



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday December 5th, 2017

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday December 5th, 2017 at 1:00 pm with Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, Gary Dunse and JD Schluntz. Also in attendance were County Attorney Bryan McQuay, County Clerk Janet Dietz, Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson. Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meeting act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings, while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the November 21st, 2017 were reviewed. Chairman Dietz called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by JD Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horwart to accept as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed in the morning. Claim from Urbom Law Office was held due to discrepancy with the attorney's hourly rate. Motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to approve remaining claims. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss budget transfers. Treasurer was directed to transfer \$67,000.00 from Inheritance to General to **be paid back**, and \$331,000.00, from Inheritance to General then to Road department.

Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson joined the meeting. Tim discussed bridge issues, extension of Cornhusker Road project with a deadline of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 . County Board approved the yearly Certification of the County Road Superintendent.

Eagle Communications, reps, Jocelyn Boruch and James Miller joined the meeting. Discussion was held on changing the phone system from Frontier to Eagle Communications, having it bundled with the Eagle internet so the Clerk's office can pay online with no late fees. Clerk will provide each office with a copy of their bill for budget purposes. Motion made by Horwart 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to Contract with Eagle Communications for telephone services. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Sheriff Chris Becker joined the meeting. Sheriff Becker opened (4) bids for a 2018 pickup. (1) \$30,430.00, (2) \$30,667.00, (3) \$30,630.00,(4) \$30,131.00., with low bid coming from Tripe's Motor, Alma, motion made by Dunse 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to accept the low bid. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Cammie Kroll, Harlan County Extension joined the meeting. Cammie discussed maternity leave, vacation, and sick leave hours. UNL Extension is conducting interviews for Extension



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Agent today. Cammie also requested for the Extension Office to be closed on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Board agreed with the closing just would like to see it posted at the door.

Clerk presented the Memorandum of Understanding with Juvenile Services. Carissa Urmacher had explained to the Board at the last meeting what these services do for the County with no cost to the County. Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to renew the Memorandum of Understanding of Juvenile Services. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on snow removal. Supervisor Metzger has talked to Kevin Molzahn and he will provide the snow removal for the parking lot and sidewalks.

Clerk had surplused a small green cabinet and has received (2) sealed bids. Chairman opened bid #1- Traci Dietz, \$101.50 and #2-Deb Jensen \$25.00. Motion made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to accept high bid. Roll call votes, all ayes, (with Chairman Dietz abstaining) Motion carried.

Discussion was moved to setting wages for Elected Officials before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. County Attorney discussed wages being at the low end according to the Salary recommendation by NACO. Clerk will put in on the December 19<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horwart to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Gary Brandon joined the meeting, Gary filed a protest with the Clerk on the disallowance of a homestead exemption for his mother Louise Brandon of Alma. County Assessor discussed the individual being in the nursing home for (3) years. Gary questioned where that information came from. Gary discussed the home being in a "Life Estate" and will be the owner until she passes, Louise also has the intention of returning home, and her household items are still in the house. County Assessor denied the exemption on the grounds of not occupying the home. Motion was made by JD. Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to grant the homestead exemption. Chairman called for any more discussion. Roll call votes District # 5- Horwart, no and remaining supervisors yes. Motion carried. Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Schultz to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

County Assessor discussed the Orion computer program, problems with it, and the need for replacement. County Assessor will research and bring back information and costing for the board to review.

Additional cameras were discussed for the courthouse and road department.

Monthly reports were reviewed from the County Clerk and District Court.



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Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm. Next meeting is December 19th at 10:00 am.

