

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

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Friday, August 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 on a 1st floor courthouse bulletin board and on the County's Website. 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 on the website and available in a binder in the meeting room.

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

The minutes of the 8/12/2026 Board of Supervisors regular meeting and 8/17/2026 special meeting were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

The claims for August in the amount of \$ 485,035.03 including \$171,505.93 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Connealy, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote followed: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none. The following claims were approved:

100	ALLISON ELECTRIC INC	SERVICES	78.26
100	ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	428.40
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE.CYBER.IT	5,715.66
100	ARBY'S BODY SHOP LLC	TIRES/REPAIR	545.18
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	164.03
100	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	77.95
100	BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	862.18
100	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	105.00
100	NEBRASKA EXTENSION	FAIR EXPENSES	175.00
100	BURT COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE	75.29
100	BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	150.00
100	BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	78.00
100	BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	672.39
100	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	RADIO TOWER	72.33
100	BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	MISC EXPENSE	247.33
100	BURT COUNTY TREASURER	DAS - VOIDED CHECKS - TELE TYPE	823.20
100	BURT COUNTY TREASURER	WAGON ROADS	31,803.66
100	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER LEASE	286.49
100	CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
100	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	394.50
100	CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	SERVICES	85.00
100	CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	SHERIFF FLEET	133.00
100	CLEARFLY	PHONES	1,449.48
100	CUBBY'S	FUEL	2,213.38
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	SOFTWARE	251.60
100	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,024.55
100	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SHERIFF SERVICES	525.00
100	FIRE SMART PROMOTIONS	LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLIES	195.00
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	ADMIN FEE	30.00

100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	454.28
100	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SHERIFF GEAR	298.22
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	76.93
100	COOL RIDES INC DBA IDEAL WHEELS	TIRES/REPAIR	153.05
100	JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	SHERIFF GEAR	139.34
100	JENNIFER HANSEN	MILEAGE -EXTENSION	368.60
100	JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	412.50
100	KATHY RAY	OFFICE SUPPORT	562.50
100	LEAF	COPIER	277.32
100	MID AMERICA ENTERPRISES LLC	TIRES/REPAIR	538.38
100	MILLS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	781.25
100	MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,389.18
100	NACO	DIST. MTG	330.00
100	NACO PLANNING & ZONING	DUES 2025-2026	80.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1,150.91
100	NEBRASKA STATE TREASURER	UNCLAIMED PROPERTY	353.85
100	ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES & OFFICE EQUIP	1,697.28
100	OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
100	PELAN FUNERAL SERVICES INC	BURIAL ASSISTANCE	2,500.00
100	PENDER HOSPITAL	JAIL MEDICAL	114.74
100	PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	AUTOPSY	496.00
100	POINT C	INSURANCE	10,247.50
100	QUADIENT INC	POSTAGE - SUPPLIES	238.45
100	ROCHESTER 100 INC	REGISTRATION SUPPLIES	555.13
100	SCHOCK LOGISTICS	COPIER BUYOUT	568.00
100	STACEY KEYS	SUPPLIES/MILEAGE	241.53
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	509.50
100	SUSAN PAULSEN	MILEAGE - COURT	27.36
100	TAMMI BURBACH	COURT REPORTER COSTS	49.80
100	THE APOTHECARY SHOP	JAIL MEDICAL	74.87
100	THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	1,260.00
100	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	365.16
100	UNL-HASKELL AG LAB	REGISTRATION	125.00
100	VERITEXT LLC	COURT COSTS	436.35
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	EM PHONE & HOT SPOT	79.94
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	SHERIFF PHONES & FLEET MODEMS	639.44
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	COBRA	47.46
100	WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	SUPPLIES	418.11
100	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	2,990.00
100	WOODHOUSE	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	87.75
300	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE	37.20
300	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	51.26
300	BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	MATERIALS	5,451.27
300	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	1,075.61
300	BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL/TIRES AND REPAIR	2,525.63
300	BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	95.00
300	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	GARBAGE	130.00
300	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	174.38
300	CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	154.46
300	CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	23.45
300	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	72.00
300	CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	PARTS/LABOR	502.04
300	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	164.22
300	DPA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES	PARTS	266.23
300	BATTLE CREEK FARMERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL	6,766.40
300	FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	LABOR	116.40
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	1,375.87
300	GINI, LLC	FUEL	87.15

