



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday February 18th, 2020

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday February 18th, 2020 with Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Mike Clements, Cynthia Boehler, Jeff Bash, Traci Dietz, and Tony Gulizia. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road /Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson. Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceeding while the convened meeting was open to the public. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk brought to the Board claims for approval. After Board review, motion was made by Clements, 2nd by Boehler to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes from the February 4th, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Boehler to approve as submitted. Roll call votes all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road/Weed Superintendent joined the meeting. Tim discussed FEMA disbursements, budget transfers, new motor grader purchase, dump truck repairs/purchase. County board advised Tim to bring back bid specs and dollar estimates.

Les Lacy, interim Harlan County Hospital CEO, joined the meeting and brought to the board the monthly financials, discussed were Medicare settlement, in house cyber-attack, getting the minutes in the newspaper, and the Hospital audit taking place this week. Chairman Dietz asked how the hospital is doing with all the changes, Les replied just fine, before and now. Supervisor Schluntz discussed that the negativity is still a problem and legal costs are up.

County Attorney left at 11:30 am.

JD. Schluntz joined the meeting to discuss "In God we Trust" lettering being added to the front interior of the courthouse. JD would like to pay for it. Building and grounds will move forward with the project.

County Clerk proceeded with the conference call to Dustin Will, Benefit Management for further updates on health insurance renewals. Dustin provided the Clerk with the contracts, United Health Care and Mid America to handle the deductible reimbursement. (Clerk



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forwarded to County Attorney for review) Discussion was held on “prefunding” the deductible account for future claims. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Schluntz, 2nd by Bash to prefund the account with \$30,000. (from General Fund, Clerk will get a claim at the next meeting) Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion was made by Bash, 2nd by Clements to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Assessor Kim Fouts brought forth Tax List correction # 1315. (This should have been deleted.) Motion was made by Clements, 2nd by Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Clements, 2nd by Schluntz to return to regular session.

REGULAR SESSION

County Treasurer Sandy Artz joined the meeting. Sandy provided the board with the FEMA receipts. Sandy also requested to follow the Presidential/Governor Declaration of December 24th a paid “holiday” for the courthouse staff, (staff would not be required to use a vacation day.) Discussion was held, motion was made by Clements to follow the Presidential/Governor Declaration of Christmas Eve holiday, 2nd by Gulizia. Roll call votes, Schluntz, Clements, Boehler, Bash, Gulizia-yes, Dietz, and Schultz- no. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boehler would like to nominate Doris Brandon for (District #4) Harlan County Hospital Trustee. Discussion was held, motion was made by Bash, 2nd by Boehler to nominate Doris Brandon, roll call votes, all ayes with Supervisor # 1, Schluntz-no. Motion carried. Further discussion was held on appointments and following district boundaries vs Supervisors choice of a Trustee. Supervisor Clements, followed with a motion to appoint Larry Casper, (this would be (2) in his District) 2nd by Schluntz. Roll call votes Schultz, Bash, Boehler, Schluntz, and Dietz-no, Clements and Gulizia-yes. Motion failed.

No updates were provided by the County Attorney for the Surveyor ballot issue, Township ballot issue, Tourism job description, or the Janitor job description. Clerk provided the Community Action program packet, also discussion was held on electronic recycling and cleanup of the basement.



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Chairman Dietz asked the attendees if they were here for any public input. Lee Calkins spoke of new Supervisor Tony Gulizia not picking a hospital Trustee, he was informed the position is not open at this time as it was filled in December.

March meetings will be March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. and March 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

Attest,

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk Traci Dietz, Chairman

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CLAIMS

General Fund

Auto Creations, repair, \$185.50; CIOX Health, copy fees, \$20.00; Janet Dietz, meal/mileage, \$97.49; NACO, Central District Assoc. regt., \$120.00; Short Stop, fuel, \$82.29; Quill Corp, supplies, \$657.39; Twi n Valleys Public Power, utilities, \$76.87; NE Association of County Treasures, dues, \$50.00; Platte Valley Communications, service, \$50.46; Physicians Laboratory, autopsy, \$2,430.00, MIPS data proc. \$162.50; Darcie Porter, cell phone, \$45.00; Hays Pharmacy, medical, \$305.09; Intoximeters, supplies, \$364.50; Harlan County Health Systems, meals, laundry, \$340.50; Main Street Variety, supplies, \$4.99; Harlan County Court, costs, \$62.75; Electronic Systems, inspections, \$65.00.