

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
April 8, 2026
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 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 (4-2-2026), 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: Ted Connealy, Gary "Bird" Swanson, Samuel M. Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson, Paul Richards and Jeff Kutchera.

The meeting opened at 9:00 A.M. with the pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Kutchera informed the public that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall.

Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Swanson, the agenda was approved. By roll call vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

The minutes of the 3/27/2026 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Connealy. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Approval of March Reports: The County Clerk Report of Fees, the County Court Report of fines, the District Court Fee Report and Zoning Report, Fund Balances, Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$4,166,289.72, and Sheriff's Quarterly Reports were all approved upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Johnson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. Miscellaneous Receipts listings:

ZONING PERMITS	3,196.26
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE - DIST.COURT	6,054.52
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCE - CO.ATTY	5,936.16
MV PRO-RATE <COUNTY SHARE>	4,878.19
NAME PLATE CAPACITY TAX -SOLAR <COUNTY SHARE>	435.81
NAME PLATE COMMISSIONS <COUNTY SHARE>	17.70
TAX IN LIEU 5% (NPPD)	23,631.00
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	2,650.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	4,465.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	2,608.79
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	296.10
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING	20.00
POLITICAL FILING FEES	1,451.48
DISTRICT COURT-FILING FEES	150.00
DISTRICT COURT-PASSPORT FEES	798.25
COUNTY COURT - MISC FEES	14.00
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	830.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	1,067.38
TITLE INSPECTIONS	450.00
GUN PERMITS	65.00
FINGER PRINT	10.00
PHOTOCOPY	2.25
COURT FEES	45.74
MEETING REIMBURSE	170.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSE	856.61
RESTITUTION CO COURT	67.00
INTEREST EARNED	24,195.80

HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	132,616.41
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	0.00
HIWAY BUYBACK	126,906.91
BRIDGE BUYBACK	71,585.27
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - OAKLAND	5,840.00
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - ARIZONA	8,800.00
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - PERSHING	46,571.08
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - PERSHING	4,800.00
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - DECATUR	18,223.95
SALE OF CULVERTS	1,615.00
LODGING TAX - JAN	843.29
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	644.00
STOP	200.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Jon Potadle	1,131.95
PLAT BOOK	30.00
COUNTY 911	1,428.32
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,994.38
BUILDING FUND	1,505.58
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATIONS	115,538.02
IN LIEU - NPPD - SCHOOLS & CITIES	153,204.04
IN LIEU - NPPD - MISC	2,727.42
NAME PLATE CAPACITY TAX & COMMISSION<OTHERS>	1,845.93
MV PRO-RATE <OTHERE ENTITIES>	21,676.39
LIQUOR LICENSE	250.00
COUNTY COURT FINES - REGULAR	6,911.00
DECATUR FIRE GENERAL	343.52
LYONS FIRE GENERAL	3.16
OAKLAND FIRE GENERAL	80.67
DECATUR FIRE BOND	139.80
LYONS FIRE BOND	0.62
TAX SALE ADMIN FEES & REDEMPTION	29,941.96

OFFICE UPDATES: (1) Sheriff – Eric Nick

COMMUNICATION: From City of Tekamah – Public Hearings (April 22 & 23, 2026) for redevelopment areas (20th & O St.); notices per NE Community Dev. Law.

APPOINTMENTS regarding C-11(453) CoRd. HI & IJ - drainage study & culverts: Donette Jackson, 5000 Co.Rd. HI, Tekamah and Terry Shelton, 4824 Bay Cir., Tekamah had both requested time on the agenda to discuss their concerns. Jackson spoke of concerns about the culverts being place on Co.Rd. HI and shared her written handout. Shelton posed several questions about culverts on Co.Rd. IJ and shared her written handout.

P&C Insurance- Review: *Kevin Brenneis, Brenneis Insurance Agency*
Kevin shared the Travelers Insurance review of 2025-26. **Bids:** With 2026 being the year to receive P&C Insurance bids, sealed bids were to be opened at 9:30 a.m.; however only one bid was received:

Brenneis Insurance Agency - \$230,003.61 from Continental Western Group
Kevin Brenneis gave a review of the bid/coverage, Richards made a motion to accept the bid and proceed with coverage from Continental Western, Pearson seconded, and the motion passed with Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. The effective date for the insurance will be May 1, 2026. Insurance bids will be taken again in 4 years.

New Liquor License – Casey’s (Oakland)

At 9:53 A.M. Chairman Kutchera opened a public hearing regarding a new Class D retail liquor license for Casey’s Retail Co. located at 909 Hwy. 32, Oakland. There was no public comment, Chairman declared the public hearing closed at 9:54 A.M. and the Board went back into regular session. The Board approved the liquor license upon motions by Connealy and Richards, with Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Burt County Economic Development (BCEDC): *Cindy Chatt, Director*
Fund 0900 Grants: Chatt reported that the BCEDC board has reviewed and recommended their approval for the following Private Foundation Grants:

1- Residential Reno Grant Apps:

David & Cynthia Olson – 402 S 14th (Tekamah) windows (\$2,618.48 -50% low)

2 – Demolition Grant

City of Oakland – 201 E. Fulton (\$5,366.25 – 50% low)

City of Oakland – 205 E. Fulton (\$3,190.00 – 50% low)

2- Commercial Reno Grant Apps:

Riverside Auction– 707 S.13th (Tekamah) new overhead & service doors (\$15,000 max)

dt Photography LLC – 332 S. 13th (Tekamah) façade awning & lighting (\$2,090.00 – 50% low)

The (5) Grant Requests were approved by the Board of Supervisors upon motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. Fund 0900 is out of funds; two (2) additional requests (Kelly 5, LLC and Vernon Zessin – Demo Grants) were approved by the BCEDC, but had to be held back from County Board final approval until additional funding can be obtained.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Hwy Supt -not present*

BRIDGE INSPECTION BIDS for 2026: 64 - Routine Bridge Inspections and 1 – Non-redundant/Fx critical Structure. Two (2) quotes were received; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. (\$7,620) and Midwest Engineering Inc. (\$6,455). Connealy motioned to accept Midwest Engineering as they have been doing the inspections and are familiar with the County’s structures, Swanson seconded. Motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Connealy, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none. Chytka will advise Midwest Engineering, Inc to proceed with Burt County’s 2026 Bridge Inspections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donette Jackson, 5000 Co.Rd. HI, Tekamah – clarification about 2019 lawsuits; they did not sue Burt County.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 A.M. upon motions by Connealy and Richards. Next meeting: April 28, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

JEFF KUTCHERA, 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.