



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

1:00 pm October 7th, 2014

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday October 7th with JD Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse present. Also present were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, and Deputy County Attorney Melodie Bellamy, Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Also attending were Daniel Duren, Dustin Will, with Benefit Management, Bill Boyer, Frank Murphy with Murphy Tractor, Kyle Larson with NMC Cat. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board.

Minutes from the September 16th meeting were reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Hanna 2nd by Dietz to approve as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

The morning was spent auditing and allowing claims. Chairman called for any discussion. Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Dunse to approve the claims. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson brought to the Board (1) ROW permit for review. After review and discussion, motion made by Hanna 2nd by Dietz to approve the Frontier Communication's ROW agreement. Roll call votes, all ayes, Motion carried. Road Superintendent then discussed the noxious weed spraying with the Corp of Engineers. Spraying is complete for Harlan County Lake. Road Superintendent also completed (2) traffic studies. Traffic study was completed at 707 and F Road then ½ mile west and 724 C Road and ½ mile west. Discussion was held on closing the roads and holding a public hearing. Meeting moved to opening the sealed bids for the motor graders. Chairman Horwart opened the sealed bid from Murphy's tractor. Bid #1 is for a 2015 John Deere 770 G Motor Grader. Bid price is \$227,956 with allowance of \$48,000.00 for the 2001 John Deere 770 CH. Bid # 2 is for a 2015 John Deere 770 GP (Grade Pro) Motor Grader. Bid price is \$241,394.00 with allowance of \$48,000.00 for the 2001 John Deere 770 CH. Sealed bid from NMC CAT was opened. Bid # 1 is for a 2014 Caterpillar, model 140 M3. Bid price is \$253,457.00 with a trade in allowance of \$40,725.00 for the John Deere 770 CH. Bid #2 is for a 2014 Caterpillar 12 M3. Bid price is \$234,860.00 with a trade in allowance of \$40,725.00. A short discussion was held on warranty, horsepower and specs. A decision will be made at the October 21st 2014 meeting at 11:00 am.

Benefit Management, Daniel Duren and Dustin Will joined the meeting to review the County health insurance updates. They provided the Board with a summary of the previous Blue Cross Blue Shield rates vs the CoOpportunity rates. The County should have an annual savings of over \$76,000.00.

The Board thanked them for all they have done and look forward to continued coverage.

County Treasurer Diane Grotfeld came to the Board to discuss the Sheriff's distress warrant and report on unpaid and unsold real estate. Treasurer also reported that \$63,342.63 from the Inheritance fund transfer (for the hospital bond interest) has been repaid. Hospital Bond Fund now has a balance of \$49,473.85. Discussion turned to the letter the Clerk's/Treasure's office received concerning the AIR Carrier Tax Refunds with Atlantic Southeast Airlines.



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Refunds were for the 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 tax year with a total amount of \$638.04 due to the State Treasury Management Division in Lincoln. Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Hanna to approve the Air Carrier tax refund of \$638.04. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer presented the Board with Resolution 2014-21. This directs the Harlan County Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the County covering delinquent taxes upon such parcels of real estate. (a complete copy is available in the Clerk's Office) Motion made by Dunse 2nd by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Delores Konert joined the meeting with concerns of the County "taking over" the cemeteries. County board assured her that is not their intention after the article in the Harlan County Journal. County Board is only interested in maintaining the abandoned and unkempt cemeteries.

Bryan Osborn, Veterans service committee member from Phelps County entered the meeting and wished to talk to the Board. Discussion was held on the current interlocal with Phelps County. Harlan County Board is pleased with the current interlocal and wishes to continue it. Franklin and Furnas County are looking for a Veterans Service officer. Bryan suggested having a public forum meeting in Holdrege to discuss veteran's services. He will let the Clerk's Office know when/where the meeting is.

Harlan County Extension Agent Tony Anderson came to the Board to discuss vacancies on the Extension Board. Tony will run the ad in the Harlan County Journal with submissions turned into the Clerk's Office. Vacancies are in the Supervisor's District #3 and #4.

Committee report from Supervisor Lonny Hanna discussed phase 5 coil replacements in the courthouse. Project will start in late November. Lonny was given the go ahead on the project.

Monthly reports were reviewed from the Clerk, District Court, and Veterans Offices, and County Sheriff. Zoning administrator provided a Nebraska Livestock siting process draft letter for Board review.

