

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**December 28, 2023**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Thursday, December 28, 2023 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 Oakland Independent (12-21-2023), upon a 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, Ted Connealy and David Schold.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted.

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

The minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meetings were approved; upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Connealy. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

The claims for December in the amount of \$1,465,896.88 including \$154,513.20 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds upon motion by Titus, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – Swanson. The following is the claims listing for December 2023.

ALL FLAGS, ETC	SUPPLIES	162.78
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	171.77
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	IT SERVICES	8,050.24
ARBY'S BODY SHOP LLC	REPAIR	159.00
AUDREY UNWIN	EXTENSION BD	117.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	403.66
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	51.94
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	3,129.83
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	371.90
BURT COUNTY COURT	FEES	418.96
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	FEES	181.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	154.17
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	502.47
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	300,000.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	27.09
CARLA HART	PRIOR SERVICE	108.00
CENTURY LINK	UTILITIES	323.04
CHARLEY CULL	PLANNING MILE	70.74
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	150.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	MAINTENANCE	62.69
CLAYTON OLSEN	PLANNING MILE	33.01
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	602.97
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	441.07

CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	286.79
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	64.75
CRAIG BROKAW	EXTENSION BD	86.46
CROWN PLAZA KEARNEY	CONFERENCE	404.85
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,308.19
CVSOAN - TOM REIMERS TREASURER	DUES	100.00
DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	1,650.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,320.07
DON JOHNSON	PLANNING MILE	45.85
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	1,196.13
EDMOND TALBOT	REIMBURSE	98.00
EMILY HEDLUND	MILEAGE	25.55
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	UTILITIES	1,584.47
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	EMPE PD ADDL	1,257.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	334.05
FITZGERALD,VETER,TEMPLE,BARTELL	ATTY FEES	2,127.88
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	66.81
GRAHAM TIRE STORE	REPAIR	270.06
GRAIG MCELMURAY	EXTENSION BD	9.17
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	EQUIPMENT	247.63
HALL LAW FIRM	ATTY FEES	285.00
HAMPTON INN	CONFERENCE	239.90
HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY	MAINTENANCE	1,780.00
HEIMAN INC.	SUPPLIES	770.00
HOLIDAY INN	CONFERENCE	3,598.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	114.20
JAY HOVENDICK	PLANNING MILE	62.88
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	44.54
JENKINS LAW PC	ATTY FEES	614.00
JENNIFER HANSEN	MILEAGE	72.05
JENNIFER WALKINGSTICK	REIMBURSE	98.00
JOAN BUCY	EXTENSION BD	2.62
JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	1,054.50
KASSIE JENSEN	EXTENSION BD	60.26
KATHY RAY	OFFICE HELP	26.00
KATIE HART	MILEAGE	344.53
LAW OFFICE OF KATE M JORGENSEN PC	ATTY FEES	2,259.34
LENA BECKNER	EXTENSION BD	133.62
LOFFLER	SUPPLIES	1,173.61
MARY LOFTIS	CONTRACT	2,818.50
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	JAIL MEDICAL	5,125.27
MICHELE QUICK	MILEAGE	306.20
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	20,248.00
MILLS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	3,918.75
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,461.92
NACO - ANNUAL CONFERENCE	CONFERENCE	175.00
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY INFO BUREAU	SUPPLIES	159.00
NEBR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	FORM 10	20.25
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING	183.00
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN	CONFERENCE	275.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	668.92
NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSN	PROFESSIONAL FEES	280.00
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR	PUBLISHING	334.04
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	1,031.87
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	41.92
PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	SERVICES	645.00

PENNY A. WARREN	DUES	50.00
PLAINDEALER	PUBLISHING	73.28
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE	817.53
RAMADA INN	CONFERENCE	154.00
RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES	REPAIR	350.68
REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYS	QTRLY	5,293.50
ROBIN OLSON	MILEAGE	282.96
RODNEY BROMM	PLANNING MILE	19.91
ROGER POND	PLANNING MILE	58.95
ROY MILLER	EXTENSION BD	131.00
SAMUEL TITUS	MEALS/MILEAGE	318.98
SARAH FREIDEL	MILEAGE	281.00
SCOTT RONNFELDT	PLANNING MILE	99.04
SIDNER,SVOBODA,SCHILKE,THOMSEN	ATTY FEES	1,634.00
SIGNS BY TOMORROW	SUPPLIES	915.00
STACEY KEYS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	265.47
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC P.C.,L.L.O.	CH SUPPORT ATTY	2,088.96
TEKAMAH AIRPORT JOING ZONING BOARD	MEETINGS	150.00
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	114.39
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	54.37
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	11,520.00
TORY PENNY	FUEL	78.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	449.00
TYLER WEITZENKAMP	PLANNING MILE	35.37
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	906.23
VISUAL EDGE IT,INC	EQUIPMENT	108.94
WALLY LYDICK	PLANNING MILE	23.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	9,295.00
WEIMER LAW PC	ATTY FEES	1,682.73
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SERVICE	EQUIPMENT	60.22
A A WHEEL & TRUCK SUPPLY INC	PARTS	21.24
ANN CHYTKA	MILEAGE	352.44
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS/FREIGHT	366.05
BLACKSTRAP	BC ROADS	13,378.40
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	BC ROADS	1,196.13
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	263.68
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	20.78
CNA AUTO SERVICES,LLC	SUPPLIES	6.00
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	4,659.36
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA, INC.	SUPPLIES	152.25
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA ROADS	SUPPLIES	660.32
GINI, LLC	FUEL	64.79
GLUP PIPE SALES	SUPPLIES	448.80
K-C PARTS & REPAIR	PARTS	37.28
KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST LLC	ROADS	688,808.44
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	ENGINEERING	18,701.61
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	PARTS	1,039.88
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	SUPPLIES	2,400.00
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	SUPPLIES	5,714.71
NMC CAT RENTAL	ROADS	3,033.43
OAKLAND LUMBER LLC	SUPPLIES	557.38
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	SUPPLIES	205.20
R&A SEAMLESS	MAINTENANCE	10,296.00
RICHARDS PARTS & HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	126.06
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	234.74
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	740.46
SPENCER QUARRIES, INC	MATERIALS	1,244.89

