

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

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, March 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 (3-20-2025), 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 Richards, seconded by Kutchera. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The minutes of the 3/12/2025 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meetings were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Titus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The claims for March in the amount of \$632,907.26, including \$155,159.01 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Kutchera, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays- none. Abstained- Richards. The following claims were approved:

ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	109.92
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	MONITORING/SOFTWARE	6,250.85
BAILEE BANG	MILEAGE	95.04
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	586.53
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	19.47
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	914.55
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BURT COUNTY ATTORNEY	COURT COSTS	18.50
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT FEES	266.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT FEES	202.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	215.36
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SCHOOL	119.90
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	266.49
CENTURY LINK	UTILITIES	322.96
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES & EXTENSION PROGRAM RENT	239.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	EQUIPMENT	87.68
CLEARFLY	PHONE SYSTEM	1,447.39
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	190.53
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	660.32
CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES P.C.	ARPA AUDIT	8,000.00
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,105.34
CVSOAN - TOM REIMERS TREASURER	REGISTRATION	60.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	1,204.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC	FLEET PYMT	7,516.16
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,262.71
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	1,930.40

EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	543.68
EVA MCCLUSKEY	PRIOR SERVICE	103.86
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	JAIL MEDICAL	286.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEE	786.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	1,892.75
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	65.80
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	EQUIPMENT	284.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	76.93
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLY/EQUIPMENT	164.89
JANE PAUL	OFFICE SUPPORT	114.75
JEANETTE HUNT ANIMAL SHELTER	COURT CASE	749.00
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	64.40
JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	684.00
JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	2,812.00
KATIE HART	MILEAGE	98.00
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW,P.C.,L.L.O.	CH. SUPPORT ATTY	2,008.76
MARY LOFTIS	MEDICARE CONTRACT	3,100.00
MICHELE QUICK	MILEAGE	260.18
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	ADMIN FEE	232.00
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	1,999.13
MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT	SOFTWARE	68.00
NACO MEMBERSHIP DUES	MEETING	35.00
NE CLERKS OF DIST COURT ASSN	WORKSHOP	75.00
NEBR ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	175.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGE/SERVICES	84.00
NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA LOESS HILLS RC&D COUNCIL	DUES	350.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1,097.76
NEBRASKA.GOV	SOFTWARE	100.00
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR	PUBLISHING	1,329.76
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	347.74
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	79.80
PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	BURIAL/SERVICES	2,275.00
PENNY A. WARREN	MILEAGE	43.33
REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYS	QTR PAYMENT	5,564.00
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	96.77
SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES	SERVICES	80.00
STACEY KEYS	SUPPLIES	66.98
STRATTON, DELAY & DOELE, P.C., L.L.O	ATTY FEES	3,030.50
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	11.94
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	2,460.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	344.49
TRAVELERS	DEDUCTIBLE	1,108.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	843.29
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	5,135.00
WOODHOUSE FORD CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	FLEET	327.48
ARIZONA TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL 24-25	27,612.90
BELL CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	26,025.30
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	1,607.53
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	523.01
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	595.98
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	25.47
CRAIG TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL 24-25	42,099.75
CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	SUPPLY	176.20
DECATUR TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	18,144.00
EVERETT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	13,721.40

FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	3,538.53
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA, INC.	FLEET REPAIR	32.70
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA ROADS	SUPPLIES	1,093.57
GINI, LLC	FUEL	76.64
K-C PARTS & REPAIR	FLEET REPAIR	19.35
LAWSON PRODUCTS	FLEET PARTS	114.27
LOGAN TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	25,203.15
LYLE FARRENS	PRIOR SERVICE	12.00
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	ENGINEERING	3,000.00
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	SUPPLY/MAINTENANCE	809.60
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	7,169.04
NEBR ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	WORKSHOP	160.00
NMC	FLEET PARTS	905.25
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	247.25
OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	12,785.85
PERSHING TOWNSHIP TREASURER	GRAVEL 24-25	17,803.80
QUINNEBAUGH TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	8,221.50
RDO TRUCK CENTERS, LLC	FLEET REPAIR	416.05
RICHARDS PARTS & HARDWARE	FLEET PARTS	236.72
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	11,396.70
SAPP BROS PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	479.70
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	38.48
SEALS & SERVICE INC	FLEET SUPPLIES	563.35
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	1,046.87
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	15,649.20
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL 24-25	29,654.10
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	3,113.50
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIOS	158.50
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	FLEET EQUIP	454.97
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	257.37
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	480.52
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911	707.20
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	911	130.97
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	371.01
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	42.01
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	50,792.86
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	42,780.33
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	669.20
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	22,495.97
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,317.75
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	736.59
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

