



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room, Alma NE

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday October 20th 2015 at 10:00 am with JD Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse present. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, Manuela Wolf from Harlan County Hospital and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. 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. County Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings, while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Julie Brooker, Central Nebraska Director of Constituent Services with U.S. Senator Deb Fischer's Office came in and introduced herself to the Board. Julie and a staff assistant were in Alma to meet and greet the public. The Board thanked her for coming in. (JULIE_BROOKER@FISCHER.SENATE.GOV)

Minutes from the October 6th, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Hanna 2nd by Metzger to accept minutes as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

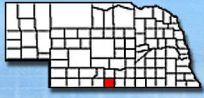
Minutes from the October 13th, 2015 Special Board of Equalization were reviewed. Motion made by Metzger, 2nd by Dunse to accept. Roll call votes, Districts # 6, 1, 2,3,4,7- yes. Chairman Horwart abstained, as he was not present at the meeting. Motion carried.

County Clerk presented claims to the Board. After Board review, motion made by Dietz 2nd by M. Schultz to pay claims. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent brought to the Board his annual SSAR end of year report for approval. Short discussion was held, a complete copy is available in the Road Department. County Board also reviewed the KEA Constructors agreement.

Manuela Wolf, Harlan County Hospital CEO joined the meeting with the monthly financials. Discussion was held on Hospital Board member Kenny Witte and his term expiring July of 2016. Discussion was held on City of Alma, Harlan County Hospital Board and Harlan County Board requests to the City of Alma for hospital bond funding. Hospital will also be updating the electronic health records.

Virginia Valenzuela, Executive Director and Lee Christensen, from Furnas/Harlan Partnership joined the meeting. Discussion was held on local projects in Harlan County. Discussion was held on Harlan County becoming an active member again and funding.



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Harlan County Treasurer brought to the Board the Distress Warrant list. Tax list is turned over to the Harlan County Sheriff.

Supervisor Hanna left the meeting at 11:00 am.

Motion was made by M. Schultz 2nd by Dietz to enter into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk had served Mr. Stephen Padgett by certified mail, the Notice of Hearing. County Clerk swore in County Assessor Kim Wessels. Chairman Horwart called the hearing for the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption as open. No one was present for the hearing. Deputy Clerk Deb Jensen informed the County Attorney per phone call, Mr. Padgett would not be attending due to pain. County Assessor informed the Board the individual does not meet the requirements for a disabled individual. Mr. Padgett had provided a Physician Assistants note of needing a cane to walk. County Assessor informed the Board that is not a qualification. Motion made by Schluntz, to approve. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion made by M. Schultz not to approve the application 2nd by Metzger. Roll call votes, Districts # 2,4,6,7 and 5 yes, District # 1-no. Motion carried. Harlan County Treasurer brought in a motor vehicle exemptions from the Colonial Villa in Alma. Application is for 2012 van and 1994 pickup. Motion made by Dietz 2nd by M. Schultz to approve the motor vehicle exemptions. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by Metzger, 2nd by M. Schultz to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dietz and Supervisor JD. Schluntz left at 11:15 am.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's report.

First State Bank of Alma has been working with Supervisor Hanna and the Clerk's Office on implementing Direct Deposit for payroll. Joel Wheeler, First State Branch Manager, VP and Cassie Dietz joined the meeting. Clerk has been researching and First State Bank has the lowest monthly fee of \$35.00, also providing a secure firewall and virus protection. Cassie will work with the Clerk's Office to set up the program. Motion made by Dunse 2nd by Metzger to approve. Districts # 2, 4, 7 and 5 yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m. November meetings will be November 3rd at 1:00 pm and November 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(Seal)

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Claims:



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General Fund

Clerk of District Court, costs, \$107.00; Janet Dietz, mileage, \$63.25; Deb Jensen, mileage, \$98.33; Kearney County Clerk, District Court Costs, \$7,827.94; M & B Business Machine, maint. \$153.00; Nebraska Institute of Forensic Science, autopsy cost, \$2,000.00; Office Solutions, toner, \$241.98; Shell Fleet Plus, fuel, \$576.23; Twin Valleys, Utilities, \$131.88.

Road Fund

Harlan County Hospital, drug test, \$34.90; Main Street Media, ads, \$57.31; Paddington Service Station, fuel, \$120.97; Platte Valley Communications, service, \$88.77; Quill Corporation, \$118.58; S & W Auto Parts, supplies, \$71.25; Stern Oil Co, \$3,930.29; Twin Valleys Public Power, utilities, \$188.85; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$43.26.