

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

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 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 (5-22-2025), 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 Kutchera, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The minutes of the 5/14/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The claims for May in the amount of \$933,774.16, including \$164,629.54 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Titus, seconded by Kutchera. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays- none.

The following claims were approved:

ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	589.00
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	85.70
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SERVICES/SUPPORT	6,302.55
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SUPPLIES	460.98
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	27.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	190.93
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	951.50
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	850.56
BRENNEIS INSURANCE AGENCY INC	BUY DOWN PREMIUM	45,552.96
BRUCE NATHAN	MILEAGE	26.88
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	398.03
BUFFALO COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT SERVICE	19.50
BURT COUNTY AG SOCIETY	FAIR VENDOR	100.00
BURT COUNTY ATTORNEY	CERT. MATERIAL	30.00
BURT COUNTY CLERK	STAMPS	73.00
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	133.00
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	38.00
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	196.64
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	MISC EXPENSES	210.76
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	330,000.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	286.49
CASS PLUMBING & HVAC LLC	REPAIRS	23.64
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	795.89

CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	180.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	BC SHERIFF	106.89
CLEARFLY	PHONES	1,447.58
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	186.45
CONNOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	COURT COSTS	465.00
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	224.23
CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS INC	SUPPLIES	3,160.30
CUBBY'S	FUEL	939.14
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,365.67
DES MOINES STAMP MFG. COMPANY	SUPPLY	81.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COSTS	20.73
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	552.79
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEE	786.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	688.56
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	531.85
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	47.60
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	EQUIPMENT	213.17
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	EQUIPMENT	751.92
GWORKS	SOFTWARE	24,460.33
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	191.13
IPRINT TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES	710.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	1,190.10
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	96.60
JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	921.50
JOSEBA KOLDO MORENO	TRANSLATOR	50.00
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW, P.C., L.L.O.	CH. SUPPORT ATTY	2,008.03
KRISTINE HABER	EQUIPMENT	114.99
MAXIMUS INC	SERVICES	1,819.65
MID AMERICA ENTERPRISES LLC	EQUIPMENT	519.50
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	232.00
MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	MAINTENANCE	640.62
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	1,999.13
MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT	SOFTWARE	68.00
NACO - ANNUAL CONFERENCE	WORKSHOPS	320.00
NE NEBR AREA AGENCY ON AGING	QTRLY	5,716.00
NEBR COUNTY ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION	DUES	1,100.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGE/SERVICES	90.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	844.06
NORTHEAST ASSESSORS' ASSOC	DUES	25.00
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE	LAW SCHOOL	400.00
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	77.65
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/LYONS MIRROR	PUBLISHING	784.52
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	950.32
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	84.00
PENNY A. WARREN	TRAVEL EXPENSE	30.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	AUTOPSY/CORONER	500.00
PLAINDEALER PUBLISHING	SUBSCRIPTION	119.98
SAMUEL TITUS	CHECKING ROADS	29.40
SARAH FREIDEL	MEETING MILE	194.60
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	134.70
SCOTT BURGETT	CPR TRAINING	90.00
SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES	SERVICES	80.00
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC	SUPPLY	45.96

STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE	118.74
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	POSTAGE	1,345.60
STRYKER SALES LLC	SUPPLY	87.00
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	327.21
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	51.10
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	3,000.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	344.49
TORY PENNY	POSTAGE	13.35
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO	683.50
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	QTRLY WAGE	27,839.97
US POSTAL SERVICE (NEOPOST POSTAGE)	POSTAGE	15,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	EQUIPMENT	883.30
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLIES	251.07
WASHINGTON COUNTY	DIST. JUDGE	3,249.68
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	7,085.00
ARBY'S BODY SHOP LLC	FLEET	150.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	528.50
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	220.43
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	24.60
CNA AUTO SERVICES, LLC	PARTS	20.40
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	10,009.82
GLUP PIPE SALES	CULVERTS	1,896.50
KIRBY L BOWLAND	DOT PHYSICAL	80.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	418.41
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	ENGINEERING	9,014.00
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	SERVICES	285.00
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	REPAIR	28.68
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING	5,970.00
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	PARTS	540.00
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	9,075.39
NMC	EQUIP REPAIR	6,918.77
RANDY L RAGER	PRIOR SERVICE	69.24
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	108.31
SEALS & SERVICE INC	SUPPLIES	906.00
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	993.13
STALP GRAVEL CO	MATERIALS	73,925.58
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	23.58
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	FLEET	454.97
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	6,408.69
WPCI	TESTING	64.00
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911	707.20
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	911	9.44
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	911	130.98
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	371.01
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	42.01
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	51,721.30
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	46,191.78
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	669.20
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	84.92
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	24,325.90
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,878.08
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	746.21
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
LVNV FUNDING, LLC	GARNISHMENT	132.28
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	830.00

Sheriff Department Staffing:

Present and speaking: Sheriff Eric Nick, Chief Deputy Jim Buck, Deputy Sheriff Brittany Hedlund. The department is requesting the Board's approval to hire one (1) additional Sheriff Deputy. Sheriff Nick explained that the County Department answers a heavy load of calls within the Cities/Villages, even though they have their own law enforcement. The Sheriff's department is required to answer any state statute violation calls; he does not have coverage in the rest of the County when they are answering these required calls within the City limits. Burt County Sheriff's department currently operates as such: seven (7) full-time officers (1- Sheriff, 1- Chief Deputy, 5 -Deputy officers, and 1-2 part-time officers). No action was taken by the board to approve the request at this time. The board expressed frustration and concerns of the Cities/Villages not making sure they are requiring their own law enforcement be the first answer to the needs within their own city limits.

Budget Authority Proposal for FY25-26 Budget Prep:

On motion by Titus, seconded by Johnson, the Board voted to accept Sarah Freidel and Jeannette Blanc's proposal to do the County's budget for 2025-2026 for the total amount of \$4,000.00. Freidel will receive \$2,500.00 for Budget Prep, preparation of all notices, preparation of required power point per LB148, and submission of all documents to the State; Blanc will receive \$1,500.00 for assisting within Budget Prep Software. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Budget Prep for FY25-26:

For purposes of planning Budgets; Officials will include "up to 6 %" on salaries/wages for c.o.l. for their employees per Resolution 2022-02 "not to exceed 6% increase" for Jan-June 2026.

Lot Split Application - Signed by Chairman Connealy:

BRET L. BRODERSEN 6.58 ac. pt SW⁴NW⁴ of Section 7, Township 21N, Range 12, East of the 6th P.M., Burt County, NE.

Special Designated Liquor License (SDL):

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Kutchera, the Board approved special designated liquor license for Double J Saloon to serve for a wedding at Harvest Moon (Oakland) on June 28, 2025. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

2025 Protests

Assessor Katie Hart reminded the board that Protest filings will be June 1-30, 2025. Filing requirements and office procedures were reviewed.

ROADS:

ENGINEERING for 2025 Pavement Preservation Project(s), C-11(450):

Motion to authorize Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent to sign agreements for Engineering Services provided by Midwest Engineering, Inc. for the projects; motion by Pearson, seconded by Titus, Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Alex Chandler and Mary, representatives of Invenergy – present to listen to meeting due to possible future Solar project (Beeline Solar) in Burt County.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Kutchera at 10:12 A.M.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 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.