OFFICE OF THE BURT COUNTY CLERK

Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors

November 25, 2026

TEKAMAH NE 68061

The Burt County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Wednesday, November 25, 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 upon a 1st floor bulletin board within the courthouse and on the County's Website. The following members were present: Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Sam Titus, Carl Pearson, Jay W. Johnson and Paul Richards. Absent - Jeff Kutchera and Ted Connealy.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Vice-Chairman Richards will preside over the meeting due to the absence of Chairman Kutchera. Richards informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted on the County website and made available in the meeting room.

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

The minutes of the 11/10/2025 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved; upon motion by Swanson, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera & Connealy.

The claims for November in the amount of $ 2,421,682.97, including $162,729.79 for payroll, were read, audited, warrant drawn, and checks generated on the respective funds on motion by Titus, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera & Connealy. The following claims were approved:

100	ADAM TRIPP	ATTY FEES	8,162.50
100	ALL FLAGS, ETC	SUPPLIES	284.76
100	ALL THINGS TECH LLC	SERVICE CALL	100.00
100	ANDY'S QUICK SHOP	FUEL	328.70
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SOFTWARE.CYBER.IT	6,091.65
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	208.47
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	53,777.71
100	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	98.90
100	BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	1,241.84
100	BRENNEIS INSURANCE AGENCY INC	INSURANCE	1,102.00
100	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	105.00
100	BURT COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE	28.99
100	BURT COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	34.00
100	BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK	COURT COSTS	49.00
100	BURT COUNTY INDEPENDENT	PUBLISHING	386.17
100	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	51.58
100	BURT COUNTY SHERIFF	OFFICE EXPENSES	165.33
100	BURT COUNTY TREASURER	FUNDS TRANSFER	610,000.00
100	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	EQUIPMENT LEASE	286.49
100	CENTURY LINK	911	322.96
100	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	147.24
100	CLARK PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	85.00
100	CLASSIC CLEAN CARWASH	FLEET MAINT.	186.31
100	CLEARFLY	PHONE	1,454.10
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	SUPPLIES	166.96

100	CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIV	UTILITIES	29.07
100	CRESTON FERTILIZER MCL FARMS INC	CHEMICAL	685.25
100	CUBBY'S	FUEL	2,448.04
100	SARAH FOLAND	DUES	100.00
100	DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	1,720.90
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FIN.	SOFTWARE	503.60
100	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	1,630.90
100	DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	ATTY FEES	4,568.75
100	EAKES INC	SUPPLIES	304.55
100	ELECTION WORKERS	GENERAL ELECTION	12,948.59
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	INSURANCE	422.50
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	12,835.54
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	1,076.55
100	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	1,163.59
100	GREGORY J BRUMMOND	DUMPSTER	500.00
100	HEARTLAND TIRE, INC	TIRES/REPAIR	400.00
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	76.93
100	JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	UNIFORM.SUPPLY	710.55
100	JOHNSON & MOCK, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	2,350.00
100	JOHNSON & PEKNY, L.L.C.	ATTY FEES	575.00
100	KATHY RAY	OFFICE SUPPORT	120.00
100	LEAF	EQUIPMENT LEASE	168.62
100	LOFFLER	EQUIPMENT	1,377.92
100	MADELYN THOMPSON	MILEAGE	77.52
100	MID-AMERICA ENTERPRISES LLC	TIRES/REPAIR	300.46
100	MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	2,389.18
100	NACO	DUES	2,399.45
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	440.63
100	NICHOLAS E. WURTH LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	3,000.00
100	NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	GENERATOR	1,192.00
100	NO FRILLS PHARMACY	SUPPLIES	521.95
100	ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	SUPPLIES	667.98
100	OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	642.99
100	PCH PHARMACY - PENDER	JAIL MEDICAL	2,040.13
100	POINT C	INSURANCE	222.75
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	11,345.07
100	SAVE MORE MARKET	SUPPLIES	120.27
100	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	KEY FOBS	119.91
100	LK VENTURES CORP	SHREDDING	140.00
100	SHARON WIMER	OFFICE SUPPORT	375.00
100	STACEY KEYS	MILEAGE/SUPPLIES	166.36
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	1,012.85
100	STORY COUNTY SHERIFF	SHERIFF FEES	50.20
100	THOMAS & THOMAS COURT REPORTERS	DEPOSITIONS	304.25
100	THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	4,060.00
100	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	MAINTENANCE	730.32
100	TRAVELERS	INSURANCE	671.50
100	TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	DATA PROCESSING	2,568.00
100	UNL ENRECC	BENEFITS/SALARY	15,899.08
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	718.98
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	COBRA	23.73
100	VISUAL EDGE IT	EQUIPMENT	142.29
100	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL	2,600.00
100	WOODS AITKEN LLP	LEGAL CONSULT	4,123.68
300	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SOFTWARE	39.39
300	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	51.33
300	BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	MATERIALS	3,324.95