With no one from the public to address the board, Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Next meeting will be October 21st at 10:00 am

Attest:

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(SEAL)

Claims

General Fund

Roger Benjamin, Ct. appt Atty, fees, \$1,343.60; Melodie Bellamy, phone (3) months, \$80.00; DaLynn Burgeson, meals, mileage, \$147.04; Business Telecommunications, service, \$302.00; Business World Products, Supplies, \$660.00; City Of Alma, utilities, \$ 286.88; Community Internet, service, \$49.95; Co Oportunity Health, health ins, \$10,774.59; Dier, Osborn & Cox, court appt. Atty., \$1,003.76; Janet Dietz, cell phone, mileage, central district GI, \$283.04; Eakes, supplies, \$179.08; ES & S, election data processing,



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\$929.25; Electronics Systems, insp. \$40.00; Emerald City Legal Support Service, server fee,\$55.00; Harlan County Court, costs, \$232.75; Harlan County Extension, expenses, \$1,336.29; Harlan County Health System, \$721.00; Harlan County Treasurer, postage & phone, \$1,728.24; Hays Pharmacy, supplies, \$40.50; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$196.99; Holdrege Daily Citizen adv. \$32.00; Jeff's Electric, maint., repair \$32.50; Kearney County Clerk, District Judge cost, \$7,613.02; Pam Meisenbach, Central Dist. mileage, \$100.80; Midtown Holiday Inn, child support, \$150.00; MIPS, data processing, maintenance agreement, microfilming & rental, \$1,163.78; Main Street Media, printing & publishing, \$55.80; Main Street Variety, \$18.33; Morgan Farquahr, attorney, legal fees, \$450.48; NPPD, utilities, \$1,202.53; NE DOL/Boiler inspection, fee,\$61.00; Office Solutions, supplies, \$1,386.70;Professional Surveyor Assn, fees, \$140.00; Traci Payne, cont. serv. \$981.00; Person Dewald & Deaver, Atty. fees, \$2,921.76; Person & McQuay Law Office, monthly exp, \$5,626.00; Phelps County, interlocal/veterans, \$3,448.94; Pitney Bowes, Inc. lease, \$207.00; Pitney Bowes, postage, \$103.97; Platte Valley Comm. Kearney, services, \$2,314.75; Protocol, supplies, \$280.00; Region 3, mental health service act, \$1830.42; Reliable Pest Control, services, \$120.00; Republican Valley Animal Center, animals, \$24.80; Nicole Robinson, laundry, \$48.75; Shell Fleet Plus, fuel, \$559.54; Short Stop, fuel, \$15.01; State of Nebraska-AS Central, data processing & teletype, \$614.60; State Treasury Management Division, airline refund, \$638.04; The Lincoln National Life, life/disability ins, \$334.30; The Standard, dental ins, \$637.93; Tripe Motor Co., service, \$99.67; Trustworthy Hardware, supplies, \$99.92; US Bank, supplies, \$998.84; US Post Office, postage/election, \$35.70; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$305.71; Walter F Stephens's, supplies, \$297.14 ; Weld County Sheriff's Office, fees, \$44.72; Salary & Wage, \$70,308.38.

ROAD FUND

Ag Valley Coop, fuel, \$129.42; Barco Municipal Products, supplies, \$1,887.57; Bladen Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$6,619.99; Cat Financial. Repairs, \$2,098.59; CHS Agri Service Center, fuel & parts, \$974.15; City of Alma, utilities, \$50.43; Co Oportunity health ins, \$4,540.39; James R. Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Wayne Dietz, Inspct. Bridges, \$ 1,650.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$14.40; First State Bank, payoff grader, #40971 G,\$72,022.45; Harlan County Treasurer, phone, \$131.92; Hireright Solutions, \$ 42.40; Holdrege Auto Parts, equip, \$416.86; Lacial Equipment, supplies, \$872.98; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$ 13.10; M. J. Lubeck, rent, \$150.00; MIPS, data processing, \$110.84; Main Street Variety, \$ 37.63; NMC Exchange LLC, supplies, \$ 2,483.51; Newman Traffic Signs, \$41.24; Paddington Service station, supplies, \$146.18; Platte Valley Communication, \$ 272.25; PowerPlan supplies, \$10,671.08; Quill, \$ 25.98; S &W Auto Parts, \$624.62; Stamford Service, fuel, \$212.00; T & F Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$51,518.64; The Lincoln National Life Ins. \$149.75;The Standard, dental ins, \$371.69;Tripe Motor, supplies, \$94.60; Twin Valleys, utilities, \$129.16; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$67.34; Village of Republican City, utilities, \$56.50; Salary & Wage, \$30,257.18.

WEED FUND

CHS, parts, \$56.99; Harlan County Treasurer, phone, \$48.20; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$22.49; Nebraska Weed Control Assn., training, \$120.00; Salary, \$1,500.00.

TOURISM FUND

Salary, \$900.00.

CASA/ Lottery Fund



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Quarterly expense Oct/Dec. \$ 750.00

SERVICES FOR AGING

Harlan County Senior Center, quarterly expenses, \$1,537.30.

911 EMERGENCY FUNDS

City of Holdrege, 911 surcharges, \$2,093.53.