



Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's room, Alma NE

Tuesday July 7th, 2020 1:00 p.m.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday July 7th, 2020 with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz, Mike Clements, Cindy Boehler, Traci Dietz, and Tony Gulizia, Max Schultz and Jeff Bash. Also in attendance was County Clerk Janet Dietz, 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 proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk left at 10:05 am. County Road Superintendent remained for claim review.

Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 pm. The morning was spent auditing and allowing payroll and vendor claims. County Attorney was present in the afternoon session.

Minutes from the June 16th meeting were reviewed. Chairman Dietz called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Bash to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Schluntz. Roll call votes, all ayes, (District #2 Schultz, abstained, was not present) motion carried.

Motion was made by Boehler and 2nd by Bash to approve the payroll and vendor claims. (transfer of \$100,000 from inheritance to road with possible payback was included in the claims and discussed) Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

James and Royce Bose joined the meeting. A very lengthy discussion was held on the closed bridges on E and H roads. Discussion was on how long they have been closed, repairing with steel vs timber, and or concrete boxes, (Bose's would supply all the dirt), allowing local traffic, also discussed were guard rails on "B" road south of Stamford, (due to accidents). Chairman Dietz spoke of guard rails needed on the curve south of "Boehler's farm" on 709 and L road. County Board thanked the Bose's for coming in.

Harlan County Senior Center Director Bonnie Kresser and Senior Center Board member Doris Brandon joined the meeting. Bonnie was here to request \$18,468 for the Senior Center Budget. (transportation, meals, chore service budget) Motion was made by Clements, 2nd by Bash to approve the budget request. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson joined the meeting. Tim brought (1) Row-2020-#5 for review. Chairman also signed the notice to proceed on projects,



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C004200410 and C004242415. . Superintendent also brought forth the renewal for culverts with Ace Eaton Metals.(same price as last year) Motion was made by bash, 2nd by Boehler to accept the 2020-2021 culvert bids. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion made by Clements, 2nd by Schluntz to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Assessor Kim Fouts brought in (3) tax list corrections. Motion was made by Schluntz 2nd by Boehler to void tax list correction #1318, and accept the (2) board corrections. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Gulizia to return to regular session. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

County Treasurer Sandy Artz discussed Pledge Security release, Payment in Lieu of Taxes received, (\$86,351) Harlan County Hospital fully refunded the Bond and Interest payment previously made by the county. (Treasurer reported balance in the account is approximately \$428,000). Short discussion was held on the health insurance credit. Clerk spoke it is a credit and there are no funds to reimburse, also discussed was possible payback to employees could result in taxable income and the county board instructed the Clerk to apply the credit to a future health insurance bill.

County Assessor rejoined the meeting and requested to have public hearing for the Baptist Church, Chairman advised to hold the hearing at the first meeting in August.

Clerk presented the Region (3) 2 year contract. County Attorney reviewed. This contract is for Emergency Protective Custody Services. Motion made by Boehler, 2nd by Gulizia to approve the contract. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County board approved the Clerk and District court reports, Dept. of Transportation allocations for the Road Department,(STP funds, \$91,246.39, Bridge, \$45,002.04 and Highway allocations of \$813,801.00) Engagement letter for the State auditor was signed by the Chairman, County Board requested the Clerk to get a proposal for audit from the State Auditors, Auditors will be here August 12. Clerk also discussed with the Board the problems with the public charging fees for recordings in her office. Clerk is billing to collect the fees, and they are not getting the collections back to her office in time to issue checks remitted to the Harlan County Treasurer. Clerk spoke with the State Auditor, they advised the Clerk to notify the board effective immediately the office will require payments made at the time of filing and eliminate the practice of charging.

County Board decided to put on hold the Lower South Platte/Community Wildfire protection program phone conference until the Emergency Manager was able to attend the meeting.



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County Attorney and Clerk brought forth the Resolution 2020- #6, needed to submit to the voters, whether to elect a County Surveyor or not. Motion made by Clements 2nd by Bash to accept the resolution and submit the question to the County at the General Election. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Attorney discussed the Union negotiations; Union accepted the (2%) (2) year contract. County Attorney brought forth the Public Defender Resolution 2020-#7. This will create a (3) member board which shall screen applications and forward the names of qualified applicants to the County Board. Motion was made by Schluntz, 2nd by Clements to accept the resolution. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. County Attorney brought forth the Child Support Contract for renewal. Discussion was held on the State of NE/DHHS offer to do this for free, County Attorney discussed keeping it local, and 2/3rds expenses are returned back to the County, also contract renewal is the same as last year. (\$1,542.00 per month, \$18,504.00 a year for budget purposes). Motion was made by Gulizia, 2nd by Clements to approve the Child support contract with the County Attorney for 2020-2021. Roll call votes, Schultz-no, Clements-no, Boehler-yes, Bash-yes, Schluntz-yes, Gulizia-yes and Dietz-no. Motion carried.

With budget process, Clerk brought forth the Johnson Control renewal contract. It will expire on August 31st, 2020 and requires a 45 notice to cancel. County Attorney advised to have a special meeting on July 13th to discuss. Clerk will schedule the special meeting to be at 9:30 am and put up notices.

Discussion was held on appointment to the Harlan County Hospital Trustees. Supervisor Gulizia presented the name of Austin Davis. Motion was made by Gulizia, 2nd by Clements to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no one from the public to address the Board, Chairman Dietz adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Special meeting will take place on July 13th at 9:30 am and Board of Equalization will follow. Next regular meeting will be July 21st at 10:00 am.

