) Surveyor – Fred Franklin – No Show

COMMUNICATION: NDOT- opportunity to provide input on the FY 2025 - FY 2028 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

Special Designated Liquor Licenses (2):

(1) SDL for LaHacienda Restaurant (Fremont) to serve a wedding at Harvest Moon (Oakland) on 6/1/2024; (2) SDL for Andreasen LLC/Tipsy Pig (Tekamah) for Beer Garden at Hoot Gibson Rodeo (Tekamah Rodeo Grounds) on 5/31 - 6/1/2024. Both approved upon motions by Schold and Kutchera, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays-none.

(Zoning) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application- SHOOFLY LLC: CUP to build a 625 sq ft seasonal dwelling in pt. S½ NE¼ of Sec. 23, TWP 23N, Rg.10E of sixth PM, Burt County, NE. Zoning Administrator, Ann Chytka reported that the Burt County Planning Commission approved the CUP at their 5/6/2024 meeting. A PUBLIC HEARING was held at 9:15 a.m., Daniel Marquis the property owner explained the project lies within a current 4.68 ac parcel; there was no public comment. The Burt County Board approved the CUP upon motion by Richards, seconded by Swanson. Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Planning Commission - Board:

Wally Lydick resigned; at this time there is not a replacement.

ROADS: Ann Chytka, Hwy. Supt. and Adam Mace, Engineer with Mainelli Wagner

Bridge project “Craig East, C-11(425)”- bids: Bids were opened at 9:20 a.m.

Pruett Grading (Logan, IA)	\$271,078.15	July 1 – Aug. 1, 2024
M.E. Collins (Wahoo, NE)	\$344,688.80	Sept. 2 – Nov. 1, 2024
Malone Construction (Douglas, NE)	\$198,205.70	Aug. 30 – Nov. 1, 2024

Midwest Infrastructure (Lincoln, NE)	\$206,006.91	Sept. 3 – Nov. 1, 2024
Tim Sisco Construction (Sterling, NE)	\$163,997.00	July 2024 – 30 days after
Husker Grading (Burwell, NE)	\$227,004.00	Aug. 8 – Sept. 8, 2024
Maslowsky Grading (Tekamah, NE)	\$289,174.05	Aug. 1 – Nov. 1, 2024
Nelson & Rock Contracting (Onawa, IA)	\$182,786.60	Aug. 1 – Sept. 15, 2024

The board voted to accept the bid from Tim Sisco Const. for \$163,997.00, upon motion by Schold, seconded by Swanson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays- none. Motion passed.

Burt County Economic Development (BCEDC) Cindy Chatt, director BCEDC:

(3) Grants: Chatt reported that the BCEDC board has reviewed and recommended their approval for all three of the following Private Foundation Grants: (#1) *Fund 0900, Demolition Grant* for James Kelly to demo a house at 1022 H St., Tekamah, this application is coming back to the board for reconsideration after three bids were turned in; \$8,750.00 (50% of the low bid); approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Richards. By roll call vote: Ayes – 6. Nays – Swanson. Motion passed 6-1. (#2) *Fund 0900, Commercial Reno Grant* for Swedish Heritage Museum (Oakland) for a new roof. One building can only receive \$15,000.00 max of Grant monies; this building has previously received Grant monies for two other projects, so the max they can receive is \$8,141.20 (which is less than 50% of the low bid). Approved upon motion by Titus, seconded by Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed. (#3) *Fund 0900, Commercial Reno Grant* for VFW building (Tekamah) for new roof. This building currently requires many improvements, however, the VFW organization reported that they have no choice as they have nowhere else to go; they plan to fund this new roof via this grant and donations. \$8,250.00 (50% of the low bid) was approved upon motion by Richards, seconded by Titus. By roll call vote: Ayes – 7. Nays – none. Motion passed.

Tourism Campaign: Chatt presented a Burt County Tourism marketing plan proposal; she is proposing the cost of the 3-part plan be split between BCEDC and Burt County Visitor’s Promotion Fund (0990); she is still in the process of getting approval from the Tourism Board members.

County Health Insurance:

Employee Health and Dental Insurance premium options were presented for July 1, 2024 renewal date. The Board agreed to stay within NACO’s group pool BCBS insurance and continue with the offering package as follows:

- Health Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (\$6,100 deductible -QHDHP)
- Dental Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (option 3)
- Deductible Buy-down via Mid-American (no amount was decided today)
- (12 mth.) Option for Section 125 plan with First Concord
- Option for Cash-in-Lieu plan with First Concord; paying \$400 (single), \$800 (family)
- Employee Pay Option for Vision Insurance with VSP
- Employee Pay Options for Supplemental Life/Disability Buy-up

The board asked that Mike Boden with NACO Benefit Services come to the next meeting to review the County’s buy-down usage throughout the last year. A buy-down package will be decided on and the final benefit package will be approved after those discussions on May 28, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donette Jackson (5000 CoRd. HI)- stated she cannot hear during the meetings sometimes; she asked if the County Board would consider getting a microphone for the Boardroom.

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