300	GLUP PIPE SALES	MATERIALS	352.20
300	MARTIN MARIETTA	MATERIALS	7,502.49
300	MEL'S SMALL ENGINE	PARTS	51.00
300	MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING	18,300.00
300	MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	9,636.11
300	NACO	REGISTRATION	30.00
300	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	174.74
300	NMC	PARTS/LABOR	2,731.08
300	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES, PARTS, LABOR	116.97
300	SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS/OIL	454.04
300	STALP GRAVEL CO	MATERIALS	66.90
300	TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS	TOWER RENTAL	158.50
300	VERIZON CONNECT	FLEET TRACKING	454.97
300	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	119.79
300	VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	189.27
300	WESTPOINT IMPLEMENT INC	PARTS/LABOR	3,833.50
300	WS INSULATION SOLUTIONS	REPAIR	9,665.00
900	LYLE PILLE	DEMOLITION GRANT	9,821.95
900	MARLENE RITTER	RESIDENTIAL RENO GRANT	6,052.91
1150	MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	225.75
2913	CENTURYLINK	911	686.65
2913	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	911	129.67
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	57,663.50
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	13,238.39
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	11,687.12
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	3,483.71
300	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3,190.18
9599	AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	556.20
9599	ALLSTATE - BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	43.70
9599	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	EMPE PD ADDL	1,790.22
9599	CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	GARNISHMENT	459.39
9599	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	EMPE PD ADDL	999.66
9599	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	29,774.03
9599	GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	636.97
9599	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO	EMPE PD ADDL	45.91
9599	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	EMPE PD ADDL	239.14
9599	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
9599	NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT	GARNISHMENT	100.00
9599	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	10,180.04
9599	STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,352.82
9599	TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	584.87
9599	VISION SERVICE PLAN	EMPE PD ADDL	767.70

Communication: NDOT – reminders regarding Bridge Load Postings.

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 (2) Private Foundation Grants:

1 – Demolition Grant

Nelson Construction, LLC – Hiway Café Bldg, Hwy. 77 Lyons (\$15,000 – max. grant)

1- Commercial Renovation Grant

Daniel Hanna Trust/Amanda Anderson, Trustee – 300 N. Oakland Ave (Oakland) roof (\$15,000 max)

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

Update: The NPPD Economic Development is assisting BCEDC with strategic planning; surveys will be sent out.

Zoning: *Ann Chytka, Planning & Zoning Administrator*

BEELINE SOLAR ENERGY LLC – Conditional Use Permit (CUP) EXTENSION REQUEST

Present speaking: Raphael Martinez with Sandhills Energy. Sandhills Energy came before the board to request a twelve-month extension for the CUP they currently have for the *Beeline Solar* project, they request the construction commencement deadline be extended to September 26, 2027. Martinez reported the project's interconnection availability date with OPPD has shifted to May 2029 and the extension would align the permit's construction-commencement deadline more closely with the project's actual development schedule. Supervisor Pearson made a motion to approve the twelve-month extension (to September 26, 2027) for *Beeline Solar* project CUP; Johnson seconded. Motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. Sandhills paid the extension fees today.

