

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

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 (5-21-2026), 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: Ted Connealy, Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Sam Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson, Paul Richards and Jeff Kutchera.

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

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

The minutes of the 5/13/2026 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Swanson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

The claims for May in the amount of \$ 1,097,135.42 including \$173,400.85 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Titus, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote followed: Ayes – Connealy, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Kutchera. Nays- Swanson and Richards. The following claims were approved:

100	AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	174.61
100	ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	116.03
100	ANTELOPE COUNTY	JAIL	180.00
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE.CYBER.IT	4,372.49
100	B & B TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	1,530.71
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	195.15
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	57,348.81
100	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	500.18
100	BRANIFF SERVICE	FUEL	560.97
100	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	105.00
100	BURT COUNTY ATTORNEY	SHERIFF FEES	50.00
100	BURT COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE	113.90
100	BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	169.00
100	BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	186.00
100	BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	758.18
100	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	RADIO TOWER	52.16
100	BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	PETTY CASH	69.62
100	CANON FINANCIAL	COPIER	286.49
100	CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
100	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	125.00
100	CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	SERVICES	85.00
100	CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	FLEET	22.79
100	CLEARFLY	TELEPHONE	1,448.83
100	CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS	UTILITIES	133.40
100	CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS	CHEMICAL	3,662.00
100	CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGIES	MICROPHONE	884.18
100	CUBBY'S	FUEL	2,188.21
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	411.60
100	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,487.07

100	DOUGLAS COUNTY DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	JAIL	2,186.64
100	DREGALLA FAMILY DENTISTRY	JAIL MEDICAL	125.00
100	DREW LAW FIRM	ATTORNEY FEES	2,893.75
100	EAKES	SUPPLIES	204.01
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION SUPPLIES	188.71
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	ADMIN FEE	30.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	12,971.07
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	2,715.20
100	FIRST NORTHEAST BANK OF NEBRASKA	CHECKS	104.00
100	GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL	EQUIPMENT LEASE	177.63
100	GIS WORKSHOP	SOFTWARE	19,735.33
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	76.93
100	JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORMS	345.80
100	JOHNSON & PEKNY LAW	ATTY FEES	1,850.00
100	KRAVIEC MAURSTAD LAW	CHILD SUPPORT ATTY	2,001.56
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	INSURANCE	5.42
100	MAXIMUS	COST ALLOCATION AUDIT	438.04
100	MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	JAIL MEDICAL	627.76
100	MID AMERICA ENTERPRISES	TIRES & REPAIR	757.41
100	MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	INSURANCE	45,255.75
100	MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	INSPECT	400.20
100	MIPS	SOFTWARE	2,268.32
100	NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
100	NE NEBR AREA AGENCY ON AGING	QTRLY DUES	5,716.00
100	NE SPECIALTY DENTAL	JAIL MEDICAL	1,747.00
100	NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	LODGING.SERVICES	87.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	473.47
100	NICHOLAS E. WURTH LAW	ATTY FEES	3,762.50
100	NORTHEAST ASSESSORS' ASSOC	DUES	25.00
100	ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	2,486.29
100	OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
100	RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	11,491.27
100	SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	501.91
100	LK VENTURES CORP	SHREDDING	80.00
100	STRYKER SALES	SUPPLIES	348.00
100	THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	495.83
100	THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	SUPPLIES	396.00
100	NE CREMATION SOCIETY	COUNTY BURIAL	1,070.00
100	THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	7,260.00
100	TK ELEVATOR	MAINTENANCE	365.16
100	TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO REPAIR	725.00
100	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	475.94
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	719.38
100	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	5,070.00
300	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	37.20
300	ARIZONA TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	27,045.90
300	BELL CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	26,025.30
300	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	54.41
300	BLUFF AGGREGATE	GRAVEL	23,052.90
300	BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	606.17
300	BRANIFF SERVICE	FUEL	3,069.33
300	BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	95.00
300	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	130.00
300	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER	UTILITIES	146.24
300	CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	307.70
300	CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	25.47
300	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	63.50
300	CRAIG TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	42,099.75

