



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma NE

Tuesday November 5th, 2019 10:00 am

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday November 5th, with Chris Schluntz, Mike Clements, Jeff Bash, Bill Hogeland, Max Schultz, Cindy Boehler, and Traci Dietz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, Tim Burgeson, and Dave Fleischmann. Chairman called the meeting to order and stated that there is the open meeting act posted in the room and will be followed by the board, all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk left the meeting at 10:05 am.

Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Minutes from the October 15th, and the Special meeting from October 18th were reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Boehler to approve the minutes. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

The morning was spent auditing payroll and vendor claims. Motion made by Clements, 2nd by Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road/Weed Superintendent joined the meeting. Discussion was held cost of excavator vs hiring local individuals, road projects updates, and authorizing (5) hrs of overtime at Tim's discretion. Clerk will hold the Year End Certification of Highway Superintendent and present the Fracture Critical Bridge contract at the November 19th meeting.

County Chairman and County Attorney will sign the Union Contract.

Clerk will give the County Attorney the LINK, (sign contract) for further review. (Clerk will hold onto the check from the LINK for \$200.00)

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Clements to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Treasurer brought to the Board (1) new tax exemption for the Harlan County Senior Center, (new bus) and (5) renewals for the Good Samaritan Society. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Boehler to approve the Harlan County Senior Center tax exemption application. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Bash, 2nd by Boehler to approve the (5) Good Samaritan tax exemptions. Roll call votes, all



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ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Clements to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Harlan County Treasure brought to the Board a list of Distress Warrants for board review. Treasurer would like # 43, #126, and #13 removed from her inventory. Motion was made by Boehler, 2nd by Clements to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Also discussed was what to do with all the old phones.

Clerk presented the Engagement letter from the State Auditor's office. Chairman signed, Clerk will forward to the State Auditor's office.

Clerk's and District Court reports were reviewed. Clerk explained to the board the NIRMA yearly dividend check in the amount of \$1,874. County Attorney discussed with the Board the 2015-2017 PILT Underpayments Class Action Lawsuit, county received \$2,112.00. Supervisor Clements provided updates for the RC & D meeting, (recycling projects to take place next year) .

At 2:00 pm meeting was moved to the large room to accommodate the public in attendance for the agenda items concerning the Harlan County Hospital and Trustee's. Agenda item (1), CEO contract questions. Discussion was held on the \$195,000 CEO salary, 52 days paid time off, cell phone monthly stipend of \$140.00, severance pay of (12+) months, paid housing and utilities. Also discussed were the Director of Human Resources contract, paid relocation expenses, (4) month's severance pay, forgiveness of relocation expenses, CFO contract, relocation expenses, sign on bonus, forgiveness of relocation expenses and (4) month of severance pay. Discussion was held on the Trustee's approving the contracts, CEO allowed to hire his own staff. Discussion was held on the negotiation process for the contracts. Agenda item # (2) Cost of Investigation of CEO. County Board was advised the Board of Trustees authorized Trustee Chairman Bruce Beins, and Vice Chairman Rick Calkins, through legal counsel to conduct an investigation into the CEO. Trustee Chairman informed the County board that the trustees have hired Attorney David Pederson, (David has served as Chairman of the Board for Great Plains Health) to conduct the investigation, hospital will pay for the investigation. Grievance procedures/policy was discussed. Nothing has been filed with the Trustees and the chain of command in encouraged. Agenda item #3. Discuss concerns of the Harlan County Hospital Board of



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Trustees oversight. A lengthy discussion was held on the personnel and financial issues. Discussion was held on the \$1 million dollar construction loan and using the Hospital CD'S as collateral. Bond payments, unfunded mandates, medical records and software leases, audit reports a loss from operations for (5) years, also increase in salary, wages, employee benefits, and professional services. (\$924,537); for the fiscal year 2017 and 2018. Also discussed was the CEO's monthly financial report to the Harlan County board and its discrepancies/inconsistencies. Chairman moved to table #4- Consider continuing membership of Harlan County Hospital Board of Trustee members from 10/18/2019 meeting. And #5 Possible appointment/ appointments of Harlan County Board of Trustee member/members until the next meeting November 19th at 10:00 am. Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Attest:

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

(Seal)

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CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Alma Family Dentistry, medical, \$22.44, Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, court appt. atty fees, \$3,460.25; Jeff Bash, cell phone, \$45.00 Melodie Bellamy, cell phone, \$20.00; Betsy Ross Flag Girls, INC, flags \$75.00; Cindy Boehler, cell phone, \$45.00; Calkins Law Office, court appt atty. fees, \$199.50; Michael Carper, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$47.60; Mike Clements, cell phone, \$45.00, mileage, \$53.36; CHS Agri-Service Center, supplies, \$107.88; City of Alma, utilities, \$870.00; Communication Engineering, INC, repair, \$328.00; Daake Law Office, LLC, , court appt. atty. fees, \$2,403.50; Dawson County Court, copies, \$2.75; Dewald Deaver, PC, LLC, court appt, atty. fees, \$1,297.75; Marcy DeJonge, fuel, \$27.27; Janet Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Traci Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Wayne Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Eagle Communications, internet, phone. \$681.38; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, \$339.05; First



