

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **March 5th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, March 5th, 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; Jeff Bash; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Supervisor Ron Imm was absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:45 a.m., Chairman Schluntz called the meeting to order, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Schluntz welcomed the newly appointed District 7 Supervisor, Janice Miller-Boston to the Board of Supervisors. Introductions were made.

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

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Information was provided by Clements about the Trailblazer claim and the Harlan County tire recycling scheduled for July 30, 2024, in the Alma city lot from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 20th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from February 20th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-abstain; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-abstain; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 29th, 2024, special Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Clements to approve the February 29th, 2024, minutes as presented. Supervisor Boehler requested a correction. Clements withdrew his motion. The minutes were tabled until the next meeting to allow time for the correction.

Micky Blender, Extension Educator came before the Board and presented, for the Board's information, a 2023 Annual Report of the Harlan County Extension Office. Ms. Blender also provided extension highlights. Supervisor Boehler expressed how much she liked the Brown Bags and thought they were a good idea.

Richard Calkins and Mike Stemper of Alma Rotary came before the Board and provided a handout with information on the new proposed shelter to replace the destroyed gazebo that was located on the walking trail. Discussions were held regarding the plans and funding for the project. A request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the County was made. A motion was made by Clements to approve a contribution from the County of \$6000 towards the gazebo project. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson brought up current and upcoming openings within the 2024 committees and relayed that there is a Harlan County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and provided updates on road matters, road department job openings, an upcoming meeting, status on the septic system issues, and the status of four bridge projects. There were no new ROW or driveway permits and no updates on the F Road Bridge and Railroad projects.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 10:46 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list correction #1409 and provided an explanation for the needed correction. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve tax list correction #1409. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Bash made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session at 10:48 a.m.***

Luke Bonkiewicz, Research Program Analyst, with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) joined the meeting and provided information on upcoming events, current happenings of NACO, information about a salary study that NACO conducted in which results will be announced soon, active legislature bills and referred to the NACO website where there are resources, information and a section highlighting each County in Nebraska. Chairman Schluntz and the Board thanked Mr. Bonkiewicz for his visit to Harlan County and their appreciation for the information provided.

Public Transit – Chairman Schluntz provided information that Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder had found from her research. There was continued discussion of options and ideas in the search for viable transit services for Harlan County. A more in-depth meeting regarding public transit will be held between the County Transit Committee and the Nebraska Department of Transportation as soon as can be arranged.

Transit Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – to be discussed later

Lady Liberty – restoration/repairs/funding, no new updates.

Claims – Board process for reviewing claims- no discussion

Building & Grounds - Clements announced that the restrooms now have warm water and that the new office countertops are tentatively scheduled for March 11th.

Public Forum: *No citizen comments.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held March 19th, 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/ Chris Schluntz, Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$66,574.86 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$275.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,054.20; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$19,827.59; Harlan County Journal-Publications \$1326.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$32,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$16,591.42; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$216.00; Medica-Employee Health Insurance Deductions \$2400.00; MIPS-Data processing \$162.90; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$2930.55; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Trailblazer-Annual Sponsorship Due \$400.00; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$145,937.77. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$32,921.16 / Claims: American Family Life \$965.83; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5071.26; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$870.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,150.82; Harlan County Sheriff-Vehicle Inspection Fee \$10.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Vehicle title fee \$10.00; Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$800.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1486.71; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$655.25. **Road Fund total:** \$53,356.79. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$200,494.56**