

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
July 19, 2024
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, July 19, 2024 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska; the meeting was held following adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting. Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Plaindealer (7-16-2024), 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 11:11 A.M. with the pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Connealy informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

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

ROADS: Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent

ONE & SIX YEAR PLAN: Chytka shared the working document for FY24-25; a public hearing will be held at a later date for the plan.

DRAINAGE STUDY: Chytka requested drainage study be done on County Road HI and County Road IJ to create a plan to preserve the integrity of the roads. Supervisors Pearson and Swanson motioned and seconded to allow Chytka to have an engineering firm proceed with drainage studies. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

CONSIGNMENT AGREEMENT: Chairman Connealy signed a consignment agreement with Riverside Auction for sale of surplus property – (2) dump trucks (roads fleet #18 & #19)

A break was taken for lunch from 11:32 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pearson made a motion to go into *Closed Session*, Schold seconded, and the motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman Connealy declared at 12:01 P.M. the board went into closed session *FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PER §84-1410(1)(A)*. Only board members and County Clerk (board secretary) were present during closed session. Swanson made a motion to come out of Closed Session, Pearson seconded, and motion passed with All Ayes. Chairman declared the meeting back in regular session at 1:28 P.M. No action was taken during closed session.

FOP Lodge #95 (Fraternal Order of Police) Union:

In regular session- Discussion was held regarding benefits and pay for Sheriff Deputies and Dispatchers who are members of the FOP#95. Pearson made a motion and Schold seconded to offer the following: *Benefits* – will be same offering as all Burt County employees receive per the Burt County Handbook; *Pay* – it was approved to allow the FOP to offer annual raises per their request, the offer did not allow cost of living that County employees may receive. Amount of pay is still under negotiation; FY24-25 Budget will reflect the amounts if an agreement is reached before the Budget is submitted to the State. Motion for the offer was Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 P.M. upon motions by Richards and Titus.
Next meeting: July 26, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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