



Harlan County Board Minutes



June 20th, 2017 Supervisors Room

Alma, NE 68920

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday June 20th 2017 with Supervisors JD Schluntz, Traci Dietz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Max Schultz, and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, and Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson.

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

Minutes from June 6th were discussed. Motion made by JD Schluntz, 2nd by Horwart to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes with Chairman abstaining as she was absent on June 6th. Motion carried.

County Clerk brought before the Board claims for approval. Motion made by Hanna 2nd by M. Schultz to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss budget transfers. After the Board approved the morning claims, County Road Budget is in need of approximately \$75,000.00. Motion made by JD Schluntz to transfer from Inheritance to Road \$80,000.00. Motion failed for a lack of second and JD Schluntz withdrew the motion. Motion was then made by Hanna 2nd by M. Schultz to transfer \$10,000.00 from Inheritance to General and then approximately \$72,792.06 from General to Road not to be paid back.(to cover the claims filed today) Roll call votes, District #1 JD Schluntz –no and remaining votes all ayes. Motion carried.

Manuela Wolf, Harlan County Hospital joined the meeting. Manuela provided the board with the monthly financials. Jennifer Taylor will be rejoining the hospital. (2) Hospital board members would like reappointed, Carol Calkins and Deb Neilson. Clerk will add this to the next meeting agenda.

Tim Burgeson, Road/Weed Superintendent then presented the Board with (1) Driveway agreement, 2017-#7 for review. Tim also spoke on the road sign audit conducted by NIRMA. Clerk provided Tim with the new insurance cards from NIRMA. (3) Gravel bids were received. Chairman Dietz opened and read aloud each bid. #1-Bladen Sand & Gravel, # 2-Overton Sand & Gravel and #3- T & F Sand & Gravel.(copies are available in the clerk's office) Motion was made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to accept all 2017-2018 gravel bids. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on combining the Road/Weed salary only. This will start with the new fiscal year.

Linda Dannehl with the Extension office joined the meeting. The UNL Extension Agent position for Harlan County has opened up and they hope to move forward with a new hire. Discussion was held on overtime for the current staff with the 2017 Harlan County Fair.

Several Courthouse employees came to the Board. Sandy Artz appeared as the spoke person to discuss repairs needed to the courthouse. (Stairs on all entrances, moldy ceiling tiles, bathrooms issues, men and woman's, moldy windows, and the courthouse lawn) Supervisor Horwart asked what repairs are high priorities. Bathroom and ceiling tiles and the courthouse yard were suggested. Chairman Dietz asked Supervisor Hanna for any recommendations. It will be brought to the board at a future meeting.



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Clerk brought forth an inter-local with Lancaster Youth Services Center for Juvenile Detention Services. Clerk had emailed the agreement to the County Attorney for review. County Attorney recommended signing the agreement. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2nd by Hanna to sign the Lancaster Youth Service agreement. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk proceeded with a telephone conference with Benefit Management to discuss 2017-2018 dental rates. Road Superintendent and County Assessor were also in attendance. Clerk provided everyone with the renewal packet. July 1st 2017 is the renewal date. Benefit management team member Dustin Will went over the new rates and plans for dental and life/disability. Motion was made by Hanna, 2nd by Horwart to accept the renewal rates with Lincoln Financial for 2017-2018. (This will be an approximate decrease of 10%. current policy with The Standard was approximate 10% increase with the basic same coverage) Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk received a packet from Miller & Associates of the Drawings and Specifications for the Cornhusker road project. Bid letting will be held at the July 18th 10:00 am County Board meeting. Probable Construction cost will be between \$125,000.00 and \$165,000.00, and work will be substantially complete on or before September 29, 2017.