Attest

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

Traci Dietz, Chairman

(Seal)



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Claims

General Fund

Adams County

EMA, dues, \$100.00; Andersen, Klein, Brewster & Brandt, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$104.50; Bob Barker Company, Inc, supplies; \$711.65; Melodie Bellamy, cellphone, \$20.00; Jeff Bash, cellphone, \$45.00; Cindy Boehler, cellphone, \$45.00; Dianne Calkins, renewal, \$18.00; Joe Camera, supplies, \$108.00; Cenex Credit Card Dept, fuel, \$298.93; City of Alma, utilities, \$870.00; Mike Clements, cellphone, \$45.00; Harlan County District Court fees, \$105.00; Justin Daake, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$959.50; Janet Dietz, cell phone \$45.00; Traci Dietz, cell phone, \$45.00; Wayne Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Marcy DeJonge, mileage, \$17.36; Eagle Communications, internet/phone, \$681.38; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, \$539.22; Election Systems & Software, LLC, \$1,028.82; First National Bank-Omaha Bank, supplies, \$1,475.30; First State Bank, direct deposit fees, \$35.00; Tana Fye Law Office, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$429.10; Harlan County Abstract, fees, \$200.00; Harlan County Clerk postage, \$7.75; Harlan County Court, fees, \$212.00; Harlan County Health System, blood test, laundry, meals, medical; \$3,066.01; Harlan County Journal, ads, \$277.91; Harlan County Senior Center, transit, \$780.00; Harlan County Sheriff's Dept. fees, \$58.36; Hays Pharmacy, medical, \$28.11; Dawn Hetrick, mileage, \$40.25 supplies, \$27.98; Hogeland's Market, supplies, \$212.19; Johnson Controls, service, \$1,177.08; Mid America, admin fees, \$155.00; Bryan McQuay, cellphone, \$45.00; Ron Melbye, cell phone, \$45.00; Max Schultz, cellphone, \$45.00; MIPS, data proc., \$1,495.19; Nebraska Association of County Officials, dues, assessor workshop, \$1,489.94; Nebraska County Attorneys Association, dues, \$665.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, tests, \$105.00; NPPD, utilities, \$893.76; Office Solutions, supplies, \$443.29; Person & McQuay Law Office, phone, rent, services, child support, \$5,843.67; Pitney Bowes, rental, \$100.56;; Darcie Porter, cell phone, \$45.00; Quill, supplies, \$235.75; Region (3) mental Health, \$2,229.04; Michael Richman, cell phone, \$45.00; State of Nebr. DAS Central Finance, data proc. \$732.84; Thomas Stewart, ct. appt. atty. fees, \$304.00; Elena Stout, supplies, \$21.48; The Lincoln National Life, life/disability/dental, ins, \$1,364.38; Tripe Motor, Inc, service, \$254.10; Trustworthy Hardware, supplies, \$ 24.46; Vanguard, assessor-computer program, \$18,160.00; United Healthcare, insurance, \$16,317.31; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, \$203.32; Salary \$ 81,180.09 & Vendors, \$ 67,742.01

ROAD FUND

Ace Irrigation & MFG. Co, culverts, \$1,026.75; Ag Valley Co-op, supplies, \$55.05; Alma Auto Parts, supplies, \$666.19; Barco Municipal Products, \$550.60; Bosselmann, Inc, fuel, \$8,199.38; CHS Agri Service Center, fuel & parts, \$1,532.91; City of Alma, utilities, \$55.18; James R. Dietz, retirement, \$25.00; Willis Dietz, retirement, \$14.40; Eakes Office Solutions, \$94.36; Eagle Communications. phone, \$35.00; First National Bank-Omaha, postage, \$6.95; GWORKS, sign program, \$428.40; Harlan County Health Systems,



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drug/alcohol testing, \$654.00; Harlan County Journal ads, \$74.65; Hineright Solutions, alcohol/drug test, \$372.16; Holdrege Auto Parts, equip/freight, \$124.28; Hometown Leasing, printer, \$73.22; Huntley Service, repairs, \$60.88; J & A Traffic Products, \$1,188.00; Jet Plain, \$4,500.00; Local Equipment, supplies, \$107.00; M. J. Lubeck, rent, \$250.00; Scott Marquardt, tree removal, \$3,697.50; Mips, INC, programing, \$130.71; Murphy Tractor, supplies, \$287.43; NMC Exchange, repairs/ parts, \$8,144.77; Overton Sand & Gravel Co. rock, \$7,217.52; Platte Valley Communications, service, \$652.75; POMPS Tire Service, grader tires, \$5,850.00; RDO Truck Centers, freight/equip repairs, \$151.17; S & W Auto-Parts, supplies, \$199.00; Signs Solutions, signs, \$65.00; Stamford Service, fuel, \$137.90; T & F Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$44,401.37; The Lincoln National Life, life/disability/dental ins. \$722.41; Tripe Motor, service, \$71.31; Twin Valleys Public Power, \$228.02; United Health Care, health ins, \$11,853.23; Verizon Wireless, cell phone, Tim; \$68.55; Salary \$40,792.81 & Vendors \$105,559.13

TOURISM FUND

Hanna Tripe, software, \$143.92; Salary, \$900.00; The Lincoln National Life, life ins/disability, \$24.24

Courthouse Equipment Improvement Fund

Courthouse phone system \$672.00

911 EMERGENCY FUNDS

City of Holdrege, 911 surcharges, \$691.36; Eagle \$20.00

MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT

Community Bank-July contribution, \$11,262.50

911 Emergency Funds

Barco-911 signs, \$800.00

LOTTERY FUND

Harlan County Clerk-postage, \$7.75; South Central NE Area agency on Aging, dues, \$969.00

INHERITANCE FUND

Transfer to Road Dept, \$100,000.

911 Emergency Funds



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Barco Municipal Products, signs, \$800.00