



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room, Alma, NE

10:00 am. May 21st, 2019

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday May 21st, 2019 with Supervisors Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Cindi Boehler, Jeff Bash, Traci Dietz, and Bill Hogeland. Also in attendance was County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, JD. Schluntz, absent was County Attorney Bryan McQuay.

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. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the May 7th, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Dietz called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Schluntz to approve as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk submitted claims for review. After Board review, motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Schluntz to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Jerry Fiest, supervisor with USDA, Predator Control, joined the meeting. Jerry discussed the animal control calls for the county in the 2018-2019 budget year. Jerry was here to request a new contract with a 3% increase. The new contract is for \$8,664.92. After the board reviewed the contract, a motion was made by C. Boehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Harlan County Hospital CEO, Mark Miller, Trustees of the Harlan County Hospital, Bruce Beins Chair, Rick Calkins, Vice Chair, and Katie Koopman, Human Resources, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on monthly financials. County Clerk had sent a public records request, (as directed on 05/14/2019) to the CEO, Human Resource Director, and administrative assistant, requesting all of Harlan County Hospital employee's wages, and benefits, including health and dental or any other form (s) of compensation. Bruce Beins requested to go into executive session with the Board to discuss the matter as the hospital board didn't want it published. Supervisor Hogeland informed the board that is not the intent. Chairman Dietz called for a motion to move into executive session. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to move into executive session at 10:46 am. Clerk was requested to leave. J.D. Schluntz objected to the executive session as public employee salaries are not a reason for executive session. At 11:35 am the board returned to regular session. Motion made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk returned to the meeting and was informed the County Assessor and Board set Board of Equalization dates for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson joined the meeting. Tim brought to the board discussion of purchasing a road groom, additional staffing to run it, buying a used one, Tim would like to enforce the County's ROW/Drainage policy 2011-#2. Supervisor Boehler discussed putting an ad in the paper for notification of Harlan county residents. Supervisor Bash discussed with Tim the road issues at Bose Feedlot, Supervisor M. Schultz discussed with Tim getting the roads worked first before adding gravel.

Harlan County Sheriff, Chris Becker joined the meeting, Chairman read aloud the Resolution 2019-#9 for \$1,000.00 petty cash in the sheriff's office. Motion made by Boehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Sheriff Becker also discussed the jail budget shortfalls.



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Supervisor Hogeland discussed the open house held with the road employees, supervisors, attendance was low, Road Superintendent apologized for not being there. Discussion was held on having (2) open meetings a year. Supervisor Hogeland also discussed the roofing/drainage issues.

JD Schluntz discussed adding “In God We Trust” to the outside of the courthouse.

The Extension by Laws were not presented.

With no one from the public to address the board, Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. June meetings will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, and June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

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## CLAIMS

## GENERAL FUND

CEI Security & Sound, service, \$326.00; Phelps County Sheriff, safekeeping, \$3,420.00; Short-Stop, fuel, \$59.17; Twin Valleys Public Power District, utilities, \$74.68.