County Burial Policy:

The Board discussed updating the policy and fees paid for County paid cremation services; the last fee set was \$1,650.00 in 2016. Jim Pelan from Pelan Funeral Services was present and explained that the amount no longer covers his costs for cremation only services. The Board approved updates to the policy which included the fee be set at \$2,500.00; upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Richards. Motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

ZONING - Lot Split: signed by Chairman Connealy

JASON RUWE – 2.127 ac. in pt. NE⁴NE⁴ of Sec.12, TWP 22N, Rge. 9 E. of 6th P.M., Burt County, NE

Building & Grounds – ADA entrances: *Bruce Nathan, Superintendent*

Supervisor Swanson discussed constituent requests to have a handicap parking spot designated on the East side of the building at the end of the concrete ramp in the alley. Bruce explained that the only ADA Handicap parking is on the South side at the end of the sidewalk, this is due to the grade of the sidewalks; all other sidewalk approached at all other entrances to the building are not the proper grade for ADA guidelines.

Blizzard/Snow Event: *Emergency Manager Jason Redding-Geu:*

March 19, 2025 ice, snow and high winds caused major power outage throughout the County and beyond. A Disaster Declaration was signed for Burt County; Jason reported that 29 other Counties and the State of Nebr. also signed Disaster Declarations. Estimates of damage were figured at around \$5 million for Burt County and \$55 million Statewide. Burt County Public Power had reports of approx. 1,000 poles broken; they had mutual aid from multiple Power Companies helping to restore outages; power outages occurred March 19 - March 28 for residents of Burt County. Burt County Road Department reported that during a time on March 19 they were unable to plow roads due to downed power lines; they also reported an incident of their department and the Sheriff's Department aiding stranded motorists during blizzard conditions. The County Board approved pay for employees for two days during which time the Courthouse remained closed. Jason reported areas in which he found a need for equipment for his department, such as: portable power station and Wi-Fi hot spot for EM offsite use, and generators for battery backup for the County's emergency radios/repeaters.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

(1) **BRIDGE INSPECTIONS for 2025:** 72 - Routine Bridge Inspections and 7 – Fracture Critical Structures. Chytka presented two (2) quotes; Mainelli, Wagner & Assoc. and Midwest Engineering Inc. Chytka recommended the board accept services of Midwest Engineering as they have been doing the inspections and are familiar with the County's structures. Motion by Richards, seconded by Johnson, to sign a contract with Midwest Engineering, Inc for Burt County 2025 Bridge Inspections at proposed rate of \$15,500.00. Motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

(2) Chytka reported that she is working on a reimbursement policy for cleaning out Township Road ditches.

(3) Recognized Nick French, road employee for stepping up to help stranded motorists; thanked the entire road crew for their work in clearing the roads and providing aid to Power Companies during the event.

Public Comment: (1) Jon Dockhorn, General Manager of Burt County Public Power District – Thanked Burt County for their support and assistance from the Emergency Manager, Roads and Sheriff's Departments. Thanked the County residents for their patience during the power restoration process. (2) Bill Price, Lyons- Thanked the County departments and Thanked Burt County Public Power for their work during the snow event and recovery process.

Report of Board Appointments: Jeff Kutchera shared FY24 services provided and reimbursement report from Region 4.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Pearson and Johnson at 10:26 A.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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