Attest

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

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## Claims

### General Fund

Anderson, Klein, Swan, & Brewster, ct. appt. atty, \$3,552.39; Jeff Bash, mileage, \$34.24, Melodie Bellamy, cell phone, \$20.00; Roger Benjamin, ct. appt. atty, \$1,471.55; Larry Bose, mileage, \$55.64; Butler Voigt & Stewart, P.C. ct. appt. atty, \$ 3,455.49, Calkins Law Office, ct. appt. atty. \$983.25; Michael D. Carper, ct. appt. atty., \$3,122.00; Cenex Credit Card, fuel, \$1,051.05; City of Alma, utilities, \$665.00; Clerk of District Court, costs, \$67.95; Justin Daake Law Office, LLC, court appt. atty. \$2,650.50; Department of Pathology, toxicology, \$180.00; Dewald, Deaver, P.C., LLC, ct. appt. Atty, \$2,526.50; Janet Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Traci Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Eagle Communications, internet, \$320.00; Election Source, supplies, \$204.33; First National Bank, supplies, \$935.52; First State Bank, direct deposit fee, \$35.00; Furnas County Sheriff's Office, fees, \$33.82; Fye Law Office, ct. appt. atty., \$ 2,269.32; Lonny Hanna, cell phone, \$45.00; Harlan County Court, fees, \$186.00; Harlan County Health Systems, meals, laundry; \$945.00; Harlan County Sheriff's Office, fees, \$34.95; Harlan County Treasurer, phone/postage \$2,335.58; Hays Pharmacy, medical, \$4.34; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$203.19; Doug Horwart, cell phone, \$45.00; Cammie Kroll, supplies, \$36.04; Lockwood Company, books, \$218.36; Mail Finance, postage, \$330.00; Main Street Media, print. & pub. \$286.73; Ron Melbye, cell phone, \$45.00; Rodney Metzger, cell phone \$45.00; James Miller, mileage, \$3.00; MIPS, Inc, data processing, website,\$910.17; Mips, envelopes, \$158.88; NACO. dues. \$1,370.12; Korinna Nash, mileage, \$26.76; National Patent Analytical Systems,. Repairs, \$266.96; NPPD, utilities, \$457.26; Office Solutions Associates, supplies, \$2,014.06; PSAN registration, \$150.00; Person & McQuay Law Office, contr. services, \$5,637.67; Darcie Porter, cell phone, \$45.00; Quill, supplies, \$61.95; Mary Jo Radil, mileage, \$5.00; Tom Reimers, CVSOAN, veteran dues, \$60.00; Lacy Rice, mileage, \$67.41; Michael Richman, cell phone, \$45.00; Chris Schluntz, mileage, \$51.36; Janelle Schoen, mileage, \$81.32; Short Stop, fuel, \$483.74, ; Sleuth, data proc., \$3,663.00; State of Nebraska-AS Central, data proc. & teletype, \$653.68; Steam Away, cleaning, \$231.25; Steve Pool, labor, \$161.00;



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The Lincoln National Life, life/disability ins., \$992.05; Tripe Motor Co., service, \$445.80; United Health Care, ins. \$11,913.10; Erin Valenzuela, mileage, \$25.68; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$420.28; Salary & Wage, \$ 81,249.18.

## **ROAD FUND**

Ag Valley Coop, fuel, \$164.05; Alma Auto Parts, supplies, \$179.81; Bosselman Energy, fuel, \$10,690.14; CHS Agri Service Center, fuel & parts, \$1,150.91; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractor, crush gravel/rock, \$10,330.65; City of Alma, utilities, \$51.43; James R. Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$14.40; Harlan County Treasurer, phone, \$167.85; Hireright, supplies, \$133.56, Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$15.46; Holdrege Auto Parts, Inc, supplies, \$169.95; Hometown leasing, copier, \$74.04; M. J. Lubeck, rent, \$150.00; MIPS, data processing, \$128.38; Nebr. Safety & Fire, supplies, \$104.95; NMC Exchange, repair/labor, \$23,242.78; S& W Auto Parts, \$333.00; Stamford Service, fuel, \$131.50; The Lincoln National Life, dental/life, ins, \$468.17; Titan Machinery, repair, \$141.00; Trustworthy, supplies, \$2.59; United Health Care, ins, \$6,681.28; Village of Republican City, water, \$28.10; Whites Auto Glass, repair, \$110.00; Salary & Wage, \$31,957.48

## **MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT**

Community Bank, H.S.A \$116.67

## **TOURISM FUND**

Pat Underwood, Salary, \$927.00.

## **SERVICES FOR AGING**

Harlan County Senior Center, quarterly expenses, \$1,489.58.

## **911 EMERGENCY FUNDS**

City of Holdrege, 911 surcharges, \$912.58.

## **COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT**

Miller & Associates, engineering services, \$5,625.00