

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
May 28, 2024
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, May 28, 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 (5-21-2024), 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, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, and Ted Connealy. Paul Richards came at 10:10 a.m. after Terry Metzler’s funeral. Absent – David Schold.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Connealy informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted. A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD IN REMEMBRANCE OF TERRY METZLER; Terry worked in the Burt County Road Department for 14 years.

The agenda was approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards and Schold.

The minutes of the 5/8/2024 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Swanson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards and Schold.

The claims for May in the amount of \$949,556.30, including \$161,403.02 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Pearson, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – Swanson. Absent – Richards and Schold. The following claims were approved:

ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	1,510.50
ALLISON JONES	MILEAGE	21.44
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	85.96
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SECURITY.SUPPORT	5,146.95
AXON ENTERPRISE	SHERIFF SUPPLY	731.00
B & B TECHNOLOGIES INC	EQUIP REPAIR WEEDS	897.59
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	203.08
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	154.21
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL/REPAIR	1,190.63
BRENNEIS INSURANCE AGENCY INC	P&C INS -DRONE	873.00
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BRYAN EVANS	SHERIFF SUPPLY	73.77
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	569.12
BURT COUNTY AG SOCIETY	1/2 FAIR COST	50,000.00
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT FEES	374.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT FEES	144.00
BURT COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE	OFFICE EQUIP	794.55
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	195.94
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SUPPLIES	110.34
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	150,000.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	27.09
CENTURY LINK	UTILITIES	323.04
CHARLEY CULL	PLANNING MILE	96.48
CHRISTINE A DREGALLA	JAIL MEDICAL	121.00
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	160.25

CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	SERVICES	75.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	BC SHERIFF	131.00
CLAYTON OLSEN	PLANNING MILE	135.07
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	198.30
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO.	LAW ENFORCE TRAINING	17.15
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	331.60
CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS INC	CHEM SUPPLY	6,746.00
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,216.14
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DAVID SCHOLD	CHECKING ROADS	52.26
DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC	EM FLEET PAYMENT	3,758.08
DEAN CARLSON	PLANNING MILE	14.74
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,570.24
DEREK WARNER	LAW ENFORCE TRAINING	211.72
DON JOHNSON	PLANNING MILE	117.25
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	3,734.45
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	297.81
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PR24 ELECTION	5,063.86
ELECTION WORKER	PR24 ELECTION	10,785.99
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	UTILITIES	1,494.36
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,257.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	205.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA ROADS	SUPPLIES	776.03
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA CLERK 2	SUPPLIES	862.13
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	45.56
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	SUPPLIES	320.55
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SHERIFF EQUIP	239.98
GWORKS	SOFTWARE	23,870.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	114.20
IRVIN W LYDICK	B&G EQUIPMENT	591.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF.EM UNIFORMS	1,032.20
JANE PAUL	OFFICE SUPPORT	279.50
JAY HOVENDICK	PLANNING MILE	85.76
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	184.92
JENNIFER HANSEN	EXTENSION MILE	36.85
JENNIFER PETERSON	EXTENSION FUEL	20.00
KATIE HART	APPRAISE MILE	40.20
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW,P.C.,L.L.O.	CHILD SUPPORT ATTY	2,030.34
MARINA DUARTE DE VAL	EXTENSION SUPPLY.DUES	33.26
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	232.00
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	SERVICES.MAINTENANCE	363.00
MILLS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1,496.25
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,029.24
MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT	SOFTWARE	101.03
NACO - ANNUAL CONFERENCE	2024 WORKSHOP	250.00
NE OMS SPECIALITY DENTAL SERVICES	JAIL MEDICAL	1,233.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING.SERVICES	90.00
NEBR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	SHERIFF TRAINING	525.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	865.05
NEBRASKA.GOV	SUBSCRIPTION	1.00
NICHOLAS E. WURTH LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1,596.00
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR	PUBLISHING	272.34
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLIES	51.90
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	879.21
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	85.76
PENDER HOSPITAL	JAIL MEDICAL	3,377.00
PENNY A. WARREN	TRAVEL EXPENSE	42.94

