

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
BUDGET HEARING & BUDGET SUMMARY MINUTES
From September 19th, 2023**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Supervisors Room, of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Jeff Bash; Ron Imm; and Tony Gulizia present. Supervisor, Cindy Boehler was absent; Also present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; County Treasurer, Sandy Artz; and County Assessor, Kim Fouts.

At 10:58 a.m., the Board went into recess for the 11:00 a.m. Budget Hearing.

Notice of the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary was posted in advance as required in three public locations within Harlan County and published in the Harlan County Journal publication September 14th, 2023, and also published in the Holdrege Daily Citizen.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Gulizia called the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary meeting to order and announced that this meeting was open to the public. Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Jeff Bash; Ron Imm; and Tony Gulizia present. Supervisor, Cindy Boehler was absent; Also present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; County Treasurer, Sandy Artz; and County Assessor, Kim Fouts. Robert Dunaway, CPA, was present. Angela from the Harlan County Journal was present and Harlan County citizen, Ronald Sindt was in attendance.

Robert Dunaway, CPA, began discussion regarding fund transfers, disbursements, necessary cash reserve, total resources available and the hospital bond in reference to the numbers shown on the Notice of Budget Hearing & Budget Summary published in the Harlan County Journal. Discussion was also held in regards to the current budget and consideration for future projections. There were no citizen questions.

Supervisor Clements further addressed some of Mr. Sindt's expressed concerns related to the County and Alma Public Schools proposed tax increases. Discussion was held on Mr. Sindt's suggestions on mill levy setting, inflation, cost of living increases, and other ways to reduce costs. Mr. Sindt did indicate that he doesn't feel the County is wasting County funds as he understands the Boards position but that he's just frustrated in the increase in property taxes. Robert Dunaway, CPA, explained offsets and practicality of setting the budget vs kickbacks. With no further questions or discussion, a motion was made by Bash to close the 2023-2024 Budget Hearing. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. *Budget hearing was closed at 11:31 a.m.*

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Tony Gulizia, Chairman

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the County website: **harlancounty.ne.gov**