

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
January 8, 2025
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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 Lyons Mirror-Sun (1-2-2025), 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: Ted Connealy, Gary "Bird" Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Samuel M. Titus and David Schold. Today is Schold's last meeting, a new term starts Jan. 9, 2025 for newly elected District 2 rep. Jay W. Johnson.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with the pledge of Allegiance. The Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

The first order of business was **reorganization**. County Clerk Freidel asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Pearson motioned to nominate Ted Connealy, and Schold seconded the motion. Titus moved that the nominations cease, seconded by Richards, and Connealy was elected Chairman of the Board for 2025. By Roll Call Vote. Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. Ted Connealy will be Chairman for 2025.

The next order of business, also part of reorganization, was to appoint a Vice-Chairman. Chairman Connealy asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Schold moved to nominate Paul Richards, and Pearson seconded the motion. Titus moved that the nominations cease and that Paul Richards be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2025, Schold seconded. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. Paul Richards will be Vice-Chairman for 2025.

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

The minutes of the Dec. 26, 2024 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meetings were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

The Financial Reports of County Clerk Fees, County Court fines, the District Court Fees and the Zoning Report for December; the Sheriff's Quarterly Report and Treasurer's 6 month report; the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$326,535.08 and Fund Balances were all approved upon motion by Schold, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed.

TOBACCO LICENSES	(3)	30.00
ZONING PERMITS		260.00
MV PRO RATE (COUNTY SHARE)		1,638.88
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)		110.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES		2,479.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)		2,806.22
CO CLERK-MISC FEES		61.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES		101.00
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COSTS		23.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE		982.75

ELECTION REIMBURSEMENTS	(15)	3,948.71
JT PUBLIC HEARING REMIBURSEMENT	(2)	422.67
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES		592.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS		864.34
TITLE INSPECTIONS		430.00
GUN PERMITS		105.00
FINGER PRINT		10.00
MISC - OVERPAYMENT Canon		27.09
MISC - OVERPAYMENT Election Systems & Software		1,914.00
MISC - OVERPAYMENT Lease Equipment Return		70.00
EMPE INS PAYMENT		61.37
INTEREST EARNED		976.29
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION		125,375.12
TWP REIMBURSE Decatur TWP		11,970.00
TWP REIMBURSE Quinnebaugh TWP		5,600.00
TWP REIMBURSE Arizona TWP		49,742.18
ROAD-MISC REVENUE: CREDIT (NE NEBR. TELEPHONE)		993.40
TRANSFER GEN-RD		0.00
LODGING TAX - OCT		1,315.51
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION		400.50
STOP		50.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Roger H. Johnson		16,221.18
INHERITANCE TAX - Elden L. Ahrens		27,633.00
PLAT BOOKS		0.00
COUNTY 911		957.69
912 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND		4,012.69
BUILDING FUND -PRO RATE		72.98
MV PRO RATE		9,724.09
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR		2,382.88
COUNTY COURT FINES-BOND FORFEITURES		1,207.00
MISC FINE COLLECTION - CITY LYONS PARKING		50.00
MUNICIPAL COURT FINES		250.00
LYONS FIRE GENERAL		78.37
LYONS FIRE BOND		17.85
OAKLAND FIRE GENERAL		29.64
TAX SALE ADMIN FEES		200.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION		50,312.64
IN LIEU TAXES-1957 PRIOR - OPPD		24.54

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Veterans – Penny Warren (2) Assessor – Katie Hart

2025 Depository Designations:

Board Members Schold and Kutchera moved for adoption of Resolution 2025-01 approving County Depositories for 2025 calendar year. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2025-01
County Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be authorized to deposit funds in excess of the capital and surplus in any depository designated for county funds, provided such depository furnish the proper securities as provided by law, and that the Treasurer be and she hereby is, authorized to invest surplus funds, if there be any, in United States Treasury bills or certificates of deposit in the following financial institutions: First Nebraska Bank, Decatur; First Northeast Bank of Nebraska, Tekamah, Lyons, Oakland; and Washington County Bank, Tekamah.

DATED this 8th day of January 2025, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Sarah J. Freidel
Burt County Clerk

Ted Connealy, Chairman
Burt County Board of Supervisors

Board Committee Appointments for 2025:

As part of reorganization, the Board reviewed and agreed upon their respective board committee appointments for calendar year 2025.