ROADS: *Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent*

One & Six Year Plan: Chairman Kutchera opened a Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 One and Six Year Road Plan at 9:33 A.M. Chytka shared a map and listing (both placed on file, and also posted on Highway Superintendent's webpage). Having no Public Comment offered, Chairman Kutchera closed the Public Hearing and returned to regular session at 9:42 A.M. Resolution 2026-12 was passed upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Titus. By Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

RESOLUTION #2026-12

"Whereas, the Burt County Highway Superintendent has prepared and presented a One-and- Six Year Plan for Highway Improvement for Burt County, Nebraska, and;

"Whereas, a public meeting was held on the 28th day of August 2026 to present this plan, and all objections and recommendations of said plan were considered;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the County Supervisors of Burt County, Nebraska, that the plan and data as furnished and/or revised are hereby in all things accepted and adopted."

Whereupon, the Resolution was declared passed by the Burt County Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of August 2026, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL, BURT COUNTY CLERK

JEFF KUTCHERA, CHAIRMAN – BURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE – 2026 Board Members Connealy and Titus moved for adoption of Resolution 2026-13. Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none. Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #2026-13

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Burt County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 28th day of August 2026 at Tekamah, Nebraska. Jeff Kutchera, Chairperson

Ted Connealy Gary Swanson Sam Titus Carl Pearson Jay W. Johnson Paul Richards

Closed Session:

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson, the Board went into Closed Session at 9:52 a.m. *for the protection of public interest to discuss litigations*, with Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays – none. Also present during closed session were Highway Supt, Ann Chytka, Attorney Ryan Kunhart and Board Secretary, Sarah Freidel. Upon motion by Connealy, seconded by Richards, the Board went back into Regular Session at 10:14 A.M., with

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays –none. No action was taken during closed session.

ROADS (cont.): w/ Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent

C-11(456) Co.Rd. L Project: Chytka gave an update on the project and passed along a request from Western Engineering to change the scope of the project; they would like to go continuous during the overlay instead of mile-by-mile, explaining they’ll get a more even final product by doing so. The request was approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Connealy, and Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none.

Midwest Engineering contract for C-11(456): The board approved for Ann to sign.

Co.Rd. K & Co.Rd. 19 Intersection: Chytka reported concerns brought to her office; she’s looking into it.

FY 2026-2027 Budget:

As part of Burt County Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget/Levy business, the following Resolution was adopted: **RESOLUTION #2026-14**

GRANTING LEVY AUTHORITY TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3), all political subdivisions subject to County levy authority have submitted their respective preliminary levy allocation request resolution to the County Board, outlining the requested property tax levy allocation necessary to operate their government for the upcoming budget year; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed such requests; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(4), the County Board is required to adopt a resolution determining the final allocation of levy authority for the political subdivision under the County’s levy authority by September 1st; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(1), the County Board may allocate up to 15 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of the County’s levy limit provided in Nebraska State Statute 77-3442 to other governments in the County.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the final allocation of levy authority be established for the following political subdivisions for the tax year 2026:

Fire Districts:	up to 4 cents
Cemetery Districts:	up to 2 cents
Townships:	up to 9 cents

\$75,000.00 of the County’s five-cent miscellaneous levy will be allowed to the Ag Society under an Interlocal Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the chairperson of the governing body of said political subdivisions and that this final levy allocation shall not be changed except by agreement between both the County Board and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy allocation is at issue.

ADOPTED AND DATED this 28th day of August 2026.

- signed by Chairman Jeff Kutchera, attest County Clerk Sarah J. Freidel

Adopted upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Pearson, By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Connealy, Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson, Richards and Kutchera. Nays- none. Resolution was Adopted. The board agreed that along with the \$75,000.00 to the Ag Society, an additional amount ‘up to \$25,000.00’ can be pledged for County Board approved projects for the County fairgrounds and that amount will be taken out of Inheritance FY26-27 budget.

The Board reviewed and revised the 2026-2027 budget figures with the current valuation. The Budget Hearing will be held on September 9, 2026; the County will not have to participate in a Joint Public Hearing in 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S): none.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned upon motions by Connealy and Swanson at 12:20 P.M.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 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.