300	CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	PARTS/LABOR	487.68
300	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	653.74
300	DECATUR TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	18,144.00
300	EVERETT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	13,721.40
300	BATTLE CREEK FARMERS COOP	FUEL	7,255.16
300	FILTER CARE OF NEBR	FILTERS	62.25
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	3,966.63
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	78.94
300	GINI, LLC	FUEL	65.02
300	GIS WORKSHOP	SOFTWARE	4,725.00
300	LOGAN TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	25,203.15
300	LOGEMANN AUTO PARTS & MACHINE	PARTS	99.96
300	MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOC	ENGINEERING	4,251.45
300	MARTIN MARIETTA	MATERIALS	26,779.20
300	MHC KENWORTH-OMAHA	PARTS	72.80
300	MIDWEST ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	30,879.25
300	MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	15,877.54
300	NATIONAL SIGN CO	SIGNS	1,015.97
300	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	190.14
300	NMC	PARTS	852.35
300	OAKLAND EXPRESS	FUEL	60.00
300	OAKLAND TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	12,785.85
300	PERSHING TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	17,803.80
300	QUINNEBAUGH TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	8,221.50
300	RAKA RENTALS	EQUIPMENT	332.03
300	RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3,601.10
300	RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	11,396.70
300	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	60.24
300	SEALS & SERVICE	PARTS/LABOR	330.00
300	SHAMBURG AUTO	SUPPLIES/PARTS	204.23
300	SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	15,649.20
300	STALP GRAVEL	GRAVEL	7,033.78
300	STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	354.77
300	SUMMIT TOWNSHIP	GRAVEL ASSIST	29,654.10
300	TEAM LAB CHEM	ASPHALT	7,975.00
300	TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS	RENTAL	273.00
300	TRUCK CENTER	PARTS	214.19
300	VERIZON CONNECT	FLEET	435.07
300	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	119.79
300	VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	209.73
300	WESTERN ENGINEERING	MATERIALS	950.00
900	AMBER LEA ACRES	RENO GRANT	2,593.57
900	DANIEL JOHNSON	RENO GRANT	15,000.00
900	JEANNETTE BLANC	RESIDENTIAL GRANT	4,269.50
900	JOHN GUILL	RESIDENTIAL GRANT	5,906.45
900	KIM GUILL	RESIDENTIAL GRANT	8,000.00
900	KYLE QUICK	RESIDENTIAL GRANT	8,000.00
900	WATERTIGHT ROOFING	RENO GRANT	15,000.00
1150	MIPS	SOFTWARE	219.17
2700	ESTATE CARLA J HART	INHERITANCE REFUND	313.26
2913	CENTURYLINK	911	707.20
2913	CITY OF FREMONT	911	1,824.28
2913	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE	911	130.98
9599	AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	306.01
9599	ALLSTATE	EMPE PD ADDL	43.70
9599	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1,701.56
9599	CREDIT MANAGEMENT	GARNISHMENT	493.31
9599	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	775.00

9599	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	Federal Taxes	30,404.68
9599	GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL	EMPE PD ADDL	714.80
9599	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	EMPE PD ADDL	43.48
9599	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	EMPE PD ADDL	355.14
9599	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
9599	NEBR CHILD SUPPORT	GARNISHMENT	100.00
9599	RETIREMENT AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	10,326.03
9599	STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,485.07
9599	TRUSTMARK BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	222.62
9599	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	780.16
100	ELECTION WORKERS	WAGES	12,101.41
100	BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUND TRANSFER	185,000.00

**Board of Equalization:**

Pearson moved the Board recess at 9:31 AM for *Board of Equalization*, Johnson seconded, motion passed All Ayes. The Burt County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:33 AM upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Richards, All Ayes. See separate minutes for BOE.

**Vanguard Appraisal Contract:**

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Johnson, the Board approved software for Assessor’s office for annual rate of \$17,650; effective Feb. each year for years 2027-2031. Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

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

Fund 0900 Private Foundation Grants: (i) Chatt reported that \$150,000.00 will be received for funding the Demolition, Commercial Renovation and Residential Renovation Programs; the last round of funding the board chose to allocate a certain amount to the Residential program. Following discussions about allocation limits, program changes and other options for the Residential Reno program, Titus made a motion to keep the Residential Renovation Program, there was not a second; motion died and the Residential Renovation Program will not receive any of the portion of the funds. There will be no more application accepted for the Program.

