

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
July 9, 2025
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 9, 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 (7-3-2025), 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 Johnson, the agenda was approved. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

The minutes of the 6/27/2025 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meetings were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of June Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and Zoning Report, Miscellaneous Receipts; Sheriff’s Quarterly Reports; and 12-month FY End Fund Balances were all approved upon motion by Richards, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Miscellaneous Receipts of \$3,917,340.17 are listed:

ZONING PERMITS	585.00
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENF. - DIST. COURT	6,154.72
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENF. - CO.ATTY	4,130.06
PRO-RATE <MV CO SHARE>	2,007.82
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY SHARE)	220.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,924.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	3,317.17
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	52.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	55.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	1.00
DISTRICT COURT - PASSPORTS	90.00
COUNTY COURT - MISC FEES	19.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	842.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	1,055.06
TITLE INSPECTIONS	490.00
GUN PERMITS	35.00
FINGER PRINT	30.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	1,952.99
MEETING REIMBURSE. - SHERIFF	400.00
RETIREMENT REFUND - INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTION	145.88
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	4,835.83
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	120,566.08
TWP REIMBURSE - Arizona TWP	13,081.88
TWP REIMBURSE - Decatur TWP	9,040.00
PILT	7,245.00
TRANSFER GEN-RD June claims	75,000.00

TRANSFER (GEN - RD)	FY24-25 \$\$ to 2500 fund	1,643,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE FUND (RD - 2500)	FUTURE RD PROJECTS	1,643,000.00
FUND 0900 - PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANT	\$\$ IN	175,000.00
LODGING TAX		506.30
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION		599.50
STOP		250.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Enid E. Bernard		1,381.69
INHERITANCE TAX- Julia A. Miller		6,520.00
INHERITANCE TAX- Vern J. Hansen		37,195.54
COUNTY 911		1,485.97
E-911 (WIRELESS)		0.00
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR		2,866.00
DECATURE FIRE - GENERAL		1,224.93
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL		1,875.09
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL		1,691.35
DECATUR FIRE BOND		547.37
LYONS FIRE BOND		355.11
MUNI COURT - OAKLAND CITY		50.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION & ADMIN FEES		32,237.48
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATION		103,138.04
PRO-RATE <MV ENTITIES SHARES>		9,139.81

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

Lot Split: signed by Chairman Connealy
 JOHN PRICE - 7.93 ac. pt.SW⁴SW⁴ Sec.19, TWP 20N, Rge.10 E. of 6th P.M., Burt County, NE

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*
BIDS for 2025 Pavement Reclamation Project(s), C-11(451). Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering was present to advise.

2025 Pavement Reclamation Project C-11(451)	Approx. 9.7 mi. of bituminous pulverization and double armor coat	
	Site 1 - Road 3: 3 mi. Co.Rd.H to Co.Rd.K	
	Site 2 - Road M: 0.7 mi. Co.Rd.25 to end of pavement west of Co.Rd.3	
	Site 3 - Road L: 6 mi. Hwy 77 to Co.Rd.23	
	So. Sioux City, NE	Modale, IA
	Oban Constr.	Midwest Coatings
Site 1 - Road 3	\$ 284,743.04	\$ 495,706.53
Site 2 - Road M	\$ 70,709.58	\$ 170,204.37
Site 3 - Road L	\$ 561,550.81	\$ 871,142.92
start/end date:	8/4/2025 to 9/19/2025	9/1/2025 to 10/1/2025

Following discussion by the board, motion was made Richards to move forward with Site 3 – County Road L project only, and to award the bid to Oban Construction, motion was seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Motion Passed.
Project Updates: Armor Coat on 118 is complete, striping is yet to be done. (3) small Onyx projects are being done for material trials. Culverts have been ordered, and road crews will be busy with culvert work.

Special Designated Liquor License (SDL):
 Upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Pearson, the Board approved special designated liquor license for Eggers K&C, LLC to serve for a wedding at Harvest Moon (Oakland) on August 16, 2025. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

IT Services Contract:

Brandon Petersen with Applied Connective Technologies gave an overview of the Premium Managed IT and Cyber/Security & Software Service contracts that will renew August 1, 2025. The managed IT portion of the contract will be \$42,630.00 annually; the Cyber Services & Software costs will ~ \$21,320.00 annually. Kutchera moved to accept the annual contracts, with the addition of an extra email security/training program ‘ironscales’ that will be added via the SLCGP grant funds, Richards seconded the motion; Motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. The County expects ~\$17,500 for FY25-26 via NEMA (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency) Grant program Funding SLCGP (State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program), the program covers our cybersecurity system monitoring costs via an 80% State/20% County Grant.

Burt County Economic Development Corp. (BCEDC):

PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS – BURT CO FUND 0900

Three (3) applications 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) Mitchell Smith – Main Street Services LLC (Lyons) facia improvements. (\$12,900 – 50% cost); (2) Sara Stites – Coffee Shop (Oakland) signs (\$1,423.49 – 50% cost); (3) Scott Herbolsheimer – Save More Market (Lyons) roof (\$15,000 - max).

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAXES – BURT CO FUND 0990

One (1) application for a marketing campaign was considered and approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Kutchera. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

(1) Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcasts (Sheila Jenkinson) – 4 podcasts to promote Burt County Tourism. 50% cost split with BCEDC Tourism; \$2,068.70 total, with Lodging Funds Grant approved = \$1,034.35.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

2025-2026 FY Budget:

The Board met with officials and department heads to discuss their expenditure requests for the 2025-2026 budget. A recess was taken for lunch. Budget changes may be made after seeing budget projections in July and August.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 P.M. upon motions by Titus and Richards.

Next meetings: July 15 and 16 Board of Equalization for Protest Hearings; July 25, 2025 Board of Equalization for Protest Decisions and Form 425s; and next Board of Supervisors meeting July 28, 2025. All meetings will start 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.