



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday March 3rd, 2020, 1: 00 pm

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Mike Clements, Cynthia Boehler, Jeff Bash, Traci Dietz, and Tony Gulizia. Chairman Dietz opened the meeting at 10:00 am, announced the open meetings act and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. County Board proceeded with the auditing of claims, with the Road Superintendent present and recessed for lunch at 11:30 am.

Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceeding while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the February 18th, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Boehler 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash to accept as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

The morning was spent auditing claims. Further discussion was needed with the County Attorney as (1) claim was held. Chairman wanted clarification on the credit card for child support. County Attorney spoke to the board that is used for training and has a \$500.00 limit. Motion was made by Schluntz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to approve, roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent brought forth (1) ROW 2020-#1 for review. Road Superintendent also presented a request to change the fee amount on the Permit to Construct Utilities on County Right of Way from \$100.00 to \$100.00 per mile.( this will cover the repairs the county has) Motion was made by Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash to approve the fee increase. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was also held on the email the Clerk and Road Superintendent received from Naco discussing the responsibility of the intersection of roads.

Deputy County Treasurer Brittany Artz joined the meeting to request to start a new Insurance reimbursement fund-County Share. Motion made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clement to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Motion made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. County Assessor brought forth the tax list exemptions, (correcting the approval on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, as they have



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to be heard between February 1 and June 1) Motion was made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clements to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## REGULAR SESSION

Harlan County Trustee Chairman Mary Jo Christensen joined the meeting. Mary Jo discussed the hospital board having a special meeting this week to hire an Interim CEO for a period of (3) months, audit has been completed and a review will be at the next hospital board meeting, also discussed was The Nebraska State Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health made an unscheduled visit to the Alma and Oxford clinics and no deficiencies were found.

Board reviewed Clerk/Register of Deeds and District Court monthly reports. Clerk also discussed the November ballot issue of electing a surveyor.

Discussion was held on the Tourism job description and putting the ad in the newspaper, also recruiting (5) Tourism committee members. County Attorney will submit the description to the newspaper and Clerk's office will receive the applications. Motion was made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schultz to appoint Cindy Boehler to the tourism committee, roll call votes, all ayes, (with Boehler abstaining), motion carried. Motion was followed with Schluntz making a motion to appoint Marcy De Jonge to the tourism committee. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. (Marilyn Snodgrass is the other member.)

County Attorney is still working on the Janitor job description. County Attorney will contact the Union for negotiations, (meetings for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and or 30<sup>th</sup>.)

## PUBLIC HEARING

At 2:00 pm Chairman Dietz opened the public hearing as advertised for the Township Organization ballot issue for the November 2020 Election. Tom Tomas from Orleans was present. JD Schluntz spoke that he would discourage the passage of discontinuance. Tomas spoke that the township did not file a budget this year as they would have exceeded the allowed funds; the other issue is what to do with the Orleans Library and Cemetery. Clerk advised more than 50% are inactive with the passage of the County Road Unit System in 2012. (this required the townships to turn in their funds to the County Treasurer.) Further discussion is needed, motion made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to close the public hearing.

Supervisor Clements discussed the grants approved for the tire recycling, (August 12<sup>th</sup> 8-12, noon,) household waste, (May 8<sup>th</sup> 2-4) all taking place at the south street location in Alma. Electronic recycling is set up for April 17<sup>th</sup> 8: 00 am to Noon at the corner of John St and South.

A very lengthy discussion was held with several members of the public regarding the removal of the Harlan County Health System former trustees, finances, toxic culture.

Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 3:35p.m.



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Next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. ([harlancounty.ne.gov](http://harlancounty.ne.gov))

Attest

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman of the Board

(seal)

