



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisors Room, Alma, NE

10:00 am. May 19th, 2020

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday May 19th, 2020 with Supervisors Chris Schluntz, Max Schultz, Michael Clements, Cindi Boehler, Jeff Bash, Traci Dietz, and Tony Gulizia. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz and 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. (Due to Covid-19, meetings are carried out in the large meeting room with a limit of 10.)

Chairman Dietz welcomed Harlan County Hospital Interim CEO, Patrick Auman, Ph.D. and Interim CFO Richard Harning, and Executive Assistant April Einspahr. CEO and CFO provided finances to the board, a lengthy discussion was held on the hospital and its finances. April Einspahr requested the county board to remove Patty Rebman from the hospital trustee board.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Motion was made by Boehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Treasurer came before the board to request tax exempt approval of 2017 Chevy Silverado pickup for Camp Joy. ( needs to be renewed in May) Motion was made by Boehler 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Assessor brought to the board, “board corrections errors”. (a complete list is available in the Assessor’s office) Board reviewed and a motion was made by Bash, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Schultz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boehler to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

County Treasurer discussed an old resolution allowing the office to accept partial payments. County Treasurer would like to nullify the resolution and close the account. Motion was made by Clements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gulizia to direct the Treasure to close the account and no longer accept partial payments. Roll call votes, District # 6-Dietz-no, all remaining voted cast were yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor requested to set protest hearing dates, Board set July 13 and 14 starting at 10:00am.

Discussion was held on the additional fund request from Region (3). Supervisor Gulizia spoke with the flooding, Ag issues and Covid-19 an additional county match is requested. (\$1,252.75). Motion was made by Clements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Attorney discussed the Union Contract wage increase for 2%. Negotiations continue. Discussion on adding a Public Defender for budget purposes was discussed.

County Road Superintendent discussed with the board ROW 2020-#3, also discussed was the job interviews and general consensus to hire (2) individuals (possible (1) part-time) . General consensus was given.

Chairman recessed the meeting at 12:00 for lunch and to reconvene at 1:00 to meet with the CPA and review the bids for the Bridges.



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Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00. Motion was made by Bash to amend the agenda to approve the claims. Claims were reviewed, Motion was made by Bash 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gulizia to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Max to amend the agenda to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, Motion made by Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clements to approve the minutes as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the request from Assessor and Treasurer to remodel the counter tops and add Plexiglas for safety. It was decided to have Building and Grounds employee make temporary sneeze guards and review the ada standards, review safety procedures with NIRMA Insurance. Once the protective guards are in place, a possible courthouse opening would be June 1.

Chairman Dietz read aloud the resignation of Patty Rebman from the Harlan County Hospital Trustee Board. Motion was made by Gulizia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clements to accept. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent and Lance Harter joined the meeting. At 2:00 pm, Chairman Dietz opened and read aloud each of the (5) bids for projects #C004200410 and #C004242415. ( questions can be directed to the County Road Super). County board will review option/bids at the next meeting.

With no one from the public to address the board, Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m. June meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Budget workshop was held with Bob Dunaway. Discussion was held on wage increases, Hospital Bond Fund, requesting additional funds from the hospital, and City of Alma. Supervisor Clements suggested that the City of Alma will not provide any additional funds. Budget worksheets are due to the Clerk's office by July 1,2020.

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

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## CLAIMS

## GENERAL FUND

First Addition Printing, \$935.00, G Works, \$8,400.00, Pritchard & Abbott, Inc, \$830.00 Region (3) \$1,252.75; Valley Voice, \$36.00



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