

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From October 3rd, 2023**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, October 3rd, 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; Ron Imm; and Tony Gulizia present. Also present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; and Treasurer, Sandy Artz.

At 9:46 a.m., Chairman Gulizia called the meeting to order and announced that there is a copy of the Open Meetings Act posted at the south end of 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 claims. Discussion was held on current and a few upcoming claims. Chairman Gulizia expressed that supporting documentation was being provided with claims and greatly appreciated. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the payroll claims/claims as submitted. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Gulizia opened the business meeting and asked the Board if they had reviewed the Budget Hearing & Budget Summary Minutes from September 19th, 2023, and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Clements to approve the Budget Hearing & Budget Summary Minutes from September 19th, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Gulizia asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the September 19th, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from September 19th, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Gulizia welcomed Louis Hays and invited him to come before the Board. Louis Hays came before the Board and thanked the Board for their service and stated that they don't get recognized enough for their time, energy and insight for what they do for the County. Louis then provided a brief history on the growth surrounding the area that he resides in on Cornhusker Road and stated because of that growth, there is more traffic, high speeds, and a need for speed control for his, his family, neighbors and public safety. The lack of speed control creates potential hazards. Louis is requesting that two stop signs be placed on Cornhusker Road to slow traffic down. He inquired about the County doing a traffic study and or what due process would be needed in this regard. Highway Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, was asked to provide information regarding such traffic study. T. Burgeson explained that a STOP sign is a regulatory sign and that an engineer would need to conduct the traffic study. Discussion was held and it was decided that due to this time of year with less traffic right now, the traffic study wouldn't be beneficial until May or June of 2024. This matter was tabled and will be placed on a future Agenda accordingly.

Stacy Neubauer, CEO and Kayla Rhynalds, CFO, of Harlan County Health Systems came before the Board. Ms. Neubauer provided information on the hospitals new service lines, new general surgeon that's coming aboard, newly hired remote authorization specialist and multiple new service options being looked at. Other information was provided in regard to the old medical clinic, an upcoming leadership retreat, social media ideas and recruiting for new physicians. Ms. Rhynalds provided YTD financial statistics for various departments in the hospital, growth comparisons, number of current employees, and a summary of expenses and revenue. Discussion was held. The Board thanked the ladies for their time and for providing the summary of information.

Chairman Gulizia advised that a committee, comprised of Supervisors, Mike Clements and Cindy Boehler and tourism board member, Kelly Blickenstaff, conducted an interview with Jordann Dunlay and Jennifer Kreutzer for the Tourism Director position. The committee recommended Jordann Dunlay to the Board. Motion was made by Clements to hire Jordann Dunlay as the Tourism Director effective November 1, 2023. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. The current Tourism Director, Emily White will continue until October 31, 2023.

Chairman Gulizia announced that there were two applicants, Richard Calkins and Melodie Bellamy, for the vacant County Attorney position. Discussion was held regarding the process for interviewing and hiring for the position. The Board intends to conduct interviews prior to the next board meeting.

A new resolution for a wind turbine moratorium was discussed. This will allow time for the planning and zoning committee to meet regarding new updates to the zoning policy. Motion was made by Bash to approve the wind turbine moratorium Resolution #2023-18. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the intent to surplus the County's white 2008 Chevy Trailblazer that is no longer needed. Motion was made by Clements to surplus the 2008 Chevy Trailblazer and sell it "as is". 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 was asked to place the vehicle on an auction site as he has with prior surplus items.

Highway Superintendent Burgeson requested to surplus the road departments "sheep's foot" packer wheel. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Imm to surplus the "sheep's foot" packer wheel. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, came before the Board with his annual SSAR Report for 2023-2024. A few questions were asked upon reviewing the report. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the SSAR Report for 2023-2024 as presented. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. T. Burgeson advised the Board of a bridge project located south of Stamford on D Road, his current open "floater" position, the three surplus vehicles that were sold online through Purple Wave Auction, a quote for a new road grader (tabled) and updates on other equipment. A discussion was held on purchasing bridge planks and getting bids to repair bridges as needed. Burgeson was advised to proceed with getting the planks and bids. There are no updates on the F Road bridge project or the railroad crossing project.

Supervisor Boehler provided an update on the restoration for the lady liberty statute at the Courthouse. More funding/donation information to come. Restoration is tentatively scheduled for next Spring.

Clerk Burgeson provided an update on the vacant Extension Educator position. There were two candidates interviewed via zoom on 10/2/2023. There will be an in-person interview, offer made with intended start date of November 1st, 2023.

Courthouse Custodial/Maintenance position. There were no applicants for the vacant position. The building & grounds committee will meet to revise the job requirements and readvertise accordingly.

Building and grounds update. Discussion was held on the new bathroom floors, cleaning issues and changing the cleaning schedule to three times per week. Clements will reach out to cleaning service.

Discussion was held on the County offices phone system upgrade from Gen I to Gen II through Vyve. Further information is needed from Vyve before transitioning. Clerk Burgeson to reach out to Vyve and request a representative come before the Board with information and for questions.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bash. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held October 17th, 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/ Tony Gulizia, Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$68,543.60 / Claims \$146,800.21 including; Robert Dunaway, CPA-2023-24 Budget Prep \$5,400.00; Jennifer Kreutzer-Mileage \$69.95; Harlan County Journal-Treas. Subscription \$37.50/\$52.00; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; Verizon-Sheriff's Cell Phones \$242.95; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00; Pat George-VSO meals/mileage \$43.99/\$235.80; First State Bank-DD Fee \$35.00; Joseph R. Hewgley-Engineering Courthouse Exterior Improvements \$67,075.66; Phelps/Harlan County CASA-Disbursement \$12,000; Harlan County Treasurer-car title \$15.00. **General Fund total:** \$215,343.81. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$34,121.47 / Claims \$30,712.47; **Road Fund total:** \$64,833.94. **TOURISM** Emily White-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **COVID American Rescue Plan Fund:** Pony Express Chevrolet-2023 Buick Envision \$34,379.00. **Grand total: \$315,756.75**