#### OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK

# Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors August 28, 2025

TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 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 Burt County Independent (8-21-2025), 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, Sam Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson and Ted Connealy. Absent -Paul Richards.

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. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards.

The minutes of the August 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards.

The claims for August in the amount of \$1,110,980.06, including \$182,655.03 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – Swanson. Absent – Richards. The following claims were approved:

ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	1,882.53
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	187.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	IT.CYBER.SOFTWARE.SUPPORT	22,087.90
ASHLEY WIMER	MILEAGE	123.20
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	160.49
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SUPPLIES	333.59
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL/REPAIR	3,227.32
BRENNEIS INSURANCE AGENCY INC	P&C INS	3,561.00
BRUCE NATHAN	MILEAGE	65.24
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	225.00
BUDDIES MINI MART, LLC	FUEL	406.71
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT	519.75
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT	39.00
BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	400.98
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	247.01
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES & OFFICE	496.78
BURT COUNTY TREASURER	WAGON ROAD TAXES	31,803.66
BURT COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL	FAIR MEALS	211.86
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	286.49
CASS PLUMBING & HVAC LLC	SERVICES	146.92
CEDAR COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	18.00
CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	281.00
CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	SERVICES	75.00
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	SHERIFF MISC	75.00
CLEARFLY	PHONES	1,447.03
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	518.29

CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS INC	CHEMICAL	1,447.83
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,317.63
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	258.75
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,176.13
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	12.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	OFFICE SUPPLY	648.29
ELISE ANDERSON	MILEAGE	58.80
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	INSURANCE ADMIN	805.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	1,059.36
FUTURITY IT, INC	SOFTWARE	1,500.00
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	127.40
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	COPIER	178.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	191.13
IPRINT TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1,120.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	294.75
JAY W JOHNSON	CHECKING ROADS	126.00
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	214.20
JENNIFER HANSEN	MILEAGE	259.65
JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	5,146.25
JULIE FLEISCHMAN	MILEAGE	39.20
KATHY RAY	OFFICE SUPPORT	114.75
KATIE HART	MILEAGE	390.60
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW, P.C., L.L.O.	CHILD SUPPORT ATTY	2,012.41
LORI WACHTER	MILEAGE	136.28
MID AMERICA ENTERPRISES LLC	SUPPLIES	64.24
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	255.75
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	5,019.79
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,222.89
MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT	SOFTWARE	70.00
NACO - ANNUAL CONFERENCE	CONFERENCE FEES	385.00
NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOC	EM	220.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGING/SERVICES	93.00
NEBR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	SHERIFF SCHOOLING	142.00
NEBR PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL	COURT	105.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1,176.41
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	OFFICE SUPPLY	430.39
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	158.20
PENNY A. WARREN	MILEAGE	64.40
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	41.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	SERVICES	18.30
QUADIENT INC	POSTAGE	62.70
QUINN'S QUALITY REPORTING LTD	COURT	318.99
STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE	149.73
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, LLC	SHERIFF SUPPLY	3,321.40
THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	269.12
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	53.20
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	5,760.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	INV 3008763631	344.49
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	EXTENSION PROGRAMMING	115.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	892.91
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC	COPIER	120.76
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	4,290.00
WOODHOUSE FORD CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	PARTS/SUPPLY	226.30
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	PARTS/SUPPLY	722.89
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	MATERIALS	8,701.52
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	372.95

BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	90.00
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	149.59
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	24.60
CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	PARTS	155.24
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	5,671.78
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA, INC.	PARTS	97.90
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA ROADS	SUPPLIES	270.73
GLUP PIPE SALES	MATERIALS/SUPPLY	70,709.15
JRAY'S REPAIR	REPAIRS	1,068.85
LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS & MACHINE LLC	PARTS	30.11
LORENSEN LUMBER & GRAIN LLC	SUPPLIES	1,600.00
MARTIN MARIETTA	MATERIALS	3,495.57
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	ROADS	351.28
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	ROAD PROJECT	17,059.75
NMC	PARTS	884.40
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	15.99
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	134.56
STALP GRAVEL CO	MATERIALS	29,861.35
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	41.75
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	TOWER RENTAL	158.50
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	PARTS	50.19
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	GPS	454.97
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	183.70
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	16.84
WEST POINT AUTO & TRUCK CENTER	FLEET REPAIR	6,750.09
WESTPOINT IMPLEMENT INC	FLEET REPAIR	511.00
SAVE MORE MARKET	RENO GRANT	15,000.00
SWEDISH HERITAGE CENTER	LODGING TAX GRANT	447.64
TRI-COUNTY SADDLE CLUB	LODGING TAX GRANT	500.00
HALL BROTHERS INC	ROAD PROJECT	166,155.57
STA-BILT CONSTRUCTION CO	ROAD PROJECT	326,930.29
CENTURY LINK - LUMEN	911	4,433.28
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911	707.20
CITY OF FREMONT - CITY CLERK	911	1,756.88
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	911	7.67
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	UTILITIES	130.98
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	371.01
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	43.70
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	56,768.54
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	52,374.66
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE LIB NATIO	669.20
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	44.86
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	EMPE PD ADDL	367.14
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	27,128.70
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,839.55
TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	222.62
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	762.43
COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS CO	EMPE PD ADDL	57.79
LVNV FUNDING, LLC	GARNISHMENT	108.47
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	480.00

