



# Harlan County Board Minutes



July 17th 2018 Supervisors Room

Alma, NE 68920

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday July 18th 2018 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, Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson, County Assessor Kim Fouts, County Treasurer, Diane Grotfeld, Deputy Treasurer Sandy Artz, Carl Betts, Barb Otto, Veterans Service Officer, Mike Richman.

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 July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 were reviewed. Motion made by Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to approve as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Clerk brought before the Board claims for approval. Motion made by Horwart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to accept claims as submitted. Dobberstein Roofing claim was held due to damages in the building. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer, Michael Richman joined the meeting. Mike provided the board with a quarterly report.

Barb Otto, with IN GOD WE TRUST~AMERICA, INC joined the meeting. Barb was here to request the Harlan County Board adopt a resolution to display IN GOD WE TRUST in the Courthouse. Barb has traveled throughout 70 counties in Nebraska, Harlan County will be the 71<sup>st</sup>. County board thanked her for coming in.

Tim Burgeson, Road/Weed Superintendent joined the meeting. Board reviewed and discussion was held on ROW 2018-#9 and 2018-#10, and Driveway 2018-#5. Also discussed was the approval by the State of Nebraska for the reclassification of K Road in Section 11-TWN 2-R19W. Approximately .6 miles of road will be reclassified from Minimum Maintenance to Local Classification.

With the approval of the claims, Harlan County Treasurer Diane Grotfeld requested direction of how much to transfer into the Predator Control and Roads funds that are in the red. Motion was made by JD. Schluntz to transfer all of Predator Control,( from General , \$8,417.17) and (\$805.55 from General to road.), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Treasurer submitted her resignation effective July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, as she has decided to retire. County board thanked her for 47 years of service. Discussion was held on appointing Deputy Sandy Artz as Interim County Treasurer for the remainder of the 2018 term. Motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horwart to appoint Sandy Artz as Interim Harlan County Treasurer. Supervisor JD Schluntz said the board has 45 days to appoint someone. Roll call votes, District # 1-JD Schluntz-no, remaining roll call votes all ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on name changes with various bank accounts.

Union negotiations were discussed with Carl Betts. Carl had various county comparables to bring to the board. Carl wanted to know what the holdup is over .5 cents. Motion was made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horwart to approve a .65 cent per hour wage increase effective July 1, 2018. Roll call votes,



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District # 2-M. Schultz –no, District # 3-Hanna, #4-Metzger, #5 Horwart, # 7 Dunse-yes,#6- Dietz-yes and #1- JD Schluntz no. Motion carried.

Clerk is having trouble getting budget/audit waivers signed and sent to the State, and township board election process. County Attorney discussed the public hearing process to eliminate townships and getting the issue back on the ballot for the General election. County Attorney has also signed up on the PILT funding issue.

County Road Superintendent discussed the extra \$2.00 an hour the Road foreman receives. It was suggested to give the foreman more to do and manage the road crew.

Discussion was held on clerical and Deputy Wages. Motion was made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horwart to approve a 3% increase for the Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor Deputy’s starting January 1, 2019. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to cap, not to exceed the clerical wages at \$15.90 per hour. (Clerk ask about the cleaning position) Hanna thought it would remain the same. Roll call votes, District #7- Dunse, District # 2 M. Schultz, District # 3 Hanna, District # 4-Metzger, District # 5- Horwart-yes, District # 1 JD. Schluntz, and District # 6-Dietz –no. Motion carried.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12.37pm.

Attest

Janet Dietz, County Clerk (seal)

Traci Dietz, Chairman

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## **GENERAL**

Harlan County Treasurer, telephone, \$1,610.80; Graham Tire, Grand Island, service, \$602.40; Harlan County Health System, meals/laundry; \$405.50; Jeff’s Electric, repair, \$120.00; Pitney Bowes, Inc, \$103.97; Platte Valley Comm. Kearney, service, \$44.17; Region (3) mental health, \$2,196.58; Republican Valley Animal Center, dogs, \$884.00; Short Stop, fuel, \$700.16; Twin Valleys Public Power, utilities, \$86.88; WorkWave, safety, \$176.04;

## **ROAD**

CHS Agri-Service Center, supplies, \$113.75; Troy Collins, phone case, \$13.85; John Deere Financial, supplies, \$366.58; Ludeke Diesel, INC, repairs, \$269.62; Platte Valley Communications, supplies, \$163.05;The Island, fuel \$61.51; Twin Valleys, electric, \$205.62; Mips, email, \$48.00.

## **PREDATOR CONTROL**



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USDA/APHIS,GENERAL, predator control, coyote/fox control, \$1,199.46.