

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
May 14, 2025
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 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 (5-8-2025), 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.

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

The minutes of the 4/28/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; motion by Swanson, seconded by Pearson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of April Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of Fines, the District Court Fee Report, Planning and Zoning Report, Fund Balances, and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$4,088,295.76 were all approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Johnson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

ZONING PERMITS	225.00
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENF. - DIST. COURT	6,654.94
AIRLINE TAX	4,058.50
CARLINE TAX	1,221.61
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	506.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,834.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	5,334.47
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	46.50
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING	20.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	356.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	106.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	401.00
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COST	36.00
DISTRICT COURT - PASSPORTS	612.80
DISTRICT COURT - DRUG COURT	6.00
ELECTION REIMBURSE - special election LDNE	149.77
ELECTION REIMBURSE - Burt/Wash. Drainage	50.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	10.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	1,391.06
TITLE INSPECTIONS	300.00
GUN PERMITS	40.00
CO ATTY - BAD CHECK FEES	30.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	552.38
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	49,988.46
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	115,305.58
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES - HWY ALLOCATION	26,598.99
TRANSFER GEN-RD	0.00
LODGING TAX	0.00

ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	571.50
STOP	50.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Jan Clayton Buhl	9,347.30
INHERITANCE TAX- Tracy L. Connealy	1,291.50
PLAT BOOK SALE	30.00
COUNTY 911	1,101.00
E-911 (WIRELESS)	4,012.69
CARLINE TAX <BLDG FUND>	44.04
CARLINE TAX <ENTITIES>	5,854.18
LIQUOR LICENSE	250.00
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	3,144.00
STATE FINES TO SCHOOLS	363.29
COUNTY COURT BOND FORFEITURE	626.00
DECATURE FIRE - GENERAL	1,003.19
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	157.51
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL	340.52
DECATUR FIRE BOND	456.91
LYONS FIRE BOND	70.01
TAX SALE REDEMPTION & ADMIN FEES	43,621.16
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATIONS	103,138.04
2024 PROPERTY TAX CREDITS (1st half) \$\$ goes back out	1,518,590.31
2024 SCHOOL TAX CREDITS (1st half) \$\$ goes back out	2,176,397.05

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) County Attorney – Edmond Talbot III
(2) Surveyor – Fred Franklin

COMMUNICATION (2): (1) Tree Memorial Dedication to Honor Burt Co Military and First Responders - Sat. May 17, 2025 10-11 a.m. @ Summit Lake – also Nebraska State Parks free park entry day
(2) U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) staff will hold local office hour for constituents in Burt County on Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 1st floor meeting room -Courthouse 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lot Splits (2): signed by Chairman Connealy
(1) JOHN TOBIN – 4.16 ac. & 5.99 ac. in pt. SW⁴SE⁴ of Sec.25, TWP 21N, Rge. 11 E. of 6th P.M., Burt Co., NE
(2) JAMES KELLY - 4 ac. in SE⁴NE⁴ of Sec.34, TWP21N, Rge.10 E. of 6th P.M., Burt Co., NE

County Health Insurance:
NACO reports Burt County is receiving a 5.4% rate increase for the 2025-2026 plan year. The board reviewed County and employee costs for 2025 plan year options within the NACO group pool. Kutchera made a motion to leave the buy-down as is, employees have \$1,100 out of pocket deductible; seconded by Swanson. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none. The final benefit package for Employee Health and Dental Insurance eff. July 1, 2025 via the NACO pool is as follows:
Health Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (\$6,100 deductible -QHDHP)
Dental Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (option 3)
Deductible Buy-down via Mid-American (employees \$1,100.00 out of pocket deductible) (12 mth.) Option for Section 125 plan with First Concord
Option for Cash-in-Lieu plan with First Concord; paying \$400 (single), \$800 (family)
Employee Pay Option for Vision Insurance with VSP
Employee Pay Options for Supplemental Life/Disability Buy-up
Other Employee Purchase Options will be available via NACO's APEX enrollment portal

Special Designated Liquor Licenses (SDLs):

The Board approved an SDL for Andreassen, LLC to serve at the beer garden for the 2025 Hoot Gibson Memorial Rodeo (Tekamah) on June 6-7, 2025. Approved upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Burt County Economic Development Corp. (BCEDC): *Cindy Chatt, Director*

Chatt shared a current roster of BCEDC Board Members. Chatt reported that a Housing Study for Burt County has recently been completed; the full report is available from her for anyone interested.

PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS – BURT CO FUND 0900

- FUND BALANCE: The revenue for this fund comes from Nielsen Foundation Grant money; Chatt reported that she is in the process of applying for more funding.
- APPLICATIONS: Currently there are more projects pledged than money available in this fund; therefore, at this time the board cannot accept any grant applications for the fund money.

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAXES – BURT CO FUND 0990

Chatt shared a current roster of Visitors/Tourism Committee Board Members.

- FUNDING: Chatt explained that she has prepared an information packet to be mailed to lodging businesses explaining Nebraska's Lodging Tax requirements and local grant opportunities available to them via this fund.
- GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM: An updated form was approved for use; upon motions by Pearson and Richards. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.
- APPLICATIONS: The following three (3) lodging tax grants were considered and approved upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Johnson. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. (1) Pheasant Bonanza (Tekamah) Stay and Play Summer Marketing Program (\$500); (2) Swedish Heritage Center (Oakland) Midsommer Celebration (\$500); (3) Amber Lea Acres (Tekamah) Social Media Campaign (\$500).

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

Road Maintenance Agreement – Oakland TWP : Township agrees to pay Burt County the rate of \$160.00 per hour for regular maintenance and snow removal. Chairman Connealy signed the agreement; motions by Pearson and Swanson. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

Road Employees 'summer' schedule: The Weeds and Roads department outside crews will run on a weekly schedule as follows: 'Team 1' will work four (4)- ten (10) hour days (Mon-Thurs. 6a-4:30p); 'Team 2' will work five (5)- eight (8) hour days (Mon-Fri. 6a-2:30p). Holiday week hours will be 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in order to maintain an 8-hour workday. They will try this schedule for the month of June and if it works, they will run until Sept. 19,2025.

Updates: Chairman Connealy will sign the contracts for bids that were awarded during the April 28th meeting. Chytka reported she is soon expecting the final FEMA money from the 2019 floods.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M. upon motions by Kutchera and Titus.

Next meeting: May 28, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS