

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From December 19th, 2023**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, December 19th, 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 and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:47 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. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Schluntz to approve the 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.

Von Lutz with Two Rivers Public Health Department introduced himself to the Board, handed out information sheets to the Board and advised that he is on the January 16, 2024, Agenda.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Gulizia opened the business meeting and asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the December 5th, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were none. Motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from December 5th, 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.

Treasurer Artz provided, in the Board's packets, for their review, an Imprest Account Calculation Sheet, Account Trial Balance Listing, Delinquent Tax Listing, Pledged Securities Reports and SLFRF program information. A brief discussion was held related to the trial balance listing and SLFRF program information.

Pat George, Veteran Service Officer, joined the meeting and addressed the Board with a Veteran Service Office Update handout, for reference, which included the number of phone calls, office visits, and things he's been working on.

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Rex Moore with Good Samaritan Society came before the Board in regard to Harlan County public transit transportation and meal delivery services. Mr. Moore explained what the Good Samaritan Society could offer for both transit and meal deliveries. There were questions and discussions held. Further information will be gathered. Supervisor Boehler provided information that she received from meeting with Bonnie Kresser of the Senior Center and speaking with Kari Ruse with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (Public Transit) regarding transit and meal delivery services. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services. A motion was made by Boehler to form a transit committee to oversee the transit transition of Supervisors Clements, Boehler and Imm. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Allison Fritsche with Glenwood came before the Board and provided a brief summary of what services Glenwood offers and provided a Quote for a Hosted Voice Phone Solution for the Harlan County Courthouse phone system. Questions were asked and discussion held. Ms. Fritsche was thanked for her time and information provided.

Courthouse Custodian position. There were three applicants for the position. Two interviews held. The Building and Grounds Committee recommended to the Board that they hire applicant, Dennis Hruska. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve the hire of Dennis Hruska. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

Hospital Board member, Dusty Fraiser-Oath of Office not completed within 30 days of appointment. Motion was made by Schluntz to re-appoint Dusty Fraiser for Hospital Board. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Staff. Chairman Gulizia read an email from County Attorney Bellamy regarding her current legal assistant's resignation and an inquiry on the position being full or part time. Discussion was held. The Board is encouraging County Attorney Bellamy to have the position be full time.

County Surplus policy / procedure. Discussion was held regarding the County's surplus items which include brick pavers. Supervisor Boehler will identify the surplus items and establish a plan to sell the items.

Clerk Burgeson provided an update on the upcoming County employee medical insurance renewal and provided the Board with the renewal information received from Benefit Management. Discussion was held on Courthouse & office maintenance items and the current status of the tourism phone.

Hwy Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board and provided Driveway Permit # 2023-3 issued to Tim Schmidt for Husker Heights subdivision. Burgeson also provided information on a grant that was received for road department safety vests, a bridge load rating that was received, NACO conference information, and an update of road department items. There were no ROW permits. Agreements are still in motion for the F Rd Bridge project and the railroad crossing projects.

Women's restroom in Courthouse-update on getting warm water. Discussion was held and it was decided to proceed with installing a hot water circulation pump with a programmable timer.

Vyve Agreement Gen II Phone System upgrade. Agreement still pending.

Lady Liberty restoration fund at the Banner Capital Bank. Donations were discussed.

Tourism-Chairman Gulizia shared information he received on the new shelter project (formerly the gazebo on the walking trail). Discussion was held.

Building & grounds committee. Chairman Gulizia spoke with the engineer and contractor and provided an update on the status of completing the Courthouse remodeling projects.

