

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK  
**Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors**  
**January 28, 2026**  
TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2026, in the Boardroom of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment of their last meeting. Notice of the meeting posted upon a 1<sup>st</sup> floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County's Website. Notice was requested for publication in the 1-22-2026 Burt County Independent; follow-up correspondence was received from the newspaper that they did not get such notice in that edition and in lieu of, they placed notice on their website and on the Nebraska Press website. The following members were present: Ted Connealy, Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Sam Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson and Paul Richards. Absent - Jeff Kutchera.

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

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

The minutes of the 1/14/2026 Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization meeting were approved; upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera.

**C-11(451) Co.Rd. L – Oban Pay App 1:**

Present today for discussions from Brandon Oban Construction, Brandon Victor and the onsite project foreman, Mike. Oban answered the Board's questions and addressed their concerns; Brandon confirmed that he felt they delivered the project completed to the specs of pavement reclamation and anything further necessary would be subject to change order pricing. Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering (MWE) has been communicating with both Oban and the County but was not available for discussions today. Having found no resolution with either side, the board decided to table Oban and MWE January claims. Both parties (Brandon and Josh) will be asked to attend the next meeting.

The claims for January in the amount of \$ 934,958.64, including \$184,414.02 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Connealy, seconded by Johnson, with the exception of two claims for Co.Rd. L project. Roll Call Vote followed: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson and Johnson. Nays- none. Abstained: Richards. Absent – Kutchera. The two claims tabled and pulled were for Midwest Engineering and for Oban Construction.

The following claims were approved:

ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	5,096.00
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	35.55
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	CYBER.IT.SOFTWARE	4,463.16
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	254.45
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	529.10
BOMGAARS -COURTHOUSE	SERVICES	148.37
BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	1,067.71
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	235.00
BURT COUNTY AG SOCIETY	COUNTY FAIR (1/2)	37,500.00
BURT COUNTY ATTORNEY	OFFICE	35.00
BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT FEES	270.00

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BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	474.34
BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	213.35
BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEES	118.31
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE EQUIP	286.49
CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	135.50
CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	SHERIFF FLEET	104.74
CLEARFLY	PHONES	1,448.83
COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	CHEMICALS	161.98
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	575.34
CROWN PLAZA KEARNEY	CONFERENCES	434.85
CUBBY'S	FUEL	1,270.26
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE	SOFTWARE	242.00
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,419.49
DES MOINES STAMP MFG. COMPANY	SUPPLIES	157.00
DODGE COUNTY	PROBATION COST	3,476.36
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	973.58
EDMOND TALBOT	REIMBURSE	98.00
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT	CONFERENCES	2,249.10
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	ADMIN FEE	805.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	430.32
GARY SWANSON	CHECKING ROADS	95.20
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	SUPPLIES	199.02
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	EQUIP/SUPPLY	677.24
HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY	MAINTENANCE	140.75
HOLIDAY INN	CONFERENCES	374.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	OFFICE EQUIP	76.93
IDEAL WHEEL	FLEET	1,000.85
JANE PAUL	OFFICE SUPPORT	114.75
JAY W JOHNSON	CHECKING ROADS	50.40
JEFF KUTCHERA	CHECKING ROADS	387.40
JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	1,109.50
JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	8,565.08
JORDAN LUXA	MILEAGE	47.85
KATHY RAY	OFFICE SUPPORT	114.75
KONEXUS	SOFTWARE	3,500.00
KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW, P.C., L.L.O.	CHILD SUPPORT ATTY	2,004.68
LA QUINTA INN AND SUITES	CONFERENCES	374.85
LEONARD CANARSKY	PRIOR SERVICE	46.16
LORI WACHTER	SUPPLIES	6.41
LYONS FIRE AND RESCUE	SEARCH/RESCUE	152.92
MAIN STREET SERVICE, LLC	SUPPLIES	129.91
MARIE RAGER	PRIOR SERVICE	115.40
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	JAIL MEDICAL	3,868.00
MCKINNIS ROOFING & SHEET METAL	REPAIRS	2,833.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS INC	INSURANCE	255.75
MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,399.89
MIPS INC - COUNTY COURT	SOFTWARE	70.00
MOCIC	DUES	100.00
NACO	CONFERENCES	160.00
NACO	DUES	75.00
NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOC	LAW ENFORCE SCHOOL	788.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ASSESSORS	DUES	100.00
NEBR ASSN OF CO CLERK, ROD, ELECTIONS	DUES	50.00
NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	LODGE.SERVICES	93.00
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN	DUES	325.00