300	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES	696.89
300	BRANIFF SERVICE INC	FUEL	1,501.77
300	BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	95.00
300	BRUMMOND DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	130.00
300	BURT COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	146.57
300	CITY OF LYONS	UTILITIES	148.07
300	CITY OF OAKLAND	UTILITIES	27.05
300	CITY OF TEKAMAH	UTILITIES	66.83
300	CNA AUTO SERVICES	PARTS/LABOR	1,224.41
300	CUMING COUNTY INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	90.00
300	DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART	FUEL	244.36
300	DVORAK LAW GROUP LLC	LEGAL FEES	97.50
300	BATTLE CREEK FARMERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL	9,256.43
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	3,150.35
300	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	SUPPLIES	4,580.04
300	HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY	INSPECTION	443.63
300	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLIES	279.40
300	MARTIN MARIETTA	MATERIAL	12,908.43
300	MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	ENGINEERING	47,279.50
300	MIDWEST SERVICE CO	FUEL	6,733.81
300	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	159.67
300	OMAHA SLING INC	PARTS	695.20
300	RDO TRUCK CENTERS, LLC	PARTS	456.08
300	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2,877.85
300	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	22.99
300	SHAMBURG AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	52.80
300	SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	SUPPLIES/LABOR	879.10
300	TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS INC	RENTAL	270.34
300	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	FLEET DATA	445.02
300	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	119.67
300	VILLAGE OF DECATUR	UTILITIES	163.93
300	WELDON PARTS OMAHA	PARTS	302.32
300	WESTERN ENGINEERING CO INC	MATERIALS.ROAD PROJECT	813,101.42
1150	MIPS INC	SOFTWARE	225.75
2500	WESTERN ENGINEERING CO INC	MATERIALS.ROAD PROJECT	500,000.00
2913	BURT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SOFTWARE	921.48
2913	CENTURYLINK (HARDWARE WARRANTY)	E911	686.65
2913	NORTHEAST NEBR TELEPHONE CO	E911	130.98
2913	NBS/WAHLTEK	E911	3,258.00
9599	AFLAC	EMPE PD ADDL	556.20
9599	ALLSTATE - BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	43.70
9599	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1,629.08
9599	CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	GARNISHMENT	571.90
9599	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP LLC	EMPE PD ADDL	816.33
9599	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHEAST	FEDERAL TAXES	29,256.64
9599	GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DIV	EMPE PD ADDL	636.97
9599	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO, INC	EMPE PD ADDL	82.96
9599	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	EMPE PD ADDL	150.00
9599	NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	GARNISHMENT	100.00
9599	RETIREMENT PLANS DIV. OF AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	9,735.54
9599	STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	STATE TAXES	6,183.01
9599	TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY BENEFITS	EMPE PD ADDL	543.21
9599	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE PD ADDL	713.64

FY25-26 Audit:

Upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Titus, the Board approved signing the Audit Engagement letter with Contryman Associates for the start of the audit for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

County owned building in Oakland:

Unsafe County owned building in Oakland (PID #312808100). Johnson reported structural engineering provided demo notes and gave the go ahead to proceed with demolition. The board reviewed the demo notes and decided to go back to the engineers to ask for demo specs to be written so they could put bids out for demo.

RIDECARE Transportation Services Agmt (Sheriff's office):

Transportation Program available to Sheriff's department to utilize for non-law enforcement transportation for situations with individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis. Supervisor Pearson made a motion to approve the Sheriff's office to sign the MOU and participate in program when and if necessary. Titus Seconded, and the motion Passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera & Connealy. There will be no cost to the County for the transportation services as it is part of the Nebraska Rural Health Transformation Grant available via Region 4 Behavioral Health.

2027 Holidays

Resolution #2026-20 was approved upon motion by Pearson, seconded by Swanson. Motion passed By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera & Connealy.

January 1	**New Year's Day**	**FRI**	
January 18	**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**	**MON**	
February 15	**President's Day**	**MON**	
April 30	**Arbor Day**	**FLOATING**	
May 31	**Memorial Day**	**MON**	
June 18	**Juneteenth**	**FRI**	
July 5	**July 4th Independence Day**	**MON**	
September 6	**Labor Day**	**MON**	
October 11	**Columbus Day**	**MON**	
November 11	**Veterans Day**	**THURS**	
November 25	**Thanksgiving**	**THURS**	
November 26	**Friday following Thanksgiving**	**FRI**	
December 24	**Christmas**	**FRI**	
December 31	**New Year's Day 2028 (Sat.)**	**FRI**	(2028 HOLIDAY, falls in 2027 calendar year)

2027 Board meeting dates:

Two meetings will be held every month, the first meeting of the month being on the 2nd Wednesday, and the second meeting of the month will be on the 28th of the month (28th may be moved up to the previous business day if it falls on a weekend.) Claims and payroll will be paid at the second meeting of the month. Holidays and Board meeting dates will be published on the Burt County Website.

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

YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2026

Upon motion by Titus, seconded by Pearson, the Board voted to sign Resolution 2026-21, Approved By Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Swanson, Titus, Pearson, Johnson and Richards. Nays- none. Absent – Kutchera & Connealy.

Resolution 2026-21

Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2026

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 details the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and
Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and
Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment; i.e. meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and
Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.
Be it resolved that the County Board (Vice) Chairperson of Burt County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).
Adopted this 25th day of November 2026 at Tekamah, Nebraska.

County Board Members: - Jeff Kutchera (Absent) -Gary Swanson -Paul Richards
-Carl Pearson -Sam Titus -Ted Connealy (Absent) -Jay W Johnson
-Attest: Sarah J. Freidel, Burt County 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 9:41 A.M.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: SARAH J. FREIDEL
BURT COUNTY CLERK

PAUL RICHARDS, VICE-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.