

Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room

10:00 a.m. November 19th, 2019

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday November 19th, 2019 with Supervisors Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Mike Clements, Jeff Bash, Traci Dietz, Bill Hogeland, absent was Cindy Boehler. Also in attendance were County Clerk, Janet Dietz, Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson and County Attorney Bryan McQuay. Several members from the Hospital Board/Trustees and public were in attendance.

Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings law posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance; Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

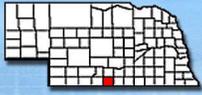
Minutes from the November 5th 2019, meeting was reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Clements to accept as submitted, 2nd by Schluntz. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented claims for approval. After Board review, motion made by Bash, 2nd by Schluntz to approve claims as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried

Bruce Beins, Harlan County Hospital Trustee Chairman, joined the meeting. Bruce brought to the Board a new monthly financial report.(same document hospital reviews at their board meeting) A lengthy discussion was held on CEO investigation report, getting copies of the report, meeting with the Hospital Auditor's, and the construction loan. Chairman Dietz tabled #3, #4 and #5 on the agenda until the next meeting. Further questions for the board from the public were leaving #3, Discuss concerns of Harlan County Hospital Board of Trustees oversight, (tabled from 11/05/2019), #4 Consider continuing membership of Harlan County Hospital Board of Trustee members, (tabled from 10/18/2019 meeting). #5. Possible appointment/appointments of Harlan County Hospital Board of Trustee member/members, (tabled from 11/05/2019). Chairman Dietz advised these items will be left on the agenda, to protect this Board and in necessary to make a decision and take action. Bruce Beins will work with the Clerk to set up a time to meet with the Hospital auditor's, and making it a public meeting at the Johnson Center.

County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson joined the meeting. Discussion was held on 725 Bridge/Asche Bridge, road repairs, FEMA reimbursement, applying for Bridge Match Program Funds. Tim brought (2) ROW 2019-#5 and # (6) for review. Clerk brought forth the Year End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent, Resolution 2019-#19 for approval. County board reviewed the documents; motion was made by Hogeland 2nd by M. Schultz to approve and sign. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk also brought forth the Critical Fracture Bridge Inspection Agreement. Project No. STP-NBIS (118) Control No. 01003. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by M. Schultz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.(resolution 2019-#20)

Harlan County Extension Secretary Dawn Hetrick joined the meeting. Dawn brought to the Board (2) extension Board membership appointments. Jessie Koch for District #2. Motion



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made by M. Schultz, 2nd by Bash to appoint Jessie Koch. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Dawn provided Linda Nickel for District #1. Motion made by Clements 2nd by Bash to approve Linda Nickel for District #4. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Extension discussed closing all day Christmas Eve using vacation. Board agreed. Clerk advised her office would be closed also, and suggested that the Assessor and Treasure would follow suit.

Public forum discussion. Supervisor Clements discussed having C-Tech test the air quality in the basement. Supervisor Clements advise the air quality is good down there but suggested to fix the floor drains, and trim the cork board near the floor base board. North side of the building has draining issues. Discussion was held on road department moving to the old building up north. (along 183). Supervisor Clements said the move would be very expensive. Supervisor Hogeland spoke on getting the roads and bridges fixed first. Supervisor Hogeland discussed the janitor is in the process of sealing/cleaning all the lower windows, cleaning all the old “stuff” in the basement was discussed. Patty Rebman would like to see the board continue to look at the hospital financials and personnel issues. Supervisor Hogeland would like to clear the air about the hospital. Hogeland has no interest in closing or running the hospital. Hogeland feels the hospital staff needs to feel happy and not intimidated, continue further review of finances, and review the investigation of the hospital CEO. Supervisor Schluntz wants to know where Hogeland is going with this issue, and what are we going to accomplish. Supervisor Clements wanted to know what the criteria will be for removing a trustee. Supervisor Bash spoke that these meetings have brought forth issues that needed dealt with.

With no one from the public to address the Board, Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm. December meetings will be on the 3rd at 1:00pm and 17th at 10.00am.

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Attest

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

GENERAL FUND

Harlan County Health Systems, meals/laundry, \$1,608.00; MPH, Industries, supplies, \$59.12;NACO, registration, \$750.00; Nebraska Sheriff’s Association, dues, \$100.00; Phelps County Sheriff, safe-keeping, \$1,485.00; Twin Valleys, utilities, \$75.59.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND

First State Bank, Interest payment, and registrar fees, \$19,298.75.

INHERITANCE TAX

Estate of Gerald Schluntz, refund, \$139.50