PLAINDEALER	PUBLISHING	1,886.83
PLAINDEALER PUBLISHING	SUBSCRIPTION	100.00
RODNEY BROMM	PLANNING MILE	25.46
ROGER POND	PLANNING MILE	150.75
SAMUEL TITUS	CHECKING ROADS	107.20
SARAH FREIDEL	MILEAGE	140.37
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	165.76
SCOTT RONNFELDT	PLANNING MILE	168.84
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	MONITORING	1,092.00
SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES	SERVICES	40.00
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC	LAW ENFORCE SUPPLY	8.08
STACEY KEYS	EXTENSION MILE	272.20
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	POSTAGE	1,221.35
SUSAN M. LANGLEY	OFFICE SUPPORT	58.50
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	479.47
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	50.92
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	14,100.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	318.97
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	EQUIPMENT	238.50
TRISHA SHEETS	ELECTION MILE	104.52
TYLER WEITZENKAMP	PLANNING MILE	60.30
UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN EXTENSION	EXTENSION SUPPLY	499.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	820.42
VISUAL EDGE IT,INC	EQUIP.SUPPLY	487.55
WALLY LYDICK	PLANNING MILE	49.04
WASHINGTON COUNTY DRUG COURT	COURT	75.82
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	17,550.00
WEIMER LAW PC	ATTY FEES	1,632.17
ANDREW BRANIFF	FUEL	66.00
ARIZONA TOWNSHIP TREASURER	TWP ASSISTANCE	27,612.90
BELL CREEK TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	26,025.30
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	BC ROADS	18,431.10
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	34.20
BONINE GARAGE DOORS	OAKLAND SHOP	1,640.00
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
CAPITAL ONE TRADE	REPAIR	7.42
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	211.81
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	24.63
CRAIG TOWNSHIP TREASURER	TWP ASSISTANCE	42,099.75
DECATUR TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	18,144.00
EVERETT TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	13,721.40
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	8,056.17
GLUP PIPE SALES	BC ROADS	2,692.00
LOGAN TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	25,203.15
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	BC ROADS	460.00
MARTIN MARIETTA	BC ROADS	742.48
MEL'S SMALL ENGINE	EQUIP.REPAIR	87.00
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	BC ROADS	89.70
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	BC ROADS	5,733.15
NMC	REPAIR.RENT EQUIP	5,623.89
OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	12,785.85
OMAHA SLING INC	BC ROADS	207.04
PERSHING TOWNSHIP TREASURER	TWP ASSISTANCE	17,803.80
QUINNEBAUGH TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	8,221.50
RAKA RENTALS	BC ROADS	1,215.61
RANDY L RAGER	PRIOR SERVICE	69.24
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	11,396.70
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	BC ROADS	153.01

SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLY	116.31
SIGN DEPOT	BC ROADS	94.60
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	15,649.20
SPENCER QUARRIES, INC	ROADS	744.17
STALP GRAVEL CO	ROADS	11,983.75
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP	TWP ASSISTANCE	29,654.10
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	ROADS EQUIP	417.52
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	180.57
WPCI	TESTING	32.00
STEVE DEVENING_DEVENING TRUCKING	DEMO GRANT	3,600.00
GEOCOMM, INC	911	3,237.44
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911	707.20
CITY OF FREMONT - CITY CLERK	911	1,588.36
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	911	24.39
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	911	130.47
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	549.63
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	42.01
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	50,192.63
COUNTY COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY	GARNISHMENT	812.75
ERIN M MCCARTNEY CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE	GARNISHMENT	650.00
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	46,924.77
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	626.71
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	28.20
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	24,284.31
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,367.93
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	714.05
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	GARNISHMENT	43.01
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	830.00

Lot Split Applications (3) - Signed by Chairman Connealy:

SANDRA CHRISTENSEN – 7.06 ac. (house site) and 1.62 ac. (bin site) in part of SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 22N, Range 9, East of the 6th P.M., Burt County, NE.
CHRISTENSEN FARMS - 6.96 ac. in part of NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 22N, Range 9, East of the 6th P.M., Burt County, NE.

Budget Authority Proposal for FY24-25 Budget Prep:

On motion by Kutchera, seconded by Titus, the Board voted to accept Sarah Freidel and Jeannette Blanc’s proposal to do the County’s budget for 2024-2025 for the total amount of \$4,000.00. Freidel will receive \$2,500.00 for Budget Prep, preparation of all notices, preparation of required power point per LB148, and submission of all documents to the State; Blanc will receive \$1,500.00 for assisting within Budget Prep Software and prep of any working and/or final documents for submission. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards and Schold.

Budget Prep for FY24-25:

For purposes of planning Budgets; Officials will include “up to 6 %” on salaries/wages for c.o.l. for their employees per Resolution 2022-02 “not to exceed 6% increase” for Jan-June 2025.

