

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
And BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **April 2nd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization met in regular session Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; Assessor, Kim Fouts; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; and Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder. Supervisor Mike Clements was absent. Ron Imm was absent/resigned.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Schluntz called the meeting to order and announced that there is a copy of the Open Meetings Act posted at the south end of the room and will be followed by the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, an Imprest Account Listing with account balances, an Account Trial Balance Listing and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

The Board reviewed claims. Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. Discussion was held. One claim submitted by Fouts and one claim submitted by Artz were tabled for further review. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted, except the two that were tabled. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 19th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from March 19th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Boehler to accept Ron Imm's resignation as District 6 Supervisor pursuant to Imm's letter of resignation submitted to the Board effective April 1, 2024. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boehler provided the Public Transit committee update. Conversations have been held with Harlan County Health Systems and Tri-Valley Health System of Cambridge in the search for viable transit services for Harlan County. Discussion was held. Further details will be researched, and information gathered. The County's efforts will continue.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Boehler to go into Board of Equalization at 10:18 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list corrections #1410 and #1411 and provided an explanation for the needed corrections. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve tax list corrections #1410 and #1411. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson presented a Permissive Exemptions report to the Board for their review. Assessor Fouts gave an explanation for the report. A motion to approve the Permissive Exemptions as reported was made by Boehler. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Bash made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m.

Supervisor Boehler gave an update on the Courthouse boiler issues. Quotes from Johnson Controls were provided to repair the current boiler or replace it. Discussion was held. The Board agreed to move forward with repairing the boiler. The Building and Grounds Committee will respond to Johnson Controls.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye came before the Board to advise that the Harlan County Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 19th, 2024, to consider adding planning & zoning regulations for Wind Energy Generation systems / Wind Generation Towers and Solar Energy systems and that the Planning Commission approved the regulations as presented. The County Board received a copy of the approved regulations. Melbye asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns about the regulations. Discussion was held. With no concerns, the regulations were approved. The Resolutions were not available to sign at this time. A motion was made by Boehler to extend the Moratoriums for both the wind and solar/solar farm energy systems for an additional six (6) months. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Resolution #2024-04 (Wind energy) and #2024-05 (Solar energy) were adopted.

Assessor Fouts came before the Board to inquire on the status of the repairs for the damaged wall in her office and other Courthouse maintenance items of concern. Discussions were held. The Building and Grounds Committee will address the items discussed. Two quotes submitted by Holdrege Electric for new LED lighting throughout the Courthouse and adding additional electrical circuits due to overloaded breakers were discussed. The Board approved both quotes as submitted by Holdrege Electric. Clerk Burgeson will notify Holdrege Electric.

Clerk Burgeson provided the remaining balance due for the courthouse renovations (Phase I) to the Board. Discussions were held. Boehler will work with the Clerk and Chairman to prepare a maintenance position job description in an effort to then find a Courthouse maintenance person.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and presented a Driveway Permit Application #2024-2 submitted by C & S Development and a Right-of-Way Permit Application #2024-3 submitted by Brad Rebman. Discussion was held. Burgeson then provided updates on bridge assessments, road matters, road department job openings, an upcoming bridge conference he will be attending, status on the septic system issues at his office and information on new road graders.

Public Forum: Two citizens were in attendance and a discussion was held regarding the employment structure of the Courthouse. The Board thanked both citizens for their attendance and input.

With no further business, a motion was made by Boehler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held April 16th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items and 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items.

ATTEST: /s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Chris Schluntz, Chairman

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the County website: harlancounty.ne.gov

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$70,546.38 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$286.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,579.07; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00; Trisha Crist-Mileage \$171.25; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$20,905.83; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$37,000.00; Darron Hohnholt-Blg & Grds Labor-carpet \$695.00; Medica-Insurance \$28,246.39 & Medica-Employee Health Insurance Deductions \$2400.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$176.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3074.46; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$183,372.05.

ROAD FUND: Payroll \$32,595.30 / Claims: American Family Life \$879.38; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$173.86; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4958.36; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$820.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,004.37; Medica-Insurance \$11,975.57 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$500.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1458.47; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$556.41. **Road Fund total:** \$64,141.72. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$248,713.77**