## Claims

### General Fund

Alma United Methodist Church, rent, clinic, \$75.00; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, ct. appt. atty, fees, \$541.75; Jeff Bash, cell phone, \$45.00; Melodie Bellamy, cell phone; \$20.00; Cindy Boehler, cell phone, \$45.00; Calkins Law Office, ct. appt. atty, fees, \$712.50; Michael Carper, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$19.00; Cenex Credit Card, fuel, \$410.48; Mike Clements, cell phone, \$45.00, mileage, \$52.90; City of Alma, utilities, \$870.00; Clerk of the District Court, fees, \$519.00; Daake Law Office, LLC, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$1,491.50; Dewalt Deaver, P.C. L.L.C, ct. appt. atty., \$1,249.75; Marcy DeJonge, mileage, \$35.31; Janet Dietz, cell phone; \$45.00; Traci Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Wayne Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Kim Fouts, meal, mileage, \$119.32; Eagle Communications, internet/phone, \$681.38; Eakes Office, supplies, \$43.63; First National Bank supplies, \$1,349.23; First State Bank, fees, \$35.00; Harlan County Court, fees, \$84.00; Harlan County Health System, medical, \$40.09; Harlan County Sheriff, fees, \$18.50; Dawn Hetrick, supplies/postage/mileage, \$64.16; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$68.74; Main Street Media, printing & publishing, \$579.44; Main Street variety, supplies, \$13.93; Jessie Martin, mileage, \$39.85; Mid-American Benefits, Inc, insurance reimbursement, \$30,000.00; Ron Melbye, cell phone, \$45.00; MIPS, data proc. \$1,329.62; Bryan McQuay, cell phone, \$45.00; Kevin Molzahn, snow removal, \$620.00; NACEB, dues, \$100.00; NPPD, utilities, \$452.42; Office Solutions Associates, supp, \$513.89; Michael Richman, cell phone, \$45.00; Person & McQuay Law Office, contr. services, \$5,843.67; Phelps County Emergency Management, computer, \$1,000.00; Darcie Porter, cell phone, \$45.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc, postage/lease, \$382.80; Quill Corporation, supplies, \$205.72; Rose Plumbing, repairs, \$1,270.40; State of Nebraska-AS Central, data processing & teletype, \$732.84; The Lincoln National Life, ins, \$1329.69; Trustworthy, supplies, \$51.49; United Healthcare, health ins, \$13,056.06; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$333.68; Vendors, \$66,810.33 and Salary & Wage, \$77,844.34

### ROAD FUND

Adams Construction Company, hauling fee, \$450.00; Ag Valley Co-Op, fuel, \$79.61; Alma Auto Parts, supplies, \$81.75; B.H. Hesemann Shop, supplies, \$106.95; Bosselman, Inc, fuel, \$1,375.02; Cecon of Kansas, rock, \$6,790.00; Christensen Electric, repair, \$262.50; CHS Agri-Service, Center, LP gas/fuel, supplies, \$2,256.63; City of Alma, trash/water, \$55.18; Curly's Radiator Service, repairs, \$191.00; Jim Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$14.40; Eagle Comm. phone, \$35.00; Harlan County Journal, ads, \$22.00; Hireright, subscript., \$250.00; Holdrege Auto Parts, parts, \$162.12; HomeTown Leasing, printer, \$73.22; Huntley Service, supplies, \$19.72; Jim's OK Tire Store, tires, \$4,379.00; Main Street Variety, supplies, \$20.44; M. J. Lubeck, rent, \$250.00; MIPS, data processing, \$128.38; NACE, dues, \$160.00; NMC Exchange, supplies, \$2,341.63; Nebraska Weed Control Assn, dues, \$120.00; Oak Creek Engineering, fees, \$2,537.04; Overhead Door, doors/repairs, \$1,155.00; S & W Auto Parts, supplies, \$1,355.24; Titan Machinery, blades, \$221.97; The Lincoln National Life, ins, \$570.55; Twin Valleys, Public Power, elect. \$465.64; Van Diest Supply Co,



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chemicals, \$779.00; United Health Care, ins, \$10,087.80; Verizon Wireless, phones, \$123.15; Village of Republican City, utilities, \$30.00; Whites Auto Glass, repairs, \$125.00; Vendors \$37,099.22 and Salary & Wage, \$36,499.69

## **911 EMERGENCY FUNDS**

City of Holdrege, 911 surcharges. \$744.18, and Eagle, \$20.00

## **NOXIOUS WEED**

Interfund Transfer \$311.40

## **LOTTERY FUND**

Nebraska Dept. Of Revenue lottery license, \$100.00

## **COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT**

Eagle Communications-phone system \$672.00

Township transfers to Road-, \$6,377.86