- Samuel M. Titus Region IV & North Star Services
Burt County Grievance Board-Supervisor Representative
- Jeff Kutchera Region 4
Burt County Road Committee
- Ted Connealy Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP)
Burt County Economic Development Board
Burt County (IMT) Incident Management Team (w/ Burt County Emergency Mgr)
- Carl Pearson Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services
NE Nebr. Economic Development District – Council of Officials ‘elected rep’
Burt County Road Committee
Burt County Extension Liaison
- Paul Richards Elkhorn- Logan Valley Public Health Dept
Burt County (IMT) Incident Management Team (w/ Burt County Emergency Mgr)
Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition – *alternate*
- Bird Swanson Nebraska Loess Hills RC & D Council
Burt County Economic Development Board
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services – *alternate*
Burt County Road Committee
- Jay W. Johnson N.E. Nebraska Area Agency on Aging –Governing Board
N.E. Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition - Advisory & Governing Board

All of the Burt County Supervisors are on the Burt County Weed Board.

Board Committee Appointment: Solid Waste Coalition requires a Resolution for their records. **Resolution 2025-02** was adopted upon motions by Schold and Titus. Roll Call Vote: all Ayes. **Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board Appointments**

WHEREAS, the County of Burt, Nebraska is a member of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; and WHEREAS, as a member of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition the County of Burt, Nebraska is authorized to name a representative to the Board of Directors of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition; NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Burt, Nebraska hereby adopts the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Burt, Nebraska that:

(1) Jay W. Johnson is hereby appointed as the representative of the County of Burt, Nebraska to The Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors, and in the event of the absence of Jay W. Johnson, then Paul Richards be declared as the alternate representative to the Board and shall act and vote on behalf of the County of Burt, Nebraska.

(2) That Jay W. Johnson shall serve as the County of Burt’s representative to the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board of Directors until his resignation from the Board of Directors or until his successor is appointed by Resolution of the County Board of Supervisors, whichever shall occur first.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of January 2025.

County Website Designation:

As part of reorganization for 2025, the Board declared designation of the Burt County Website as an additional method of providing meeting dates, holiday closing dates, notice of meetings and other publications for Burt County business.

Communications (3): (1) 2025 seal report -completed (2) IRS compliance reminders for employees meals, travel guidelines, etc; (3) 2025 mileage rates: \$0.70 and \$0.73 for civil process

Verizon . Cell Phones . Fleet Tracking:

The Verizon bill was reviewed for cell phones and fleet tracking charges.

Cell Phones: The following cell phones are being paid for by the County.

(8) Sheriff’s Dept (Sheriff +7 Deputies +1 for Dispatch)

(1) Roads Shed, Tekamah – to be used for hotspot for internet at that shed

(1) Highway Supt.

(1) Building & Grounds

(1) Emergency Manager

(1) Emergency Manager Deputy – to be cancelled.

The board requested that the (1) cell phone for Emergency Manager Deputy is to be cancelled; there were two phones for that office when it was a shared position before the current full-time Emergency Manager was hired.

Fleet tracking: Verizon fleet tracking (GPS) is on Roads fleet and the Emergency Manager pick-up. The Highway Superintendent’s office monitors these services.

County Employee Hours:

Discussions were held regarding tracking of employee hours. Department Heads and Officials are reminded that they are to be keeping track of hours paid for, time taken off, time used for sick/vacation, comp. time earned and used, etc. for the employees in their departments and for themselves. Salaried or Hourly, all employees/dept. heads/officials should have such documentation kept up to date.

National Day of Mourning:

President Biden issued a proclamation on December 29, 2024 announcing the Death of James Earl Carter, Jr. and appointing January 9, 2025 as a National Day of Mourning. The Executive Order impacts the personnel policies reference to recognizing days declared by the President as holidays. The Burt County Board decided that this day would not be recognized as a Holiday for Burt County Employees.

Server and Wifi:

Upon motion by Richards, seconded by Titus, the Board approved updates to the County’s network switching equipment (server rack) and wireless access points. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed. Total cost quoted is \$8,100.00; a HAVA election grant is expected to cover \$~4,280.00 of the costs. The work will be done by Applied Connective Technologies.

Lot Split:

Signed by Chairman Connealy for: MICHAEL UHING – 3.33 ac in pt. NW⁴NW⁴ of Sec. 30 & in pt. SW⁴SW⁴ of Sec. 19, all in Township 21N, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Burt County, NE.

Sheriff’s Fleet:

Sheriff Nick asked the board how they would like him to get rid of surplus property (2 Dodge pick-ups). Board instructed Sheriff to sell via an online auction house and list “sold as is”.

ROADS:

Appoint 2025 Highway Superintendent: The Board appointed Ann Chytka as Burt County Highway Superintendent for 2025, upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Pearson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Schold and Connealy. Nays – none.

Fleet: Chytka gave the Board a fleet report of Roads equipment mileage/hours.

Engineer: Tim Farmer and Chris Lane from Speece Lewis Engineers provided an introduction of the company and services offered.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M. upon motions by Schold and Swanson.
Next meeting: January 28, 2025 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.