

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
From **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; and Ron Imm present. Supervisors Jeff Bash and Tony Gulizia were absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Assessor, Kim Fouts; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

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

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, an Imprest Account Calculation Sheet, Account Trial Balance Listing, and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

Vice Chairman Clements asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., Vice Chairman Clements opened the business meeting and asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were none. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from December 19, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

County Employee Handbook. Discussion was held. Vice Chairman Clements tabled the matter for further discussion and clarification from County Attorney Bellamy.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**: Motion was made by Schultz to go into Board of Equalization at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list corrections #1406 and #1407 and an explanation was given for each. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schluntz to approve tax list corrections #1406 and #1407. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m., Boehler made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session.***

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Supervisor Boehler provided an update from the Transit Committee that met last week. Discussion was held. Vice Chairman Clements has a meeting scheduled with Rex Moore of Good Samaritan Society today. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services.

4-H Extension Instructor, Micky Blender came before the Board to request approval to add a new extension board member, Gina Dunse. Ms. Dunse will replace Jim Miller. Motion was made by Schluntz to approve Gina Dunse to replace Jim Miller on the extension board. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Vyve Agreement for Gen II Phone system upgrade. Clerk Burgeson provided some comparison information. Discussion was held. Motion to approve the Vyve Business Service Order for upgrading to the Gen II phones was made by Boehler. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer, Pat George, came before the Board to explain the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Harlan County. Discussion was held. Motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding was made by Schluntz. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided a copy of the NIRMA Cyber Security Coverage for the Board's information. No further updates at this time.

Hwy Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board. No new ROW or driveway permits. The surplus 2008 Chevy Trailblazer is currently on the Purple Wave Auction thru Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Discussion was held regarding dump truck issues, upcoming employee performance evaluations, and an update was provided on the septic system issue at the road department office. As for old business, Burgeson advised that the Railroad is waiting on their legal team for the F Rd bridge project and the Railroad crossing projects.

Lady Liberty (located at Courthouse). Discussion was held regarding a tentative schedule for restoration, fund raising, and balance of funds collected at the Banner Capital Bank.

Tourism-new shelter on walking trail repair/replacement funding. Nothing to report.

Discussion was held regarding warm water in the women and men's restrooms in the Courthouse. Vice Chairman Clements will inquire on additional options.

Building & grounds. Discussion was held on finishing phase I of the courthouse projects, moving on to phase II and moving of the tower in the Clerk's office to a secure location. Vice Chairman Clements provided information on a recent circuit/wiring issue in the assessor and treasurer's offices. The Board agreed to proceed with having Holdrege Electric fix the circuit/wiring issues.

**Public Forum:** *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Boehler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-no; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Clements adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

A reorganizational board meeting will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held January 16<sup>th</sup>, 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/ Mike Clements, Vice Chairman

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the County website: [harlancounty.ne.gov](http://harlancounty.ne.gov)

**CLAIMS:**

**GENERAL:** Payroll \$65,152.94 / Claims: American Family Life \$440.38; American Life Insurance-Vision \$275.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,025.30; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA & Contribution \$14,250.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$19,517.95; Kim Fouts-Heaters \$86.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$70,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$16,591.42; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$216.00; NE Child Support-payroll deduction \$373.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$2954.23; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$207,853.84. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$34,571.00 / Claims: American Family Life \$920.20; American Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; American Life Insurance-Retirement \$5366.00; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$1465.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,569.71; Medica-Insurance \$9545.15; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1624.25; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$655.25. **Road Fund total:** \$65,132.32. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$274,186.16**