

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**FY 2024-2025 Budget Meeting**  
**September 11, 2024**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding FY 2024-2025 budget meeting. The notice of budget hearing was published in the Plaindealer (9-3-2024), upon a 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Public/Press present for meeting: one (1) member from the press and four (4) members from the public.

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.

Chairman Connealy declared a Public Hearing open at 9:13 A.M., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget for FY 2024-2025. Proposed budget statements were made available for public review. County Clerk Sarah J. Freidel gave a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jill Spenner - offered comment about helpful presentation details to help the public understand better the levies of all Political Subdivisions. Chairman closed the hearing at 9:13 A.M., and the board returned to regular session.

In lieu of a Tax Request Hearing for FY24-25, Burt County will participate in a Joint Public Hearing to be held at the Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Courtroom on September 19, 2024 at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**BURT COUNTY**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 11th day of September 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

| Funds   | Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (1) | Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (2) | Proposed Disbursements 2024-2025 (3) | Necessary Cash Reserve (4) | Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5) | Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6) |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| GENERAL                                       | 5,628,349.18                       | 7,296,169.44                       | 7,455,784.69                         | 325,000.00                 | 2,233,403.72  | 5,547,380.97  |
| ROAD  | 3,293,264.95                       | 5,199,530.10                       | 4,823,022.10                         | 0.00                       | 4,823,022.10  | 0.00  |
| PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS                     | 87,963.46                          | 43,983.20                          | 248,887.66                           | 0.00                       | 248,887.66  | 0.00  |
| VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAX           | 2,014.00                           | 6,748.00                           | 55,380.02                            | 0.00                       | 55,380.02   | 0.00  |
| REGISTER OF DEEDS PRES & MAINT                | 10,697.66                          | 6,078.82                           | 8,026.35                             | 0.00                       | 8,026.35  | 0.00  |
| JUVENILE DIVERSION                            | 0.00                               | 0.00                               | 2,822.63                             | 0.00                       | 2,822.63  | 0.00  |
| STOP PROGRAM                                  | 0.00                               | 1,978.00                           | 6,902.53                             | 0.00                       | 6,902.53  | 0.00  |
| DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION              | 0.00                               | 0.00                               | 1,000.00                             | 0.00                       | 1,000.00  | 0.00  |
| K-9   | 10,590.88                          | 7,612.02                           | 16,125.03                            | 0.00                       | 16,125.03   | 0.00  |
| CAPITAL IMPROVE./FLOOD DISASTER               | 0.00                               | 1,210,000.00                       | 524,140.84                           | 0.00                       | 524,140.84  | 0.00  |
| ARPA FUNDS                                    | 33,826.50                          | 1,166,081.00                       | 0.00                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| CDBG -MIDWEST VET_2021                        | 157,307.79                         | 0.00                               | 0.00                                 | 0.00                       | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| INHERITANCE                                   | 18,904.03                          | 1,628,018.16                       | 1,693,265.89                         | 0.00                       | 1,693,265.89  | 0.00  |
| 911   | 3,989.28                           | 56,937.44                          | 57,320.44                            | 0.00                       | 57,320.44   | 0.00  |
| E 911   | 45,943.31                          | 37,921.08                          | 61,689.94                            | 0.00                       | 61,689.94   | 0.00  |
| SET ASIDE FUNDS (911)                         | 0.00                               | 0.00                               | 144,206.54                           | 0.00                       | 144,206.54  | 0.00  |
| BUILDING FUND                                 | 0.00                               | 137,800.00                         | 1,306,895.84                         | 0.00                       | 1,106,895.84  | 200,000.00  |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                            | <b>9,292,851.04</b>                | <b>16,798,857.26</b>               | <b>16,405,470.50</b>                 | <b>325,000.00</b>          | <b>10,983,089.53</b>                                | <b>5,747,380.97</b>                                   |
| Unused Budget Authority created for next year |                                    |                                    |                                      |                            |   | 1,284,701.47  |

**BURT COUNTY**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 19th day of September 2024 at 6:01 PM at the Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

|  | 2023             | 2024             | Change  |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Operating Budget                                       | 21,374,615.27    | 16,405,470.50    | -23.25% |
| Property Tax Request                                   | 4,690,990.97     | 5,747,380.97     | 22.52%  |
| Valuation  | 2,175,738,440.00 | 2,326,291,276.00 | 6.92%   |
| Tax Rate   | 0.215604         | 0.247062         | 14.59%  |
| Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation | 0.201651         |                  |         |

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The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, following the budget meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Oakland Independent (9-5-2024), upon a 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9:13 A.M. Chairman Connealy informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

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

The minutes of the 8-28-2024 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Swanson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of September Financial 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 \$ 311,572.27 were all approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Webster, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed.

