

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
***December 10, 2025***  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, December 10, 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 (12-4-2025), 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, 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.

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

The minutes of the 11/26/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; motion by Richards, seconded by Johnson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

Approval of November Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of Fines, the District Court Fee Report, Planning and Zoning Report, Fund Balances, and the following Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$390,240.64 were all approved upon motion by Titus, seconded by Kutchera. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Connealy. Nays – none.

CASH DEVICE TAX (SKILL GAMES) <COUNTY SHARE>	698.43
ZONING PERMITS	1,500.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY SHARE)	22.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,362.50
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	1,689.86
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	53.00
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	245.00
DISTRICT COURT - MISC FEES & REVENUES	3.00
DISTRICT COURT - PASSPORTS	730.00
DISTRICT COURT - PROBLEM SOLVING COURT/DRUG	80.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	1,005.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	909.27
TITLE INSPECTIONS	560.00
FINGER PRINT	20.00
GUN PERMITS	40.00
PHOTOCOPY FEES	1.50
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS	42.36
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING REIMBURSEMENTS	961.77
MISC. REFUND - EXTENSION OFFICE - LOFFLER	36.02
MISC REVENUE - WITNESS FEE RELINQUISHED	20.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	4,035.72
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	123,737.28
TWP REIMBURSEMENT - Oakland TWP	8,840.00
TWP REIMBURSEMENT - Riverside TWP	3,044.97
TWP REIMBURSEMENT - Arizona TWP	37,838.74
TWP REIMBURSEMENT - Quinnebaugh TWP	5,240.00
TWP REIMBURSEMENT - Decatur TWP	20,710.96
(FUND 2500) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ROADS FUNDS	57,811.98

LODGING TAX	1,838.47
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	514.50
STOP	550.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Velma F. Hennig	9,790.12
INHERITANCE TAX - Lyle G. Redding	25,489.18
INHERITANCE TAX - Kimberly R Jackson	637.14
INHERITANCE TAX - David L. Tobin	19,599.55
INHERITANCE TAX - Jack R. Carstensen	9,026.20
INHERITANCE TAX - Shirley A. Lowe	10,689.06
INHERITANCE TAX - Mary Delores Nielsen	15,247.22
COUNTY 911	338.00
E-911 (WIRELESS)	4,994.38
COUNTY COURT FINES-REGULAR	7,520.00
COUNTY COURT -BOND FORFEITURES	1,295.00
DECATURE FIRE - GENERAL	83.25
OAKLAND FIRE -GENERAL	17.64
DECATUR FIRE BOND	37.20
CASH DEVICE TAX (SKILL GAMES) <OTHER ENTITIES SHARES>	651.73
TAX SALE REDEMPTION & ADMIN FEES	2,687.77
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**OFFICE UPDATES (2):** (1) Weeds Superintendent – Tory Penny  
(2) County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioner – Sarah J Freidel

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

C-11(450) Co.Rd. L: Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering presented detailed invoices per the board’s request from 11/26/2025 meeting. The invoice will be submitted for payment on 12/26/2025.

Motor Graders: Chad Spencer from Murphy Tractor and Kevin Petersen from NMC-Cat presented bids; bids were on a Sourcewell Contract Bid Heavy:011723-CAT and 011723-JDC. Three (3) graders from the current fleet (#4,#6,#7) will be traded in for the two (2) new machines purchased.

John Deere 772P-Teir		CAT 140-15AWD	
\$ 392,950.00	Sourcewell bid	\$ 418,000.00	Sourcewell Bid-011723-Cat
\$ 83,000.00	Trade-in #7 (2014) Cat 140 M2	\$ 116,000.00	Trade #6 2016 Cat 12M3AWD
<b>\$ 309,950.00</b>	Final Cost	\$ 101,000.00	Trade #4 2016 Cat 12M3AWD
		<b>\$ 201,000.00</b>	<b>Final Cost</b>

CAT 150-15AWD		CAT 140-15AWD	
\$ 463,000.00	Sourcewell Bid-011723-Cat	\$ 418,000.00	Sourcewell Bid-011723-Cat
\$ 125,000.00	Trade #7 2014 Cat 140M2	\$ 125,000.00	Trade #7 2014 Cat 140M2
<b>\$ 338,000.00</b>	Final Cost	<b>\$ 293,000.00</b>	<b>Final Cost</b>

Andy Braniff, Road Department Lead, was present for discussions. Swanson made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) CAT 140-15AWD for \$494,000.00, Kutchera seconded; after discussion, motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Kutchera, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Connealy. Nays – Richards.

Martin Marietta - Pricing 2026: Communication was received with their price increase of approx. 7% at Weeping Water and Fort Calhoun locations eff. Jan. 1, 2026. (1 ½ “, 1’ and ¾ “- crusher run \$24.05.)( 1 ½” and 1” clean \$33.30) (3/8” washed chips \$38.95)

**Decatur Radio Tower (previous Region 5/6):**

During the April 9, 2025 Burt County Board of Supervisors meeting the board had approved Sheriff Nick to proceed with DocuSign paperwork that would revert the tower property (2.41 ac in pt. NE4 NE4 of Sec. 27, TWP 23N, Rge. 10 E. of 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Burt County, Nebraska) back to USA – General Services Administration. The deed has never been filed with the Register of Deeds office, so Sheriff Nick was asked about where we are with this process. Sheriff reported that the other party never did execute the document on their end; he can't seem to get them to answer when or if they may want to move forward with taking the property back. For the time being, the County will keep the property insured as it is still in our name.

**911 Funds:**

The board met with Sheriff Nick to discuss FY 2024-2025 Audit finding 2025-002 'improper coding of disbursement' regarding improper spending of some of the 911 funds. Sheriff explained it was an error on his part; he mixed up fund 2913 and 2914. Public Service Commission is assisting with instructions on how to fix the mistake; the physical transfers cannot be done within the County's Funds until PSC gives final transfer instructions. The board still recommends Sheriff do some sort of written report back to them regarding his education about the proper use of the funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (2): (1)Alex Chandler, Invenergy- update on Beeline Solar Project; still in process of meeting permitting for CUP approval conditions. (2)Gregg Smith, 2170 Co.Rd. 5, Lyons – comments on Co.Rd. L project.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M. upon motions by Titus and Swanson.  
Next meeting: December 26, 2025 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.*