

Harlan County Board Minutes



HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisors Room, Alma, NE
February 7, 2023, @ 1:00 p.m.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; Ron Imm; and Tony Gulizia present. Also present were County Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; County Attorney, Bryan McQuay; Deputy County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy; Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; County Assessor, Kim Fouts; County Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Courthouse Caretaker, Joe Torrey and two representatives from Vyve with an Electrician working with Vyve.

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman, Tony Gulizia called the meeting to order and announced that there is a copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Gulizia asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the January 17, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Bash, Seconded by Boehler to approve the January 17, 2023, minutes as written. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-Abstained; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Chairman Gulizia's payroll claim was corrected to include the new chairman rate as set by resolution previously. One claim was withheld to be discussed in executive session later. Motion was made by Clements to approve all claims with the exclusion of the one being withheld. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

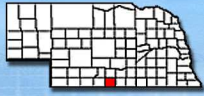
Extension Agent, Rebecca Dahlgren joined the meeting and approached the Board with an update regarding job applicant interviews that were held for the open position within the Extension office. There were five applicants for the advertised position. Ms. Dahlgren advised that Anna Fisher was the applicant that was chosen to fulfil the position and asked for the Board's approval to hire Anna Fisher full-time at 35 hours per week with full County benefits. Ms. Fisher would be available to start May 10th, 2023, upon graduating from college. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the hiring of Anna Fisher as requested. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Rebecca Dahlgren then proposed the need for a County credit card for the extension office to be able to purchase necessary materials to avoid using a personal credit card. Rebecca also advised that a County email was not needed at this time since she had one provided through the University of Lincoln. These matters were tabled to allow for further discussion.

Rebecca also advised that an Extension Board member resigned effective immediately and there was a need to find another member to fulfil the vacancy. She further advised that she found someone and requested that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the next board meeting.

Ron Melbye with Zoning provided the Board with a summary report showing the number of Zoning Applications for 2022. He was not present at the meeting.

Treasurer, Sandy Artz provided the Board with a Fund Balance Listing Report as of January 31, 2023, and a Delinquent Tax Listing Report.



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Assistant Veterans Officer, Marge Melroy, was unavailable to provide an update.

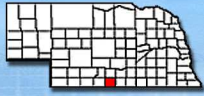
County Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson presented the Board with a proposed Resolution (Resolution #2023-2) to move funds within the General Funds account to the Child Support Enforcement Budget to correct an oversight that occurred when the County Budgets were adopted. After discussion, a motion was made by Bash to approve Resolution #2023-2. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Gulizia requested the Board's input in regards to revising the commencement time for future Board meetings. Discussion was held to have both the first and third Tuesday meetings commence at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to be consistent or continue with the 1:00 p.m. commencement time for the meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month and 10:00 a.m. for the meetings held on the third Tuesday of the month. It was also suggested that the meetings start at 9:00 a.m. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: At 1:45 p.m. Bash made the motion to go into the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. Assessor, Kim Fouts advised of tax list corrections #1372, 1373, 1374 and 1375. Corrections needed were due to changes in personal property. After discussion, motion was made by Clements to approve the tax list corrections as presented. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. With no further Board of Equalization business, motion to go out of Board of Equalization was made by Schluntz. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

