

## Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma Ne

10:00 a.m. April 20th 2021

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday April 20th, 2021 with Supervisors Mike Clements, Cindy Boehler, Jeff Bash, Max Schultz, Chris Schluntz, Tony Gulizia, and Ron Imm. Also in attendance were Deputy County Clerk Deb Jensen, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Patrick Auman and Shelli Shelton with Harlan County Health System, Angie Bellware Harlan County Journal, Brittany Artz Harlan County Treasurers Office, Tobin Buchanan, and Road/Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson.

Chairman Boehler 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. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy County Clerk took all proceeding while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the April 6th, 2021 were reviewed. Chairman Boehler called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Schluntz to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk brought claims forth for approval. Discuss was held regarding funds for the JEO claim (Mitigation Fund is close to budgeted amount). Motion by Clements to use funds from Miscellaneous General to pay the claim. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gulizia. Discussion also held on USDA predator control claim. Motion made by Bash, 2nd by Schluntz to pay the claims as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motions carried.

Patrick Auman and Shelli Shelton joined the meeting with updates on the First Quarter for Harlan County Health System. Highlights are they are doing well financially and outpatient services are doing well. There will be an open house on May 4, 2021 from 11-2, with the new surgeon in attendance. Also, Dr. Peterson will be leaving and they are actively recruiting.

While Auman and Shelton were present Boehler invited Tobin Buchanan with First National Capital Markets to join the meeting. Boehler inquired of Auman the Hospitals position on refinancing the Bond payment. Auman indicated they are on board with refinancing.

Tim Burgeson joined the meeting and presented a handout to the board members from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Project. Discussion was held regarding funding and river cleanup. Burgeson also presented for the boards information, two driveway permits for Taylor Manor. Burgeson also informed the board that he would like to reopen the Foreman/Safety Manager position. There is in-house interest and he would like it to be a salaried position. Next budget year, he may want to add an additional employee if they move an in-house employee to Foreman. The Road Committee believes the Foreman position is necessary and has given Burgeson permission to proceed.

While on the topic of Roads, McQuay indicated that there may be a need to discuss regulations/restrictions regarding ATV/golf cart use in recreational areas. McQuay will be seeking input from the Corps and Marinas, and requested the topic be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.



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Tobin Buchanan rejoined the meeting regarding refinancing of the Hospital Bond. He presented documents for signature. Discussion was held regarding market rates and interest savings. Clements made a Motion to proceed with the refinancing documents, second by Imm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Second Amendment Resolution previously before the Board. Bash made a Motion to sign the Resolution, Second by Gulizia. Roll call vote-all ayes. Motion carried. The Resolution was signed by the full board.

Becker presented the Federal Disaster Mitigation Quad Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan document for the Board's approval and signature. Motion by Bash, second by Clements, to approve and sign the document. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Public Defender Contract with Justin Daake. McQuay indicated that he would like to try to schedule Daake to attend the next board meeting to sign the contract.

Deputy County Clerk presented to the board for approval of Gworks to assist with redistricting. Motion by Boehler to approve the medium fee, second by Bash. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk presented to the board for approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for Kent Shaffer, DBA, Fisherman's Corner, 408 Highway 183, Alma NE for the Harlan County Governor's Cup Rules Meeting, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This will take place at Methodist Cove from approximately 1:00pm to 11:00 pm. Motion made by Clements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bash, to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Boehler asked Joseph Torrey to join the meeting, and explained that the Building and Grounds Committee had met yesterday with a representative from Hewgley & Associates, regarding remodeling and repairs to the Courthouse. Clements stated that the bid included everything they have discussed since last fall. Discussion was held regarding projects. Motion by Clements to accept the bid of Hewgley & Associates, and have the firm advertise for bids on projects #2 and #3. Second by Gulizia. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Boehler related that the board needs to schedule some additional meetings to begin Budget discussion, and that they schedule on the next meeting's agenda to nail down a date in May.

Shirley Stone joined the meeting inquiring if the Board had approved a 30/30 Plan. She passed out information she had acquired at a meeting in Norton, KS, and asked how to go about getting a Resolution passed in Harlan County. The Board related that the Plan has already been in the process and will be seeking to provide more information to the communities of Harlan County.

Boehler asked if there was anything else needing to be before the Board. Clements shared that the Household Hazardous waste recycling with be May 15, 2021 from 3-5 at the City Lot. Also electronics recycling will be May 21, 2021 from 1-5 and tire recycling will be in August.

With no one else from the public to address the Board, Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm. May board meetings will be May 4th at 1:00 p.m. & May 18th at 10:00 am.

Attest

Deb Jensen, Deputy County Clerk

Cindy Boehler, Chairman



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#### **CLAIMS**

### **General Fund**

Alma Auto Parts, supplies, \$1,644.99; Business World Products, supplies,\$444.22; Eagle Technology Solutions, supplies, \$156.95; Eakes, Office Solutions, supplies, \$611.22; First National Bank, supplies, \$50.00; Graham Tire Company, tires, \$594.72; Harlan County Attorney, postage, \$19.95; Harlan County Sheriff, fees, \$18.50; JEO Consulting, mitigation, \$6,770.10; Mips, supplies, \$551.41; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment, supplies, \$54.00; Platte Valley Communications, service, \$2,003.20; Quadient Finance USA, INC, postage, \$2,000.00: Quill Corp, supplies, \$196.90; Saint Louis University, autopsy, \$260.50; Twin Valleys, utilities, \$94.80; USDA, animal control, \$2,777.87.