

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2023

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, April 4th, 2023, in the Supervisors Room, of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Ron Imm present. Chairman, Tony Gulizia was absent. Also present were County Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; County Attorney, Bryan McQuay; Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye, Veteran Service Officer, Pat George, Marge Melroy and Courthouse Caretaker, Joseph Torrey.

At 9:47 a.m., Vice Chairman, Mike Clements 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.

Vice Chairman Clements asked the Board if they had reviewed the payroll and other claims. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Schluntz to approve the Transfer of Funds claim submitted by the Road Department. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-Absent. Motion carried 6-0. Motion was made by Bash to approve the Harlan County Senior Center claim. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-Absent. Motion carried 6-0. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the payroll and payroll associated claims as submitted. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-Absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Bash requested that there be an addition to the Minutes from the March 21st, 2023, board meeting to include that Sheriff Becker joined the meeting and advised during the discussion regarding the SAM.gov UEI number that is currently inactive, that the inactive status has affected the Sheriff's Department grant(s) also.

At 10:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Clements opened the business meeting. He then asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 21st, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any other additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, Vice Chairman Clements asked for a motion to approve the addition requested by Bash and the March 21st, 2023, minutes as written, Motion was made by Schluntz to approve the addition and minutes as written. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-Absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice Chairman Clements announced that a household clean-up date is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, from 2-4 p.m., location North of Rudy's Tire in Alma and the date for tires is September 19th, 2023.

Hannah Wick from Turner Technology of Holdrege NE came before the Board and announced that there will be electronics recycling and paper shredding available on April 22nd, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tassel, in Holdrege. These services are made available, free to the public, on April 22nd by Turner Technology. Ms. Wick then handed flyers out to the Board that provided a general overview of the services available through Turner Technology. Brad Larson with Turner Technology was also present. Discussion was held in regards to what Turner Technology could provide for IT support, moving of the server rack and updating and rewiring of the cables throughout the Courthouse, the link between the Courthouse and the Road Department's office North of Alma, and the benefits that Turner Technology could provide. Vice Chairman Clements suggested that there be a request for proposal (RFP) for potential business and or IT solutions to collect comparable information. Courthouse Caretaker Torrey and County Attorney McQuay will work together to compile a list of what is

needed in each office, inventory of current hardware, services and expenditures for the purpose of getting quotes.

Brian Bieghler came before the Board on behalf of the Stamford Fire Department to request ARPA funds in the amount of \$19,800.00 to purchase a PyroHMA Ultra High Pressure Unit for their grass rig which will allow them to fight more fire with less water. Discussion was held. The Board approved the request and advised Mr. Bieghler to submit the invoice with a claim before the next board meeting.

Pamela Pape of Harlan County and Gosper County joined the meeting and came before the Board to provide educational information about wind turbines coming into Harlan County and the effects to the citizens of Harlan County and neighboring counties. Ms. Pape presented the Board with detailed information to view about the wind turbines, statistical information, the processes of the wind turbine companies, and zoning matters. Zoning Administrator Melbye advised that the Harlan County Zoning Book does not address wind turbines. County Attorney McQuay further advised that the Zoning Book does require Special Permits for towers that could apply. Ms. Pape spoke of what neighboring counties are doing, plan to do or have done in regards to the wind turbines. She also gave multiple references for anyone to research the wind turbine matters and highly encouraged all to do so. County Attorney McQuay will check into this and provide the Board with the “first step” to address zoning in Harlan County related to the wind turbines. The Board thanked Ms. Pape for her time and information.

Highway and Weed Superintendent, Burgeson provided an update on receiving the newly purchased service truck, other equipment matters, and road department projects. Discussion was held on two particular railroad crossing/Department of Transportation projects, one located on 721 road and one on 724 road. State proposes crossing arms and signals but will need a commitment letter from the Board of Supervisors to continue with bids for each project. The Board will provide a letter for Burgeson to submit. Burgeson told the Board about the Weed Department Conference that he just attended and provided an update on projects, weather permitting. There is no news on the F Road bridge railroad agreement at this time.

Clerk Burgeson provided an update on the job opening in the Clerk’s office. Interviews were held and she plans to offer the job to one of the applicants this week. Discussion was held.

Marge Melroy, the temporary Veteran Service Officer came before the Board to announce that, as of today, she was done and turning over everything to Veteran Service Officer, Pat George. Marge provided a brief update and thanked the Board for allowing her to provide her services as the Veterans Service Officer. The Board thanked Marge for her time, efforts and contributions to the Veteran Service Department.

Veteran Service Officer George provided an update of his “work in progress’ and how many Veterans have been in contact and visited the office. The Veteran Service office located in the Courthouse is open on Tuesday’s from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. County Attorney McQuay will have the resolution regarding the checking / debit card for the Veteran Service Officer to allow for Veteran aid in an emergency situation ready for the next board meeting. Vice Chairman Clements requested that VSO George provide the Board with quarterly updates.

Public Defender Contract renewal. County Attorney McQuay advised that, upon reviewing the contract, there were a few updates needed. Discussion was held. Imm stated that the contract was good for the County. McQuay will contact Justin Daake and will have the updated contract at the next meeting. McQuay also advised that he has reached out to Child Support Enforcement Officer, Whitney Schroeder, regarding the renewal of the Child Support Enforcement contract.

Building and Grounds Committee. An update on the remodeling projects was provided by Boehler. There were concerns expressed regarding the new doors on the Courthouse as they won’t close all the time, clothes get snagged, issues with the bullet proof door at the Sheriff’s office and adjustments needed in the new restrooms.

Discussion was held. Regarding the upcoming Courthouse exterior projects, there was a surveyor here last week.

Supervisor Boehler, of the Two Rivers committee provided a brief update in that Two Rivers Public Health Department is still seeking a new Board member to fill the vacancy due to a former members resignation.

Clerk Burgeson provided a status update on the SAM.gov UEI number. Discussion was held. The status is “still in process”.

Treasurer, Sandy Artz had provided the Board with a Fund Balance Listing Report as of March 31, 2023, and a Delinquent Tax Listing Report for their review.

Public Forum: No citizens came before the Board.

With no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Boehler. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-Absent. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 18th, 2023, at 9:45 a.m. for consent agenda items and 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Mike Clements, Vice Chairman

(County website: harlancounty.ne.gov)

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll / Claims \$125,274.96 including Harlan County Senior Center- Claim \$3,630.00 and Inter Fund Transfer (Road Dept.) \$60,000. ROAD FUND: Payroll / Claims \$135,471.21; TOURISM: Emily White-Admin Salary \$1200.00. Grand total: \$261,946.17