STALP GRAVEL CO	MATERIALS	3,137.98
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	156.36
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER	158.50
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	PARTS	560.55
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	SERVICES	4.32
VILLAGE OF CRAIG	UTILITIES	80.08
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	171.45
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	SUPPLIES	698.36
WESTPOINT IMPLEMENT INC	BC ROADS PARTS	379.00
WPCI	TESTING	32.00
KAMO, INC	PROMO GRANT	160.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	519.18
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	UTILITIES	707.20
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	UTILITIES	130.46
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	549.63
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	57.22
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	53,864.19
ERIN M MCCARTNEY CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE	BANKRUPTCY	650.00
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	TAXES	43,961.89
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	466.77
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	30.96
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22,909.76
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,092.24
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	747.40
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	GARNISH	487.63
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISH	830.00

**Lots Splits (3):** signed by Chairman Schold

- 1) (re-considered from 12/12/2023): MARLENE NELSON 3.99 ac. -pt.SW<sup>4</sup> SE<sup>4</sup> of 18-22-9
- 2) (revised from 12/12/2023 - # of acres): REBECCA RAUE 3.78 ac. -pt.SW<sup>4</sup> NE<sup>4</sup> of 11-23-10
- 3) YVONNE NIEWOHNER ESTATE 0.17 ac. -pt.SW<sup>4</sup> SE<sup>4</sup> of 3-22-8

**Cost of Living for 2024:**

The Board approved a cost of living increase of 4.0%, to be applied at the January 2024 payperiod. Motion by Schold, seconded by Titus. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays- none. Motion passed. The cost of living will not be applied to part-time or seasonal positions. Cost of living is not applied to the zoning salary or to the Board of Health salary. Cost of living will not be applied to the Emergency Manager salary for 2024 due to the newly established salary that was approved October 2023.

**Lodging Tax Grant Application:**

Visitors Promotion Grant Funds (fund 0990) for KAMO, Inc for advertising their 3 day hunting event held Nov. 2023. The board approved up to \$500.00 (max grant), upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Connealy. By roll call vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none.

**Board of Equalization:**

Kutchera moved the Board recess at 9:45 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Connealy seconded, motion passed with All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:48 AM upon motion by Titus, seconded by Kutchera, with All Ayes. See separate BOE minutes.

**ROADS:** *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

*Bids for Tilt Trailer: 22 ft. bed with 16 ft. tilt – 8K axle*

Thomas Bus Sales (Des Moines, IA)	\$12,215.00
Ken's Trailer Sales (Norfolk, NE)	\$12,500.00
Midwest Peterbilt Group (Council Bluffs, IA)	\$18,107.00
NMC CAT (Omaha, NE)	\$18,500.00

Pearson made a motion to purchase from *Thomas Bus Sales (Des Moines, IA)*, Kutchera seconded. Discussion was held, motion did not pass By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – none. Nays – All. Swanson made a motion to purchase from *Ken's Trailer Sales (Norfolk, NE) with delivery*, Titus seconded. Motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Swanson, Kutchera, Richards, Pearson, Titus, Connealy and Schold. Nays – none. The trailer will be purchased from Ken's Trailer Sales (Norfolk, NE) for \$12,500.00 with a request that the trailer be delivered. The current trailer will go to Lee Valley for auction.

*PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT:* Michael Pick, 5728 Colorado Lane, Ft. Calhoun, NE – Complaint about not receiving help from the Burt County Attorney with a trailer he had reported stolen in Burt County.

*Board Reports:* Board members who attended the NACO Annual Conference gave synopsis of some of the topics discussed during sessions offered.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Connealy and Swanson at 10:23 A.M.  
Next Meeting: January 10, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

DAVID SCHOLD, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