County Health Insurance:

Mike Boden (via zoom) with NACO Benefit Services gave a review of the County’s deductible buy-down usage throughout the last year. Kutchera made a motion to leave the buy-down as is, employees have \$1,100 out of pocket deductible; seconded by Pearson. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays- none. Absent – Richards and Schold. The final benefit package for Employee Health and Dental Insurance eff. July 1, 2024 via the NACO pool is 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 (employees \$1,100.00 out of pocket deductible) (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

Proposals/Bids for Audit services beyond FY 2022-2023:

An ad was run and letters were sent to request proposals. Two proposals were received, both had options for 3-year contract (FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26):

Contryman Associates	\$15,000 – 18,000	2023-2024
	\$16,000 – 19,000	2024-2025 and 2025-2026
		separate fees to be quoted for single audit (if need)
Ric Ortmeier	\$20,000 - 23,000	for each year
		\$3,000 for single audit (if need)

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Swanson, the board approved the 3-year contract with Contryman Assoc., By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent- Richards and Schold.

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

(4) Grants: Chatt reported that the BCEDC board has reviewed and recommended their approval for two (2) Private Foundation Grants: (#1) Fund 0900, Demolition Grant for City of Tekamah to demo the Tiger Bowl building; \$15,000.00 (max allowed). (#2) Fund 0900, Commercial Reno Grant for Studio Sheets (Tekamah) for facia repairs to North side of the building; \$13,661.50 (50% of the low bid). Both approved upon motion by Titus, seconded by Swanson. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards and Schold. Chatt reported that the BCEDC board has reviewed and recommended their approval for two (2) Lodging Tax Grants: (#3) Fund 0990 – Tri County Saddle Club (Tekamah) for advertising 2024 Hoot Gibson Rodeo; \$500.00 was approved. (#4) Fund 0990 - Burt County Tourism marketing campaign, the expense will be split between BCEDC and Burt County Visitor’s Promotion Fund (0990); \$6,588.00 was approved for Burt County’s half. Both approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards and Schold.

Closed Session:

Titus made a motion to go into *Closed Session*, Pearson seconded, and the motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman Connealy declared at 10:04 A.M. the board went into closed session *for the protection of public interest to discuss collective bargaining*. Swanson made a motion to come out of Closed Session, Richards seconded, and motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman declared the public meeting back in regular session at 10:25 A.M. No action was taken during closed session.

Planning Commission – board member appointment:

Wally Lydick has resigned from the planning commission board. Two members of the public showed interest in serving on the board; a committee from Burt County Board held discussions with both candidates. Upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Richards, the Board appointed JILL SPENNER to the Planning Commission; passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent- Schold.

Liquor License:

Oakland Golf Club – Manager’s Application update; remove Andrew Smeal and new manager listed will be: Jeff Parcel. Burt County Board approved the updated manager’s application; upon motions by Swanson and Titus. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent- Schold.

Child Support Contract:

A current Child Support Enforcement contract will end June 30, 2024. County Attorney Talbot requested a contract be signed with Kraviec Maurstad Law, P.C.,L.L.O., Laura R. Maurstad, Attorney, and Stephen J. Keaviec, Attorney as authorized attorneys for Child Support Enforcement. Burt County will pay an annual contract sum of \$24,000.00 (to be paid \$2,000.00 monthly) + mailing, filing, sheriff fees. It will be a two-year contract running from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026. Signed upon motions by Pearson and Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent- Schold.

Phone/Internet Services:

Currently FastWyre is our provider (previously American Broadband before the company was sold to FastWyre). Since FastWyre has taken over, we have had multiple phone outages (more than 15 times in the last 6 months, some lasting several days). They do not have technicians locally anymore, and when you call in an outage, their call center is out of the State. Also, during and after our outages, we have never received call backs with service time expected or explanations of why the outage occurred. We enlisted the help of Huntel (our phone system provider) to explore other provider options; they have found that GREAT PLAINS can provide us with local service. Great Plains main office and call center are both out of Blair, NE; the technicians will come out of Blair, and their quoted pricing for internet and phone trunk services show a savings in costs. The current phone system will require some licensing updates, but in doing so, the current phones can then still be utilized. The board approved to allow the switch over to Great Plains, upon motion by Richards, seconded by Kutchera; passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Schold. The timeline is unknown, but plans will begin for navigating the changeover.

Burt County Audit FY2022-23

Chairman Connealy signed an Understanding of Services for Contryman Associates (Auditors); the letter is for both the Federal and State Audits being performed for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. Signed upon motions by Titus and Richards. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus and Connealy. Nays- none. Absent- Schold.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Pearson at 10:45 A.M.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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