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1,179.51
OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	97.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	1,051.99
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
PATRICK RUNGE	DUES	98.00
PAUL RICHARDS	CHECKING ROADS	117.60
REGION IV INC	QUARTERLY	3,305.50
ROBIN OLSON	MILEAGE	302.40
SARAH FREIDEL	MILEAGE	299.60
SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	354.76
SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICES	SERVICES	80.00
STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE	67.43
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	ENVELOPES	484.60
THEODORE CONNEALY	CHECKING ROADS	44.80
THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	2,750.12
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	365.16
TOBIN'S TURF CARE	SERVICES	1,663.05
TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO.EQUIP	2,240.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	839.30
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC	OFFICE EQUIP	120.76
WASHINGTON COUNTY	JUDGE	2,986.71
WASHINGTON COUNTY DRUG COURT	YEARLY FEE	566.04
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	5,720.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC - ROAD	SUPPLIES	1,455.24
BRUMMUND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	95.00
CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	429.57
CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	22.00
FARMERS PRIDE	FUEL	3,277.76
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA, INC.	SUPPLIES	18.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA ROADS	SUPPLIES	361.00
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	PART.SUPPLY	4,911.26
GINI, LLC	FUEL	76.44
K-C PARTS & REPAIR	PART.SUPPLY	56.72
LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS & MACHINE LLC	PART.SUPPLY	38.98
MATHESON TRIGAS	WELD SUPPLY	140.53
MHC KENWORTH -OMAHA	PART.SUPPLY	579.40
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES CO	PART.SUPPLY	6,617.48
MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	3,221.75
NMC	MOTOR GRADER	131,312.13
NMC	DUMP TRUCK	140,000.00
RDO TRUCK CENTERS, LLC	PARTS	499.70
RICHARDS PARTS & HARDWARE	PART.SUPPLY	95.87
SAPP BROS PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	471.07
SCOTT'S HARDWARE	PART.SUPPLY	171.88
SEALS & SERVICE INC	PART.SUPPLY	625.06
SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS	318.80
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	62.77
TREVIPAY	TOOLS	358.53
VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	FLEET	454.97
VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	273.08
WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PART.SUPPLY	2,107.08
WEST POINT AUTO & TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS	264.00
TEKAMAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	PROMO GRANT	1,000.00
OAKLAND POLICE DEPT	STOP FUNDS	1,872.73
MIDWEST COATINGS COMPANY INC	MATERIALS	133,153.45
BURT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV CORP	1ST HALF 2026	18,000.00
JOYRIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	20,000.00
CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	911	707.20

GEOCOMM, INC	911	7,311.39
NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	911	129.67
AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	306.01
ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	43.70
BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	59,050.37
FIRST NAT'L BANK-NORTHEAST-EFPTS	FEDERAL TAXES	51,463.79
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	669.20
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	48.90
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	EMPE PD ADDL	367.14
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	27,691.10
STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	7,394.79
TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	222.62
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	794.27
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	GARNISHMENT	36.62
NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	480.00

**Communication:** Lwr. Elkhorn NRD – 2 municipality assistance programs available - Urban Conservation Assistance & Recreation Area Development - application deadline to the NRD is 3/13/2026.

**Burt County Weed Control Authority Activities and Information Report:**  
The board reviewed the report for 2025; Vice-Chairman Richards signed.

**Burt County Extension Office:** *Marina Duarte de Val-Hilden*

(a) 2025 Annual Report: Presented and placed on file. The public can find all program information online; Burt County website hosts a Burt County extension page that links further to State UNL Extension website.

(b) Extension Board members: appointed for 2026 – Megan Vavra to replace Lena Beckner. Appointment approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Johnson, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera.

**ZONING:** *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning Administrator*

**Lot Split** signed by Vice-Chairman Richards: THOMAS JOHNSON 8.92 ac. in pt. S<sup>2</sup>SW<sup>4</sup> of Sec. 3, TWP 21N, Rge. 8 E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Burt County, NE.

**Planning Commission Member Appointments:**

-Rodney Bromm (1998) -Jay Hovendick (2005) -- terms expire 2/1/2029

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

**Nameplate Capacity Tax Agreement:** Agreement with BURT COUNTY SOLAR, LLC related to payment of the tax being for the duration of the project, regardless of ownership. Signed upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Johnson, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays – none. Absent – Kutchera.

**Special Designated Liquor Licenses (SDLs):**

Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Pearson, the Board approved special designated liquor licenses for Chatterbox at St Patrick's Catholic Church (Tekamah) for 2026 Lenten fish fry dinners to be held every Friday from Feb. 20 – March 27, 2026. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays – none. Absent – Kutchera.

**Burt County Economic Development (BCEDC)** *Cindy Chatt, director:*

GRANT APPLICATION: Chatt reported that the BCEDC board has reviewed and recommended their approval for the Private Foundation Grant: *Fund 0900, Residential Renovation Grant* for Laurie Schold to install new front door on home at 112 N. Anderson Ave., Oakland; \$3,557.50 (50% low bid). The grant application was approved upon motion by Titus, seconded by Connealy. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays - Swanson. Absent – Kutchera.

UPDATES: (i) Grant applications are all updated and available on the BCEDC website. (ii) planning is underway for a statewide Economic Development conference that will be hosted in Burt County at the end of April 2026.

**Employee Meal Reimbursement:**

Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Titus, the Board approved to set meal reimbursement to \$20.00/meal. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays – none. Absent – Kutchera.

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

C-11(451) Co.Rd. L: Payments for this project were tabled and pulled from today's approved claims; Josh Keithley from Midwest Engineering and Brandon Victor from Oban Construction will be asked to attend the next meeting for further discussions toward a resolution for fixing the road and for payments.

Fleet: Chytka handed out fleet report of Roads equipment 2025 mileage/hours.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S): (1) Greg Brummond, rural Craig – (i) comments about public speaking during meetings, (ii) agenda request for Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, (iii) opinions about Co.Rd. L project; (2) Gregg Smith, rural Lyons – Co.Rd. L opinions.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Connealy at 11:09 A.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

PAUL RICHARDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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