

OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK
Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors
May 13, 2026
 TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, pursuant to adjournment of their last meeting. Location was changed due to the PR26 election canvass being held in the County Boardroom. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by Publication in the Burt County Independent (5-7-2026), 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 Richards, seconded by Connealy, the agenda was approved. By roll call vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

The minutes of the 4/28/2026 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Approval of April 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 \$4,261,670.49 were all approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Connealy. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

TOBACCO LICENSE	10.00
ZONING PERMITS	275.00
AIRLINE TAX FROM STATE	4,174.39
CARLINE TAX	748.09
TAX SALE REDEMPTION (COUNTY ISSUANCE)	419.00
CO CLERK-FILING & RECORDING FEES	3,205.00
CO CLERK-DOC STAMPS (COUNTY SHARE)	7,572.39
CO CLERK-MISC FEES	379.30
LIQUOR LICENSE - ADVERTISING	20.00
DISTRICT COURT - FILING FEES	490.00
DISTRICT COURT-COURT COST REFUND	176.00
DISTRICT COURT-PASSPORT FEES	690.00
DISTRICT COURT - DRUG COURT	18.00
COUNTY COURT - MISC FEES	567.50
CO SHERIFF-SERVICE FEES	1,007.00
CO SHERIFF-MILEAGE & COSTS	1,776.16
TITLE INSPECTIONS	500.00
GUN PERMITS	75.00
FINGERPRINT	20.00
CO ATTY - CHECK COLLECTIONS	10.00
SHERIFF - MISC COLLECTION - COURT FEE	271.02
INTEREST EARNED	13,197.24
HIGHWAY/STREET ALLOCATION	111,065.28
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	27,514.13
TOWNSHIP REIMBURSE - OAKLAND	4,880.00

SALE OF SCRAP METAL	795.60
LODGING TAX - JAN	360.83
ROD -PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION	505.00
STOP	100.00
INHERITANCE TAX - Larry E. Wulf	1,030.32
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST - Barbara J Cameron	2,751.07
INHERITANCE TAX & INTEREST- Janice R Johnson	28,937.98
COUNTY 911	1,300.73
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND	4,994.38
BUILDING FUND	38.92
HOMESTEAD ALLOCATIONS	115,538.02
IN LIEU - BCPPD - MISC	240.62
LIQUOR LICENSE	200.00
COUNTY COURT FINES - REGULAR	5,313.15
STATE FINES TO SCHOOLS	500.00
DECATUR FIRE GENERAL	927.77
LYONS FIRE GENERAL	564.38
OAKLAND FIRE GENERAL	298.58
DECATUR FIRE BOND	377.57
LYONS FIRE BOND	112.25
TAX SALE ADMIN FEES & REDEMPTION	33,493.38
CARLINE TAX	3,410.69
SCHOOL TAX CREDITS	2,265,923.92
PROPERTY TAX CREDITS	1,614,894.83

OFFICE UPDATES: (1) County Attorney – Edmond Talbot (2) Surveyor – Fred Franklin
(3) Emergency Manager – Jason Redding-Geu

COMMUNICATION: Papio-Missouri NRD & NE Loess Hills RC&D e-Recycle Event in Tekamah on May 19th 10 a.m.-noon.

Zoning: *Ann Chytka, Planning and Zoning Administrator*

Conditional Use Permit: 26-05 Markus and Nicole Hamel

At 9:47 A.M. Chairman Kutchera opened a public hearing for consideration of a CUP for Markus and Nicole Hamel to place a modular house on a 3.61 ac. TR E3/4NE4 Sec 1, TWP 20N, Rge 9E Burt County, NE. (PID#426300200). Chytka, Zoning Admin. reported the planning commission had approved the CUP during their 5/11/2026 meeting. Markus and Nichole Hamel were present. Having no Public Comments, Chairman Kutchera declared the public hearing closed at 9:48 A.M. and the Board went back into regular session. The County Board approved the CUP for Markus and Nicole Hamel; upon motion by Richards, seconded by Titus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. Zoning Note: landowners to obtain zoning permit for the house.