**Communication**: NDOT Project No: STP-51-7(109) CN 32395, Decatur Bridge: regarding a required review/consult for projects on historic properties; consult/comment from Burt Co. is invited, and any objections should be made known within 30 days of receipt of letter (8/26/2025).

## **Board of Equalization:**

Swanson moved the Board recess at 11:20 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Johnson seconded, motion passed. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:23 AM upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Swanson. See separate minutes for BOE.

## ROADS: Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent

**One & Six Year Plan:** Chairman Connealy opened a Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 One and Six Year Road Plan at 10:02 A.M. Chytka shared a map and listing (both placed on file, and also posted on Highway Superintendent's webpage). Having no Public Comment offered, Chairman Connealy closed the Public Hearing and returned to regular session at 10:22 A.M. The board held discussion about the projects and Resolution 2025-05 was passed upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards. **RESOLUTION #2025-05** 

"Whereas, the Burt County Highway Superintendent has prepared and presented a One-and- Six Year Plan for Highway Improvement for Burt County, Nebraska, and;

"Whereas, a public meeting was held on the 28th day of August, 2025 to present this plan, and all objections and recommendations said plan were considered;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the County Supervisors of Burt County, Nebraska, that the plan and data as furnished and/or revised are hereby in all things accepted and adopted."

Whereupon, the Resolution was declared passed by the Burt County Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of August, 2025, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL, BURT COUNTY CLERK TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN – BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE – 2025** Board Members Kutchera and Swanson moved for adoption of Resolution 2025-06. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Richards. Resolution was adopted. **RESOLUTION #2025-06** Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Burt County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 28th day of August 2025 at Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska. Ted Connealy, Chairperson Jeff Kutchera Gary Swanson Paul Richards Carl Pearson Jay W. Johnson Sam Titus

**Skid Steer Lease:** The lease on the skid loader is up for renewal; Ann presented for approval a municipal rental agreement with NMC for 1 year 250 hours, annual cost of \$8,250.00. The board approved agreement upon motions by Swanson and Titus, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays-none. Absent – Richards.

## FY 2025-2025 Budget:

The Board reviewed and revised the 2025-2026 budget figures with the current valuation. The Budget Hearing will be held September 10, 2025; the County will participate in a Joint Public Hearing per LB644 to be held September 18, 2025. Hearing notices will be published online and in the Burt County Independent.

As part of Burt County Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget/Levy business, the following Resolution was adopted: **RESOLUTION #2025-07** 

#### **Granting Levy Authority to others**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3), all political subdivisions subject to County levy authority have submitted their respective preliminary levy allocation request resolution to the County Board, outlining the requested property tax levy allocation necessary to operate their government for the upcoming budget year; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed such requests; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(4), the County Board is required to adopt a resolution determining the final allocation of levy authority for the political subdivision under the County's levy authority by September 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(1), the County Board may allocate up to 15 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of the County's levy limit provided in Nebraska State Statute 77-3442 to other governments in the County.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the final allocation of levy authority be established for the following political subdivisions for the tax year 2025:

Fire Districts: up to 4 cents
Cemetery Districts: up to 2 cents
Townships: up to 9 cents

\$75,000.00 of the County's five-cent miscellaneous levy will be allowed to the Ag Society under an Interlocal Agreement.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the chairperson of the governing body of said political subdivisions and that this final levy allocation shall not be changed except by agreement between both the County Board and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy allocation is at issue

ADOPTED AND DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

- signed by Chairman Connealy, attest County Clerk Freidel

Adopted upon motion by Titus, seconded by Johnson, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kutchera, Titus, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – Pearson & Swanson. Absent – Richards. Resolution was Adopted.

### Zoning/Building Permit:

Assessor Katie Hart wanted to address the building permit forms following the attorney general's opinion regarding assessors (not) entering properties; there is now a need for more information to be provided on the forms. At the request of Supervisor Kutchera, Burt County's form updates and procedures were discussed amongst the Zoning Admin, Assessor and the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susan Skinner, press representative - Burt County Independent.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Pearson at 11:51 A.M. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 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.