

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
FY 2025-2026 Budget Meeting
September 10, 2025
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, for the purpose of holding FY 2025-2026 budget meeting. The notice of budget hearing was published in the Burt County Independent (9-4-2025), 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, Jay W. Johnson, Paul Richards and Ted Connealy. Absent – Carl Pearson. Public/Press present for meeting: one (1) member from the press and three (3) members from the public.

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.

Chairman Connealy declared a Public Hearing open at 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026. Proposed budget statements were made available for public review. County Clerk Sarah J. Freidel gave a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget. PUBLIC COMMENT during the hearing: Jill Spenner – valuation comments. Chairman closed the hearing at 9:23 A.M., and the board returned to regular session.

In lieu of a Tax Request Hearing for FY25-26, Burt County will participate in a Joint Public Hearing to be held at the Courthouse, 3rd floor Courtroom on September 18, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

This budget meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.
The regular board of supervisors meeting will immediately follow this budget hearing meeting.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

TED CONNEALY, CHAIRMAN
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September 2025 at 9:00 AM at Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	7,296,169.44	6,794,520.43	7,187,508.59	425,000.00	1,845,795.11	5,766,713.48
ROAD	5,199,530.10	4,348,899.16	4,386,956.09	0.00	4,386,956.09	0.00
PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS	43,983.20	92,575.83	181,311.83	0.00	181,311.83	0.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAX	6,748.00	1,650.00	61,289.35	0.00	61,289.35	0.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRES & MAINT	6,078.82	4,897.60	8,554.25	0.00	8,554.25	0.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	0.00	0.00	2,822.63	0.00	2,822.63	0.00
STOP PROGRAM	1,978.00	0.00	8,252.53	0.00	8,252.53	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
K-9	7,612.02	0.00	16,125.03	0.00	16,125.03	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE./FLOOD DISASTER	1,210,000.00	0.00	2,167,140.84	0.00	2,167,140.84	0.00
ARPA FUNDS	1,166,081.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	1,628,018.16	56,428.02	2,194,056.42	0.00	2,194,056.42	0.00
911	56,937.44	3,800.00	68,905.13	0.00	68,905.13	0.00
E 911	37,921.08	31,604.28	74,225.25	0.00	74,225.25	0.00
SET ASIDE FUNDS (911)	0.00	99,621.80	44,584.74	0.00	44,584.74	0.00
BUILDING FUND	137,800.00	239.98	1,609,803.90	0.00	1,309,803.90	300,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	16,798,857.26	11,434,237.10	18,012,536.58	425,000.00	12,370,823.10	6,066,713.48
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						3,269.93

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September 2025 at 6:01 PM at Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	16,405,470.50	18,012,536.58	9.80%
Property Tax Request	5,747,380.97	6,066,713.48	5.56%
Valuation	2,326,291,276.00	2,480,176,637.00	6.62%
Tax Rate	0.247062	0.244608	-0.99%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.231733		

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The meeting opened at 9:27 A.M. 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, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Pearson.

The minutes of the 8-28-2025 Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors meetings were approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Pearson.

Approval of August Financial Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and Zoning Report, Fund Balances, and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$ 246,824.26 were all approved upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Richards. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Pearson.

ZONING PERMITS	650.00
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENF.	6,889.80
AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE	393.31
CARLINE TAX FROM STATE	168.24
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY SHARE)	198.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	4,637.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	2,571.24
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	76.50
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING FEES	40.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	395.00
DISTRICT COURT - COURT COST REFUNDS	51.00
DISTRICT COURT-MISC FEES & REVENUE	3.50
DISTRICT COURT - FEES & COSTS	4.00
DISTRICT COURT - PASSPORTS	662.80
COUNTY COURT - MISC FEES	21.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	570.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	555.64
TITLE INSPECTIONS	480.00
FINGER PRINT	30.00
GUN PERMITS	30.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	5,140.27
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,759.48
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	124,807.97
TWP REIMBURSE - Oakland TWP	3,400.00
LODGING TAX	792.61

ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	714.50
STOP	150.00
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST- Delores Anderson	14,531.85
INHERITANCE TAX- Constance Wesely	31,830.03
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST- Sharron Potadle	41.95
INHERITANCE TAX- Ladona Warren	6,621.01
COUNTY 911	3,534.00
E-911 (WIRELESS)	9,988.69
CARLINE TAXES - ENTITIES SHARES	812.24
LIQUOR LICENSE	300.00
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	4,690.00
COUNTY COURT -BOND FORFEITURES	221.00
COUNTY COURT - CITY/VILLAGE FINES	180.00
DECATURE FIRE - GENERAL	116.27
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	403.56
LYONS FIRE - GENERAL	218.63
DECATUR FIRE BOND	51.97
LYONS FIRE BOND	45.90
TAX SALE REDEMPTION & ADMIN FEES	18,044.80

OFFICE UPDATES (2): (1) Treasurer – Robin Olson (2) District Court – Michele Quick

COMMUNICATION: Notice public hearings City Oakland - Blighted & redevelop area per Nebr. Community Dev. Law.

Burt County Economic Development Corp (BCEDC): *Cindy Chatt, Director*
FUND 0900 – PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS: \$175,000.00 of funding was received from Nielsen Foundation. These funds currently support 3 programs: (1) RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION, (2) COMMERCIAL DEMOLITION and (3) COMMERCIAL RENOVATION. The County Board voted to add an additional (4th) program “RESIDENTIAL RENOVATION” – a 50% cost share, up to \$8,000 per project; they agreed to only allow \$40,000 of the 6/30/2025 \$175,000 receipted into Fund 0900 for this program. Motion was made by Titus, seconded by Swanson, Roll Call: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Johnson, Richards, Connealy. Nays- Kutchera. Absent -Pearson. Residential Renovation program addition was approved (5-1-1); application will be finalized by Chatt with the help of County Attorney Talbot. BCEDC board will accept applications and make recommendations to the County Board, County Board will make final approvals and fund payments just like the other three programs that run through fund 0900.
Updates BCEDC: Burt County will host a rural hospitality conference in April 2026. County tourism promo campaigns – billboards are complete; Podcasts continue.

ZONING: *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning Administrator*
LOT SPLIT signed by Chairman Connealy: ROGER JOHNSON 3.01 ac. in pt. NW⁴NW⁴ of Sec. 31, TWP 22N, Rge. 10 E of the 6th P.M. Burt County, NE.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENTS:

-Rodney Bromm (1998) -Jay Hovendick (2005) -Don Johnson (2008) --terms expire 2/1/2026
-Tyler Weitzenkamp (2022) -Dean Carlson (2024) -Jill Spenner (2024) --terms expire 5/28/2027
-Scott Ronnfeldt (2013) -Roger Pond (2018) -Charley Cull (2019) --terms expire 9/10/2028

Approved upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Johnson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none. Absent – Pearson.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning*
No business at this time. Project updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M. upon motions by Titus and Johnson.

Next meeting(s):

September 18, 2025 @ 6:01 p.m. – joint public hearing (budget) County Courtroom

September 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. – Board of Supervisors regular meeting

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.