At 1:50 p.m., the Board returned to regular session. Janis Lovitt and Mike (Engineer) with Vyve along with Corbin (an independent Electrician working with Vyve) addressed the Board in regards to a project in which they submitted a bid of \$57,112.00 for the updating and relocation of the cable and network tower currently located in the clerk's office. Vyve proposed that by relocating the tower it would be placed in a secure location locked in the Sheriff's office, expanded services would be available, Vyve would update the wiring with new cables, and install new modems and switches. Vyve would then be responsible for maintaining the tower. Discussion was held by the Board regarding the funds being available from a Grant (\$50,000) to complete the project and asked Joe Torrey if additional funds were available in the Buildings and Grounds Budget to provide the additional funds needed to cover the bid for the project. Joe advised that there are funds available for this and proceeded to further explain some of the reasons for the request to move the tower. There are multiple splitters that are completely unnecessary, there will be new video conferencing upgrades to the Courtroom in which efficient internet service will be needed and the benefits to having new cables with unnecessary wires and splitters removed. Vyve also advised that, if, the Board approved the project, the project would take approximately two to three weeks to complete, that the work should not affect daily business in that the down time would be evenings and weekends. Vyve should be able to start the project around March 1st, 2023. After questions and further discussion related to the current internet service provided by Vyve, the Board asked Joe to assist Vyve with testing of the internet speeds coming into the building and report back to the Board. Once the testing has been completed, Joe will request that the Clerk place this matter back on the Agenda as old business.

2:30 p.m., Chairman Gulizia opened the Public Hearing for the One & Six Year Plan proposed by, Tim Burgeson, Highway Superintendent. No one was present from the public. Discussion was held. With no further questions, concerns or changes, a motion was made by Bash to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Imm to adopt Resolution #2023-01 approving the One & Six Year



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Plan of improvements for 2023. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Burgeson provided the Board with a handout for their review of an Agreement that was submitted by the Railroad in regards to a proposed bridge project. Burgeson advised that County Attorney, McQuay had reviewed the proposed agreement. Discussion was held. This matter was tabled to allow time to gather further information, to request bids, if needed, and for Burgeson and McQuay to prepare a counteroffer. Burgeson then provided the Board with details and pictures of a 2001 Freightliner service truck that is coming up for sale and explained how this type of service truck would be used and how it could substantially benefit the Road Department. He also advised that the Road Department was continuing to clear ice and remove snow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointment of Wayne Dietz as the Harlan County Surveyor was discussed. Wayne has provided a valid surveying license. Motion to appoint Wayne Dietz as County Surveyor was made by Schultz. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal. Dustin Will with Benefits Management provided further information requested by the Board. A quote was received for increasing the amount of life insurance and AD&D coverage for employees from the current amount of \$25,000 to \$30,000 or \$35,000 and also a quote for a lower deductible plan (\$3000) through Medica. After discussion, a motion was made by Schultz to increase the current \$25,000 life insurance and AD&D coverage to \$35,000 for County employees as part of the County benefits. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding health insurance, rather to choose a new plan or renew with the current provider, Medica. A motion was made by Boehler to accept the renewal plans as offered through our current provider, Medica. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

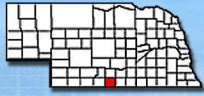
Appointment of Rueben Chavez to Hospital Board. Has not been sworn in yet. Discussion was held. Schultz will contact Mr. Chavez.

Buildings and Grounds Committee. Update provided by Clements. Restrooms are finished and available. Discussion was held regarding the new doors that are being installed on the South side of the Courthouse. Chairman Gulizia will speak with Joe Torrey in regards to the concerns.

Supervisor Boehler, whom is on the Two Rivers committee alerted the Board that one of the current Two Rivers Board members was resigning and that position would need to be filled.

At 3:05 p.m. a motion to go into executive session to discuss the personnel payroll claim that was withheld earlier was made by Bash. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. The Board went into executive session. At 3:25 p.m., a motion was made by Schluntz to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

In regular session, a motion was made by Boehler to approve the personnel payroll claim as submitted. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.



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Chairman Gulizia advised that there were a few vendor claims that were not addressed with the claims previously. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Clements. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be Feb. 21st, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Tony Gulizia, Chairman .

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll/Claims \$130,866.54; including Region III Behavioral Health \$2,185.99; Darcie Porter-Phone Service \$45.00.

TOURISM: Emily White-Administrative Salary \$1,200.

ROAD FUND: Payroll/Claims \$67,927.49.

Grand total of Payroll / Claims: \$199,994.03

Agenda and Minutes are also available on the harlancounty.ne.gov website