Lot Splits (4): *signed by Chairman*

DEBBIE SYDOW 4.24 ac pt SW4SW4 of Sec2 TWP21N R.8E of 6th P.M.

BACON – (tr 3) 1.33 ac. bin sight in pt SW4NW4 of Sec 2 TWP23N R.9E of 6th P.M (note: a current 5 ac. tract was split to become tr. 3 and pt. of new tr. 2); tracts 1 & 2 were administrative approved lot splits (tr 2) 25.86 ac in pt W2NW4 of Sec 2; (tr. 1) 24.84 ac. in pt W2NW4 of Sec 2

PHIL & DAVID BAKER 4.67 ac pt SW4SW4 of Sec 32 TWP22N R.11E of 6th P.M.

TYLER BRUMMOND 3.19 ac pt SW4NW4 of Sec 34 TWP22N R.11E of 6th P.M

Board of Equalization: Meeting was moved to the May 28, 2026 meeting date.

Medicare SHIP Program:

Mary Loftis presented an overview of her services provided during the 2025-2026 contract for Medicare SHIP Programming. Loftis reported she will continue to serve all three Counties of Burt, Dodge and Washington and presented a contract for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. The fees assessed for each County are as follows: Burt County - \$14,400.00; Dodge County - \$3,600.00; and Washington County - \$3,600.00. The Counties will be billed quarterly. The contract was approved upon motion by Richards, seconded by Connealy. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Special Designated Liquor Licenses (SDLs):

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Connealy, the Board approved special designated liquor licenses for Andreasen LLC (Tekamah) for Hoot Gibson Rodeo on June 5 & 6, 2026. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Child Support Contract:

County Attorney Talbot’s office currently contracts with Kraviec Maurstad Law, P.C., L.L.O. as Authorized Attorneys for Burt County’s child support enforcement; that contract will end June 30, 2026. Talbot and District Court Clerk Michele Quick explained another option, a firm in Omaha by the name of Young Williams handles Nebraska Child Support Enforcement; Talbot suggested the Board could decide to not enter another contract with Kraviec Maurstad and instead try this option discussed. Titus motioned to authorize the County Attorney to go with Young Williams for Burt County’s Child Support Enforcement, Richards seconded. Board Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

County owned building in Oakland:

Unsafe County owned building in Oakland (PID #312808100). Committee of Pearson and Johnson reported structural engineering will be onsite on 5/14/2026.

County Health Insurance:

NACO reports Burt County is receiving a 4.68% rate increase for the 2026-2027 plan year. The board reviewed County and employee costs for plan year options within the NACO group pool. Connealy made a motion to leave the buy-down as is, employees have \$1,100 out of pocket deductible; seconded by Swanson. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none. The final benefit package for Employee Health and Dental Insurance eff. July 1, 2026 via the NACO pool is as follows:

- Health Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (\$6,100 deductible -QHDHP)
- Dental Ins with Blue Cross Blue Shield NACO (option 3)
- Deductible Buy-down via Mid-American (employees \$1,100.00 out of pocket deductible) (12 mth.) Option for Section 125 plan with First Concord
- Option for Cash-in-Lieu plan with First Concord; paying \$400 (single), \$800 (family)
- Employee Pay Option for Vision Insurance with VSP
- Employee Pay Options for Supplemental Life/Disability Buy-up
- Other Employee Purchase Options will be available via NACO’s enrollment portal

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Hwy Supt*

No action for the board at this time.

Updates: Oakland Shed - Chytka reported that the Oakland shop is in need of roof repair; she said that the damage to the roof may have been caused from the wind and hail that occurred July 2025. Pearson suggested that we weigh the cost of filing a claim with insurance or just pay for the repair out of the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M. upon motions by Titus and Johnson.

Next meeting: May 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.