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National Bank, supplies, \$3,311.55; First State Bank, fees, \$35.00; Fur and Leather Creations, repairs, \$10.00; Furnas County Sheriff, sake-keeping, \$240.00; Tana Fye Henry, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$1,172.90; Graham Tire Company, repairs, \$613.96; Harlan County Attorney Trust Fund, costs, \$3.00; Harlan County Court, dismissals, \$477.00; Harlan County Health System, meals, medical, laundry, \$1,107.42; Harlan County Journal. Ads, \$423.77; Harlan County Senior Center, transit/comm. action, \$1,489.58; Harlan County Sheriff, fees, \$40.00; Harlan County Treasurer, \$46.05; Hays Pharmacy, medical, \$88.16; Dawn Hetrick, postage, \$2.45; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$456.71; Holdrege Daily Citizen, ads, \$64.38; Joe Camera, fees, \$63.46; Jesse Langley, meals, \$35.97; Hometown Lawn Care, service call, \$120.00; M & B Business Machine, copies, \$153.00; Main Street Variety, supplies, \$7.00; Mary Lanning Healthcare, medical, \$68.44; Bryan McQuay, mileage, \$258.68, cell phone \$45.00 Ron Melbye, cell phone, \$45.00; Mips, Inc, website, emails, \$1,298.42; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, fees, \$105.00; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, service, \$96.00; NPPD., utilities, \$611.37; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, dues, \$175.00; Office Solutions, supplies, \$1,820.92 Person & McQuay Law Office, rent, phone, salary, child support, \$5,843.67; Platte Valley Communications, service, \$588.50; Darcie Porter, cell phone, \$45.00; Quill, supplies, \$592.50; Jessie Martin, mileage, \$63.45; Michael Richman, cell phone, \$45.00; Katie ring, mileage, \$77.72; Region III Behavioral Health Services, \$2,256.67; RR Donnelley, supplies, \$108.23; Short Stop, fuel, \$103.87; State of Nebr, As 400 Central Services, data processing, \$732.84; The Lincoln National Life Ins Co, life/disability/dental, \$1,383.81; Tiger Commissary, supplies, \$105.00 Tripe Motor, service, \$1,370.52; Twin Valleys, utilities, \$10.62; U.S. Postmaster, co. atty. postage, \$130.00; United Health Care, health ins, \$16,467.96; University of Nebr. Medical Center, tests, \$25.00; UPS Lockbox, postage, \$23.10; Verizon Wireless, cell phones, 334.56; Kim Fouts, meals, fuel, supplies, \$223.52; Salary, \$ 78,385.73 Vendor \$51,099.00

CLAIMS

ROAD

A & M AG Partners, INC, seed, \$1,234.50; Ace Irrigation, culverts, \$728.65; Ag Valley Co-Op, fuel, \$176.84; Alma Auto Parts, \$133.06; B.H Hesemann Shop, welding, \$109.38; Bosselman, INC, fuel, \$2,291.04; CHS Agri Service Center, supplies, \$1,878.59; City Of Alma, utilities, \$55.18; Cooperative Producers, Inc, oil, \$1,343.84; Jim Dietz, retirement; \$25.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$14.40; Eagle Communications, telephone, \$35.00; First



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National Bank, supplies, \$894.35; Harlan County Journal, print/pub. \$253.52; Hometown Leasing, equip., \$73.22; Huntley Service, \$21.07; Inland Truck Parts & Service, \$215.00; Keith Samuelson Land Leveling, INC, service, \$6,260.00; M.J. Lubeck, \$250.00; Main Street Variety, supplies, \$53.94; Mips, highway program, \$128.38; Oak Creek Engineering, fees, \$6,137.02; Overton Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$5,760.96; Platte Valley Communications, \$240.65; Quill Corporation, \$97.09; S & W Auto Parts, supplies, \$821.19; Stamford Service, fuel, \$98.90; T & F Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$22,791.03; The Lincoln National Life, ins, \$726.56; Twin Valleys Public Power, \$205.57; Ultimate Machine, \$3,073.00; United Health Care, ins. \$10,366.21; Verizon Wireless, phones, \$123.95; Village of Republican City, water, \$60.25; Salary, \$45,371.66 Vendors \$65,135.13

911 FUND

City of Holdrege, \$840.38 Eagle Communications, \$20.00

LOTTERY FUND

Safe Center, \$1,000.00

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT SINKING FUND

Equipment/phone system, \$672.00

HIGHWAY BRIDGE FUND

Crow Creek project, \$89,177.09