

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
January 28, 2025
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 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 (1-23-2025), 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: Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Sam Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson, Paul Richards and Ted Connealy.

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.

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

The minutes of the 1/8/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The claims for January in the amount of \$592,450.61, including \$172,141.67 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Pearson, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none. The following claims were approved:

ACCURATE LOCKSMITHS, INC	SUPPLIES	77.15
ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	6,317.50
ALL FLAGS, ETC	SUPPLIES	157.52
EFURNITUREMAX, LLC	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	907.98
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	196.62
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	TECH/SECURITY/PHONE	13,613.82
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC	EDUCATION	368.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	877.87
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	360.75
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	2,190.98
BRENNEIS INSURANCE AGENCY INC	BONDS	105.88
BRUCE NATHAN	MILEAGE	55.02
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BURT COUNTY AG SOCIETY	FAIR PAYMENT	37,500.00
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT FEES	149.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT FEES	72.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	217.48
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SHERIFF FEES	340.52
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	275.00
CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	15,149.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	MISC FLEET	186.10
CLEARFLY	PHONES	1,435.93
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	510.32
CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES P.C.	AUDIT FY23-24	18,000.00
CPI TECHNOLOGIES LLC	INTERNET	639.00
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,501.84
DANIEL P BRACHT LAW OFFICES	ATTY FEES	1,300.43

DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	838.82
DODGE COUNTY	PROBATION	3,408.20
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	1,179.95
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	878.93
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	UTILITIES	115.53
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEES	786.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	479.91
FIRST NORTHEAST BANK OF NEBRASKA	SUPPLIES	104.00
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	68.34
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	EQUIPMENT	177.63
HOLIDAY INN	CONFERENCE	749.70
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	CONFERENCE	374.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	76.93
INTOXIMETERS INC	EQUIPMENT	210.25
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	81.94
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	123.28
JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	1,069.50
JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	2,441.50
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW, P.C., L.L.O.	CH. SUPPORT ATTY	2,000.73
LEE AGRI-MEDIA	PUBLISHING	863.56
LEONARD CANARSKY	PRIOR SERVICE	46.16
LOFFLER	SUPPLIES	16.04
MARIE RAGER	PRIOR SERVICE	115.40
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	JAIL MEDICAL	4,638.26
MICHELE QUICK	MISC EXPENSES	92.49
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	232.00
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	1,999.13
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	68.00
MOCIC	DUES	100.00
MPH INDUSTRIES INC	SUPPLIES	66.30
NACO	CONFERENCE	160.00
NENA	EDUCATION	1,975.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ASSESSORS	DUES	100.00
NE CLERKS OF DIST COURT ASSN	DUES	50.00
NEBR ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	DUES	75.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING	93.00
NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL/BOILER DIV	BUILDING REPAIRS	36.00
NEBRASKA LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION	DUES	50.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	910.44
NICHOLAS E. WURTH LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	484.50
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR	PUBLISHING	279.70
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	745.86
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
PATRICK RUNGE	DUES	98.00
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	93.80
PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	COUNTY BURIAL	1,650.00
PENNY A. WARREN	MILEAGE	324.00
PIP MARKETING SIGNS	SP ELECTION ENVELOPES	1,016.81
QUADIENT INC	POSTAGE	175.75
REGION IV INC	QTRLY	3,305.50
ROBIN OLSON	MILEAGE	289.44
SAUNDERS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT SERVICE FEES	29.80
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	355.00
LK VENTURES CORP	SHREDDING	100.00
SHARON WIMER	OFFICE	50.00
STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE	162.40