Chairman Gulizia announced his resignation to the Board and advised that this is his last board meeting as chairman and as District 7 Supervisor. Chairman Gulizia was thanked for his time served and appreciation was expressed. Discussion was held in regard to filling his position for the term.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Gulizia-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Gulizia adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held January 2, 2024, 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: Stephanie Adams-Extension Board mileage \$41.46; Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewster-Court appointed attorney \$2214.00; Sandy Artz-Treasurer Mileage \$71.40; Ashley Blickenstaff-Extension Board mileage \$66.81; Mickayla Blender-Extension mileage \$73.10; Bockstadter & Glen Law Office-Acting County Attorney fee \$161.00; Buffalo County Sheriff-Service Fees \$18.50; DaLynn Burgeson-Notary/Mileage \$179.93; Chris Sindt-Extension Board mileage \$20.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Johnathan Clark-Witness Fee \$20.00; Justin Clark-Witness Fee \$20.00; CVSOAN-Veteran Service Officer Dues \$100.00; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$2118.25; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1442.46; First National Bank-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$3896.51; First State Bank-Stop Check Fee \$25.00; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$88.29; Franklin County Sheriff-Service fees \$18.50; Tana Fye Henry, Attorney-Court appointed attorney \$1861.31; Graham Tire Company-Sheriff Vehicle Tires \$700.00; Hall County Sheriff-Service fees \$21.42; Harlan County Court-Court costs/dismissals \$17.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$705.00; Harlan County Journal-publications \$727.31; Harlan County Senior Center-Transit & Senior Center \$2944.74; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff's Fees \$58.18; Harlan County Treasurer-Interfund transfer/Roads \$5000.00; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$28.51; Dawn Hetrick-Extension supplies \$62.27; Nolan Hock-Witness fee/mileage \$30.48; Hogeland Market-Supplies Extension \$231.53, Sheriff \$130.62, Building & Grounds \$11.98; Holdrege Daily Citizen-printing/publishing \$93.75; Hometown Leasing-Office Equip \$115.72; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 \$21.00; Susie Janssen-Extension Board mileage \$15.00; Brayton Kahrs-Witness fee/mileage \$51.44; Linda Nickel-Extension Board mileage \$59.47; Main Street Variety-Supplies \$79.77; Jessie Martin-Extension Board mileage \$31.44; Midwest Connect-Postage/office supplies \$59.00; James Miller-Extension Board mileage \$75.00; MIPS Inc.-Data

Processing, \$1460.03; Zaiver Mitchell-Witness Fee \$20.00; NACVSO-Veteran Service Officer National Dues \$50.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-Blood tests \$105.00; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$989.31; Isaiah Neal-Witness Fee \$20.00; Kenton Peterson-Extension Board mileage \$17.03; Amanda Pfeil-Extension Board mileage \$20.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$267.41; Physician's Lab Services-Autopsy Drug Panels \$716.00; Quill-office supplies \$664.32; South Central LEPC-Civil Defense Dues \$100.00; DAS State Accounting-Sheriff Teletype Service \$537.60; Thomas S. Stewart-Court appointed attorney \$57.50; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle repair \$385.54; University of NE Lincoln-Office-Extension Office Equipment/Printer \$346.11; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.92; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.62; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1,884.23 (General Fund Total: \$32,624.77).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-Shop Tools \$20.49; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Steel Products \$28.28; B's Enterprises-Bridge Planks/Wire Ties \$21,213.16; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$16,348.31; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1564.36; CHI Agri Service Center-Heating fuel \$559.84; City of Alma-Trash Service \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel \$1776.60; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Postage, Supplies, Office Chair \$395.64; Holdrege Auto Parts-parts \$1035.19; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$150.00; Huntley Service-Repair \$183.76; I.S.S.- Safety Supplies \$669.00; JD Lumber-Gutters \$37.25; Jims Ok Tire Store-Tires and Repairs \$2534.50; LACAL Equipment-Grader Blades \$2267.76; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop supplies \$30.75; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; Murphy Tractor and Equip-Freight/Repair \$936.34; NMC Exchange-Parts/Labor \$2225.67; Nebraska Rural Radio-Job Ads \$175.00; Northern Safety-Safety Supplies \$86.68; Oak Creek Engineering-Engineering Fees \$7685.00; Paulsen Inc-Gravel/Rock \$18,963.62; Platte Valley Communications-Radio \$89.90; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$1283.14; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$160.42; T&F Sand & Gravel-Gravel/rock \$3285.68; The Trader-Publishing Job Ad \$39.00; Titan Machinery-Freight/Repairs \$9828.37; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$515.83; Trustworthy Hardware-Shop Supplies \$48.98; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$399.32; Verizon-Phone Service \$132.00; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00 (Road Fund Total: \$95,486.50)

TOURISM: Byway 136 Heritage Highway-Advertising (reissue lost check) \$575.00; First National Bank-Gift cards \$100.00; Nebraska Rural Radio-Media/Advertising \$1300.00 (Tourism Fund Total: \$1975.00)

911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Holdrege-911 \$386.96

Grand Total: \$130,473.23