

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From March 19th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, March 19th, 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; Ron Imm; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; and Assessor, Kim Fouts.

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.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, account balances, Pledged Securities reports, an Account Trial Balance Listing, Delinquent Tax Listing report and gave certification of end of public tax sale.

Chairman Schluntz 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, including the Assessors claim with the amended expenditure code. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 29th, 2024, Special Board meeting that were tabled last meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from February 29th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 5th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from March 5th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-abstain; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the process for reviewing claims by the Board. Starting with the upcoming April 2nd, 2024, meeting, the Board will convene at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items to allow more time to review claims instead of 9:45 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding County committees, particularly if the County had or who was representing the County Board on the Area Agency on Aging Board. Supervisor Boehler advised that she is the representative. A Building and Grounds Committee update was given by Clements. Discussions were held. Clements will inquire and request a few bids for specifically discussed Courthouse improvements. The committee will continue to work on past, present and future Courthouse improvements, and maintenance items.

USDA Wildlife Services & Predator Control, Kyle Brown came before the Board and provided updates on predator control in Harlan County, talked about the summary reports and about the upcoming contract renewal. Discussion was held.

Kelly Jensen with CASA came before the Board and requested permission to place pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn in April. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Permission was granted.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler provided an update on behalf of the Transit Committee. Members of the committee met again this past Friday and information was provided regarding an option, possible alternatives for public transit services and the devastating time that our senior citizens are without transit services in which the Senior Center was providing and canceled as of February 29th,

2024, without an alternative source for continued viable transit services. Discussion was held. The County Board will continue efforts in the search for viable transit services.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board regarding the completion of the current County audit, the status on the new auditor search, new invoices and a revised quote received from CK Technologies to recable and relocate the equipment rack from the Clerk's office to a secure location. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the revised quote of \$61,920 received from CK Technologies. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request by the County Attorney to paint in her office. It was decided to leave it as is currently. Further discussion was held on other issues that need attention in and outside the Courthouse.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board with a Driveway permit #DR2024-1 from Chris Schluntz (P Road) and two ROW permits #ROW2024-1 from Frontier Communications, #ROW2024-2 from Pinpoint. Burgeson then provided updates on road matters including asphalt surfacing, offering road employees overtime, spraying weeds in ditches, Dept. of Ag report, status on the sale of the dump truck currently listed on Purple Wave and a request for the purchase of a 2024 Chevy diesel 1 Ton fleet pickup at State bid of \$59,533.00. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the purchase of the 2024 Chevy diesel 1 Ton pickup at State bid of \$59,533. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ron Imm submitted, at the beginning of this meeting, his resignation as Supervisor for District 6 since he is no longer residing in the district. Ron was thanked for his time, input and efforts while serving on the County Board of Supervisors. Discussion was held. The vacancy to fulfill Imm's remaining term will be advertised accordingly.

Public Forum: *Citizens present. No comments.*

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

The next regular meeting will be held April 2nd, 2024, at 9:30 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: Chris Becker-Mileage \$257.28; Melodie Bellamy- Mileage \$178.35; Mickayla Blender-Ext. Mileage \$114.57; Bob Barker Co-Jail Supplies \$53.73; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Clerk of District Court-Harlan County-Court costs \$72.00; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$1710.35; Durable Service-Tower ac repairs \$1163.70; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1643.34; Electronic Systems-Fire Alarm inspection \$166.20; First National Bank CC-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$2034.39; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$43.95; Kim Fouts-Clean car \$185.00; Fur & Leather Creations-Sheriff Uniforms \$12.00; Tana Fye Henry, Attorney-Court appointed attorney \$1083.37; Government Forms & Supplies \$108.50; Graham Tire Co-Sheriff Vehicle Service/Tires \$1312.32; Gray Law Firm-Court Appointed Attorney \$506.00; Harlan County Court-court costs \$118.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$1185.00; Harlan County Journal-publications \$449.21; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$26.62; Dawn Herick-Mileage \$30.15; Hogeland Market-Supplies Supplies Sheriff \$281.79; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 & Sheriff Computer Consult \$716.00; Johnson Controls-Heater repairs \$1680.00; Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith-Court Appt Attorney \$534.75; Lakeview K-Lawn Service-snow removal Nov 23-Jan 24 \$1500.00; Main Street Variety-Ext. supplies \$10.43; Mid-American Benefits-

Insurance \$284.00; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1460.03; NACEB-Ext. Dues \$100.00; NACO-Dues \$450.00; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$529.90; NE State Patrol-Safety Equipment \$295.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$357.50; Platte County Sheriff's Office-Service Fees \$40.20; Quadient Leasing USA-Postage/Maintenance Agreement \$500.88; Quill-office supplies/supplies \$326.54; Republican Valley Animal Center-Stray dog \$52.50; Stanard Appraisal Services-Contract Reappraisals \$18,884.00; DAS State Accounting-data processing & Sheriff Teletype Service \$888.35; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$437.83; Trustworthy Hardware-Clerk Supplies \$15.86; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$212.22; Tyler Technologies-Veteran Office Equipment \$449.00; University of Nebraska-Ext ShoWorks renewal \$175.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln-Ext Spring Conf Registration \$200.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln-Ext Office Equipment \$2526.90; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.93; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.64; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1879.73 (General Fund Total: \$48,520.01).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-Shop Tools \$146.11; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Supplies/products \$869.86; Barco Municipal Products-Signs/bolts \$8686.00; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$8906.64; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1725.82; City of Alma-Trash service \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel/additives \$2807.60; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Supplies \$374.95; Franklin County Chronicle-Job ads \$103.20; Harlan County Journal-advertising \$74.85; Hireright Solutions-Drug & Alcohol Testing \$301.15; Holdrege Auto Parts-Chainsaw parts \$42.71; Intellicom-computer repair \$3609.50; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Midwest Service & Sales-chains \$3937.50; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; Murphy Tractor & Equipment-Equip repair \$22,382.91; NACO-Central District Meeting \$55.00; NE Assn County HWY Superintendents-Dues/summer meeting \$160.00; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair \$26.66; NE Rural Radio Assn-Job ads \$350.00; NE Weed Control Assn-Spring Training \$150.00; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$12,090.17; Platte Valley Communications-Equip Repair \$270.29; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tires/tire repair \$1150.36; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$2753.65; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$132.13; The Trader-Advertising \$170.00; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$466.37; Verizon-Phone Service \$132.02; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00 (Road Fund Total: \$72,692.11). **HIGHWAY STREET FUND:** Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$94,254.48. **HIGHWAY BRIDGE FUND:** Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$40,072.32. **REAPPRAISAL FUND:** Appraisers fee \$13,000.00. **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** City of Holdrege-911 \$347.34 **Grand Total: \$268,886.26**