(ii) The board approved the following (2) Demo Grants:

- Kelly 5, LLC – 603 S 11<sup>th</sup>, Tekamah \$6,172.25 (50% low bid)
- Vernon Zessin – 721 N. Thomas Ave, Oakland \$3,900 (50% low bid)

The Grant Requests were approved by the Board of Supervisors upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Connealy. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

Fund 0990 Lodging Tax Funds: (i) The board approved the following (2) Grants:

- Hoot Gibson Rodeo (\$500) for Advertising
- Joint Applicants - Tekamah businesses (\$1,000) for Omaha Influencer Social Media Campaign

The Grant Requests were approved by the Board of Supervisors upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Pearson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none.

(ii) Chatt reported that the tourism and BCEDC are working on another County wide marketing campaign with Redthread (Video promotion of Burt County ‘closer than you think, come eat, sleep, play’ focus will be Countywide with opportunities for individual businesses if they want to participate). They will request the Lodging Tax Funds split the cost with BCEDC. Planning is still taking place, she’ll return when she knows about business participation so she has more sold numbers for funding request.

**County owned building in Oakland:**

Unsafe County owned building in Oakland (PID #312808100). Committee of Pearson and Johnson reported structural engineering was onsite and is still exploring options.

**Budget Prep for FY26-27:**

For purposes of planning Budgets; Officials will include “up to 6 %” on salaries/wages for c.o.l. for their employees per Resolution 2025-16 “not to exceed 6% increase” for Jan-June 2027.

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

Co.Rd. L, E. OF OAKLAND - OVERLAY - - OPEN BIDS:

Oakland East Overlay		C-11 (456)
Co.Rd. L beginning @ Hwy 77 thence East to Co.Rd.23		
Approx. 6 mi. of cold milling and asphaltic concrete overlay. Also include an alternate for cement stabilized base.		
Sioux City, IA	Lincoln, NE	Harlan, IA
Knife River	Constructors, Inc	Western Engineering
\$ 3,384,676.31	\$ 2,897,064.33	\$ 2,571,525.94
9/1/2026 to 9/30/2026	7/17/2026 to 9/1/2026	7/19/2026 to 9/1/2026

Following opening of the bids, motion was made by Richards to table awarding the bids until the June 10, 2026 meeting so time could be taken for review. Seconded by Swanson, motion Passed With Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

BURT – WASHINGTON DRAINAGE DIST. - COUNTY TO HAUL EQUIP.: An agreement was approved for Burt County Road Dept to haul equipment for the drainage district at a rate of \$150.00/trip; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Richards. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

VACATING PUBLIC ROAD 203: Highway Superintendent wrote a letter to the Board regarding a request to consider vacating Public Road No. 203. Resolution 2026-07 was adopted upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Johnson. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

**RESOLUTION No. #2026-07 - ORDERING A STUDY FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUBLIC ROAD NUMBER 203 (COUNTY ROAD 44)**

WHEREAS, the Burt County Board of Supervisors may deem it in the public interest to vacate public road number 203 (County Road 44) legally described as a tract of land being the West 33 feet of the Southeast 1/4 (SE ¼) and the East 33 feet of the Southwest 1/4 (SW ¼) of Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. Burt County, Nebraska.

See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1722 et seq.;

AND WHEREAS, the Burt County Board of Supervisors directs the County Highway Superintendent to study the use being made of such public road and to submit in writing to the county board within thirty days, a report upon the study made and her recommendation as to the vacation thereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt County Board of Supervisors that said study and report be done.

Dated: May 28th, 2026

Signed: Jeff Kutchera, Chairman    Attest: Sarah J. Freidel, Co. Clerk

*PUBLIC COMMENT:* none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Titus and Pearson at 10:32 A.M.  
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL  
BURT COUNTY CLERK

JEFF KUTCHERA, CHAIRMAN  
BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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