STALKER RADAR - APPLIED CONCEPTS	EQUIPMENT	820.00
TAMMI BURBACH	DEPOSITION	100.80
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	253.30
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	57.62
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	4,320.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	344.49
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	DUES	449.00
UNL AEM BUSINESS CENTER	QTRLY WAGE	14,079.23
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	DATA PROCESSING	2,380.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	881.23
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC	EQUIPMENT	107.55
WASHINGTON COUNTY	DIST JUDGE COST	2,784.81
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	SUPPLIES	357.89
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	4,160.00
YOST LAW FIRM	ATTY FEES	641.25
A A WHEEL & TRUCK SUPPLY INC	PARTS	90.50
ANDREW BRANIFF	FUEL	66.00
ANN CHYTKA	MILEAGE	133.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	1,066.58
MRB ENTERPRISES	REPAIRS	250.00
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	513.88
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	DUES	10.00
CAPITAL ONE TRADE	BC ROADS	359.99
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	409.99
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	23.45
CNA AUTO SERVICES	REPAIRS	288.76
CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	REPAIRS	266.64
DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES	REPAIRS	556.80
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	3,468.27
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	19.99
GINI, LLC	FUEL	80.26
JAMES WATSON	SUPPLIES	200.00
K-C PARTS & REPAIR	REPAIRS	190.07
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	927.39
LEON D. ANDERSON	DUES	64.00
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	ENGINEERING	35,576.78
MATHESON TRIGAS	SUPPLIES	32.14
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	BRIDGE INSPECTION	5,940.00
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	SUPPLIES	9,473.90
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	SUPPLIES	4,571.21
NMC	BC ROADS	4,315.38
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	REPAIRS	5.49
SAPP BROS PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	525.55
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	619.82
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS	922.39
THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN	SUPPLIES	399.96
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER	158.50
VANDER HAAG'S	REPAIRS	152.45
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	SERVICES	454.97
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	223.70
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	47.46
BURT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV CORP	BI-ANNUAL	18,000.00
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	PLAT BOOKS	260.00
JOYRIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT	TRANSPORTATION	20,000.00
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911 EQUIP	707.20
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	UTILITIES	129.17
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	371.01

ALLSTATE - BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	42.01
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	52,951.16
FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FED TAXES	48,129.90
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	589.08
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	56.56
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	25,334.80
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,265.18
VISION SERVICE PLAN	EMPE PD ADDL	746.21
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
LVNV FUNDING, LLC	GARNISHMENT	74.94
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	830.00

Burt County Weed Control Authority Activities and Information Report:

The board reviewed the report for 2024; Chairman Connealy signed.

Burt County Extension Office:

Angi Heller, Engagement Zone 8 Coordinator & Marina Duarte de Val

(a) 2024 Annual Report: Presented and placed on file.

(b) Extension Board members: appointed for 2025 - Jill Connealy to replace Joan Bucy; Jeff Madsen to replace Graig McElmurray; Dawne Price to replace Audrey Unwin. Appointments were approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Kutchera, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

ZONING: *Ann Chytka, Zoning Administrator*

Lot Split Flowchart and Application: Chytka wanted to make it clear that all new divisions of land in Burt County requires a survey. A flowchart explains the lot split procedures. Also, the lot split application is changing slightly, the signature by the Assessor is going to be removed from the application. The application is posted on the Planning & Zoning webpage, the flowchart is found on the back of the lot split application.

Section 6.15 Solar Energy Conversion Systems: Discussions were held regarding the need to update the County’s Solar regulations. The board passed a motion to sign the following directive**; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Swanson, Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays - Pearson. **A Directive to the Zoning Administrator to not accept any applications for Conditional Use Permits for Solar Facilities (Solar Farm) in Burt County for 120 days. During which time the Planning Commission will review Section 6.15 Solar Energy Conversion Systems (starting on page 144 of our current regulations). A committee of (3) three Burt County Board members (Jeff Kutchera, Carl Pearson, Paul Richards) shall come up with a suggested list of items within Sec. 6.15 to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

Bridge Inspections: Dan Alexander of Midwest Engineering, Inc. reviewed structure summaries and map from inspections completed in 2024.

Engineering: Dan Alexander of Midwest Engineering, Inc. offered engineering services for any Burt County roadway project needs in the future.

Project C-11 (450): Ann stated that she is going to have Midwest Engineering, Inc. help with the upcoming letting of this project.

Library Interlocal Agreement:

Interlocal agreement between Burt County, NE and three (3) Cities (Lyons, Oakland and Tekamah). The County annual donation (\$1,500.00) is to help support the City costs for maintenance, staffing, etc. of City libraries; the City library is a benefit for all citizens of the County. Chairman signed the agreement upon motion by Kutchera and seconded by Titus. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

Board of Equalization:

Richards moved the Board recess at 10:23 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Pearson seconded, motion passed with All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:24 AM upon motion by Richards, seconded by Pearson with All Ayes. See separate minutes for BOE.

Public Comments (3): (1) Donette Jackson, 5000 CoRd. HI, Tekamah- (i) Congratulated Jay Johnson on his first meeting (ii) requesting one meeting a month be held in the evenings. (2) Bill Price, 1615 CoRd. 10, Lyons – (i) thanked board for their work on large turbines (ii) comments on Solar Farm sizes and setbacks. (3) Gregg Smith, 2170 CoRd. 5, Lyons – statement about the board option to stipulate in zoning regs the total number of acres of land for wind projects and solar projects.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Pearson and Kutchera at 10:31 A.M.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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