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| ZONING PERMITS                                      | 362.00     |
| AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE                              | 157.28     |
| TAX SALE REDEMPTION <CO SHARE>                      | 44.00      |
| CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES                    | 2,686.00   |
| CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)                  | 1,539.35   |
| CO CLERK-MISC FEES                                  | 88.50      |
| DISTRICT COURT - FILING FEES                        | 400.00     |
| DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS                 | 53.00      |
| DISTRICT COURT - MISC FEES & REV.                   | 2,552.45   |
| DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COSTS                       | 136.00     |
| DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES IV-D _DIST. COURT              | 6,253.16   |
| CO COURT - MISC FEES                                | 547.00     |
| CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS                          | 1,141.94   |
| CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES                             | 774.00     |
| DEPT SOCIAL SERVICES IV-D _CO ATTY _CH SUPPORT ENF. | 1,614.93   |
| TITLE INSPECTIONS                                   | 450.00     |
| GUN PERMITS   | 50.00      |
| OVERLOAD FINES - 25% <CO SHARE>                     | 37.50      |
| OPIOID SETTLEMENTS (4)                              | 4,100.74   |
| REIMBURSE CIVIL PROCESS _SHERIFF                    | 18.00      |
| SERVICE RETURN _SHERIFF FROM CUMING CO ATTY         | 31.50      |
| INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS                             | 720.93     |
| ROAD: HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION                     | 122,771.90 |
| SALE OF TRUCKS (2)                                  | 74,772.00  |
| LEE VALLEY SALE _CULVERT, WELDER, RIM & TIRE        | 3,705.00   |

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| TRANSFER GEN-RD                                | 30,000.00 |
| LODGING TAX                                    | 978.90    |
| ROD-PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION               | 417.00    |
| STOP   | 150.00    |
| INHERITANCE TAX - Don Uhing Admin. Trust       | 40,813.00 |
| PLAT BOOK SALES                                | 30.00     |
| COUNTY 911 SURCHARGE                           | 228.00    |
| E 911 WIRELESS                                 | 4,012.69  |
| OVERLOAD FINES - 75% <ST. SHARE>               | 112.50    |
| COUNTY COURT FINES REGULAR                     | 3,725.00  |
| COUNTY COURT BOND FORFEITURES                  | 1,751.00  |
| MISC FINE - DOG AT LARGE _LYONS CITY           | 50.00     |
| DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL                         | 85.31     |
| DECATUR FIRE - BOND                            | 50.06     |
| LYONS FIRE -GENERAL                            | 198.56    |
| LYONS FIRE -BOND                               | 45.21     |
| OAKLAND FIRE - GENERAL                         | 55.60     |
| PERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF _CARLINE TAX FROM ST. | 849.98    |
| TAX SALE REDEMPTION                            | 3,012.28  |

**OFFICE UPDATES (2):** (1) Treasurer – Robin Olson (2) District Court – Michele Quick - not present; out of office for Jury Trial.

**Phone/Internet – Courthouse Building:**

The current phone system used in the courthouse (installed in 2014) has reached end of service, meaning the software is no longer being supported; updates and repair patches are no longer available to ensure continuity of the current system. Applied Connective Technologies (ACT) the County’s network system administrator and cyber monitoring company provided a quote for an up-to-date phone system that will operate and be supported with today’s technology. Along with the phone update, they will oversee a transition from Fastwyre internet to OPTK. The combination of the new system and new provider will allow SIP technology to be used in return providing more secure, reliable phone and internet systems for Courthouse business. The board approved the proposed changes and quotes, upon motion by Schold, seconded by Richards. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays- none.

**Collective Bargaining for FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) Lodge #95:**

Supervisor Pearson reported that the contract attorney had reviewed the proposed written agreement that FOP had presented to the board on 8/28/2024; there were some suggested changes. Next Step: Have County Attorney Talbot and Sheriff Nick both review and familiarize themselves with the agreement. No action for final approval at this point.

**Board of Equalization:**

Schold moved the Board recess at 11:06 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Kutchera seconded, motion passed All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:21 AM upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Titus, All Ayes. See separate minutes for BOE.

**ZONING:** *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning Administrator*

The board reviewed (line by line) *Section 6.03 Wind Energy Installation* of the Burt County Zoning Regulations. Next Steps: Chytka will take the proposed changes back to the Planning Commission for their review.

*PUBLIC COMMENT:* Bill Price (1615 Co.Rd. 10, Lyons) – (i) Thanked the board for all of the time and effort they have spent on the review of Wind Energy Regulations; (ii) Shared handouts from an article by Eric Zou, economist – U.S. study researched direct correlation of low frequency noise causing sleep problems and an increase in suicide rates for people exposed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 P.M. upon motions by Titus and Kutchera.  
Next meeting: September 27, 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.*