Clerk wanted verification on the closing date for the first meeting in July as the 4th is a holiday. Motion was made by Hanna, 2nd by Metzger to move the meeting to July 5th at 1:00 pm. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

JD Schluntz brought forth the telephone contract for all the offices in the courthouse. Discussion was held on each office getting their own contract and monthly bill. JD. Schluntz made a motion to have each office do their own contract, no second. Motion was then made by M. Schultz 2nd by Hanna to have each office received their own phone bill and bring back a (2) year contract to the next meeting. Roll call votes all ayes. Motion carried.

County Attorney and Assessor discussed future TERC hearings.

Chairman Dietz asked the board if there is a need for executive session to discuss the Separation Agreement. (consensus is no) Chairman Dietz spoke, under the provisions of Roberts rules, I want to make a motion that under the advice of (2) attorneys, working for Harlan County, and to save the County anymore additional costs to do with this case. That we pay the Separation Agreement to Katheryn Peters, in the following outline. (\$2,839.56 wages, 25% or \$709.89 in attorney's fees, and \$12.00 closed bank account fee and additional payroll deduction and taxes.) It is ridiculous how long this has gone on and needs to come to an end. Chairman Dietz asked for further discussion. Supervisor Hanna spoke that this should have never been brought to the Board. Supervisor Dunse wanted to know if this is the last vote. Supervisor JD Schluntz didn't think it was necessary to hire Pamela Bourne. Supervisor Hanna spoke that it is not fair to use taxpayers' dollars, also questioned the authorization of hours. Dunse spoke of not paying this could be additional court costs and fees. Roll call votes, District #1 JD Schluntz, yes, District # 7-Dunse-yes, District # 5-Horwart-no, District #4- Metzger-no, District #3-Hanna-no, District # 2-Max Schultz-yes and District #6 Dietz, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Dietz also announced that Ron Melbye is also Phelps County Zoning administrator.

Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 12:27 pm. July meetings will be July 5th and 18th. Board of Equalization hearings are scheduled for July 17, 18th and 19. (Clerk's Office has a hearing schedule)

Attest

Traci Dietz, Chairman



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Janet Dietz, County Clerk (seal)

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GENERAL

Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, ct. appt. atty, fees, \$1,622.75; Roger Benjamin, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$903.70; Michael D Carper, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$225.25; Justin M Daake, ct. appt, Atty, fees, \$2,517.50; DeWald, Deaver, P.C. L.L.O, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$2,815.50; Janet Dietz, mileage, meal, \$122.15; GIS Workshop, web/support, \$8,400.00; Main Street Media, \$553.48; Office Solutions, supplies, \$559.49; Phelps County Sheriff, safe-keeping, \$1,710.00; Quality inn & Conference Center, lodging, \$104.95; Reliable Pest control, treatment, \$120.00; Republican Valley Animal Center, P.C. dogs, \$65.00; Twin Valley, utilities, \$94.62; U.S Post Office, envelopes, \$61.00; W.W. Drywall & Paint, painting, \$641.45. Sally Hanna, cleaning, \$33.75. Zeller/Zulauf- vacuum, \$149.95

ROAD

Alma Auto Parts, parts, \$30.09; B.H Hesemann, materials, \$129.44; Bosselman, INC fuel, \$10,908.03; CHS Agri-Service Center, fuel, \$93.17; Hogeland's Market, misc. \$41.57; Jim's OK Tire Store, tires, \$1,334.00; John Deere Financial Plan, supplies, \$198.46; Lcal Equipment, supplies, \$239.74; Ludeke Diesel, INC, supplies, 331.97; Michael Todd & Co, supplies, \$4,773.12; Power Plan, supplies, \$122.29; S & W Auto Parts, supplies, \$56.76; Newman Traffic Signs, signs, \$1,339.50; Stamford Service, fuel, \$129.50; T & F Sand & Gravel, gravel \$52,698.34; Twin Valleys, elect, \$216.18; Verizon Wireless, phone, 121.80; Village of Republican City, utilities, \$28.10.

TOURISM

Bulldog Graphics, web promotion, \$75.00