

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
March 12, 2025
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 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 (3-6-2025), 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 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.

Upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Titus, the agenda was approved. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. County Burial policy was on the agenda, but Jim Pelan could not attend, that will be rescheduled to another meeting.

The minutes of the 2/28/2025 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Johnson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of February 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 \$391,552.82 were all approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

TRAILER COURT LICENSES	45.00
ZONING PERMITS	375.00
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENF. - CO.ATTY	4,157.49
EMERGENCY MGMT GRANT	9,011.97
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	88.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,174.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	3,015.70
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	20.50
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	325.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	103.25
DISTRICT COURT - PASSPORTS	986.40
DISTRICT COURT - DRUG COURT	18.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	806.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	890.74
TITLE INSPECTIONS	370.00
GUN PERMITS	55.00
FINGER PRINT	50.00
CO ATTY FEES- CHECK COLLECTION	20.00
SALE OF SURPLUS (2) SHERIFF PICK-UPS	7,470.00
MISC REIMBURSE - SHERIFF	36.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	2,631.77
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	115,393.87
ROAD INCENTIVE - HWY INCENTIVE - ST. OF NEBR.	9,000.00
TWP REIMBURSE Oct.-Dec. 2024 PERSHING TWP	36,871.88
TRANSFER GEN-RD	0.00

LODGING TAX	1,772.07
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	540.00
STOP	150.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Patricia L. Anderson	27,559.28
INHERITANCE TAX- Anna Elaine Snow	1,801.44
INHERITANCE TAX- Sylvia J. Rollins	562.98
INHERITANCE TAX- Donald L. Donnelly	38,173.08
PLAT BOOK SALES	30.00
COUNTY 911	302.00
E-911 (WIRELESS)	4,012.69
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	2,518.00
COUNTY COURT BONDS FORFEITURES	221.00
DECATUR FIRE - GENERAL	1,428.38
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	1,822.84
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL	2,662.77
DECATUR FIRE BOND	225.71
LYONS FIRE BOND	418.56
MUNI COURT FEES - DECATUR VILLAGE	100.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION & ADMIN FEES	9,198.41
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION	103,138.04

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Treasurer – Robin Olson (2) District Court – Michele Quick

COMMUNICATION (2): (1) Nebr. Loess Hills RC&D – 2024 Annual Report; (2) A letter of opposition was submitted to the Nebr. Legislature for the hearing on LR13CA - Inheritance Fund elimination.

Board of Equalization:

Richards moved the Board recess at 9:19 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Kutchera seconded, motion passed All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:01 AM upon motion by Richards, seconded by Pearson, All Ayes. See separate minutes for BOE.

Zoning: *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning Administrator*

Conditional Use Permit: KAMO Inc

At 10:03 A.M. Chairman Connealy opened a public hearing for consideration of a CUP for KAMO, Inc. for a building with office space, education space and kennels on 3.589 ac. tract in SE⁴SE⁴ of Sec. 17, TWP 22N, Rg 11E of 6th p.m., Burt County, NE. Chytka, Zoning Admin. reported the planning commission had approved the CUP. Public Comments: John Hundahl explained the project; Gregg Smith asked a question about the project. Chairman Connealy declared the public hearing closed at 10:08 A.M. and the Board went back into regular session. The County Board approved the CUP for KAMO, Inc.; upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed, the CUP was approved and signed.

Conditional Use Permit: Rich Orsi

At 10:09 A.M. Chairman Connealy opened a public hearing for consideration of a CUP for Rich Orsi for a large metal building to be used as a nursery storefront on a tract in pt. NW⁴NE⁴ of Sec. 19, TWP 21N, Rg 10E of 6th p.m., Burt County, NE. Chytka, Zoning Admin. reported the planning commission had approved the CUP for Mr. Orsi. Having no public comments, Chairman Connealy declared the public hearing closed at 10:10 A.M. and the Board went back into regular session. The County Board approved the CUP for Rich Orsi; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Kutchera. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion passed, the CUP was approved and signed.

Section 6.15 Solar Energy Conversion Systems: A public hearing, review of planning commission recommendations and possible action was on today's agenda. Motion to table the business due to the need to send the regulations back to Burt County Planning Commission for action; motion by Richards, seconded by Kutchera. Motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. No hearing or action today.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

Engineering: The following engineering firms have visited with the board about their services: Mainelli, Wagner & Assoc.; Civil Solutions; Midwest Engineering, Inc.; and Speece Lewis. Midwest Engineering, Inc. is currently doing bridge inspections and working on the County's hard surfaced road plans; Mainelli, Wagner & Assoc. is currently doing water studies in the Co.Rd. HI & IJ area.; the board requested that Chytka try to utilize Civil Solutions for a future project when engineering is needed.

Lodging Tax and Visitors Committee:

Cindy Chatt, Director of Burt County Economic Development reported on what she is working on – (i) visitor's committee members need to be re-appointed due to terms running out for previous committee members; (ii) education of lodging entities/businesses; (iii) updating guidelines for awarding the grants from the lodging tax funds. *Trent Leichleiter, a former committee member (termed out)* visited the board to cite his concerns as the committee and guidelines get re-organized – (i) concerns of not all lodging entities paying the County's lodging tax; (ii) he expressed he would like to see guidelines updated to allow 'for profit' lodging businesses to be able to utilize the grants since they are the revenue behind the funds; (iii) guideline changes to increase maximum grant amounts for larger tourism generating events. No action today; the County Board continues to await the re-organization recommendations for their final approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M. upon motions by Pearson and Johnson. Next meeting: March 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.