

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From July 2nd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:34 a.m., Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order, welcomed newly appointed District 1 Supervisor, Joe Schnuerle to the Board, announced that there is a copy of the Open Meetings Act posted at the south end of the room which will be followed by the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the June 18th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from June 18th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, came before the Board for the opening of sealed 2024-2025 Gravel Bids submitted. Clerk Burgeson presented five (5) sealed gravel bids for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, that had been submitted to the Clerk's office to Chairman Boehler. Chairman Boehler opened the sealed envelopes and announced the bid amounts presented by Paulsen, Inc., Black Island Material, Overton Sand & Gravel Company, Bladen Sand & Gravel and Southwest Gravel Products LLC. Hwy Superintendent Burgeson requested that the Board approve each of the bids to allow for choices upon gravel and delivery availability. A motion to approve all five (5) of the gravel bids as submitted from Paulsen, Inc., Black Island Material, Overton Sand & Gravel Company, Bladen Sand & Gravel and Southwest Gravel Products LLC was made by Schultz. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Jeremy Eschliman and Erica Carpenter from Two Rivers Public Health Department joined the meeting, came before the Board and presented updates on people, programs and opportunities. The Board thanked Eschliman and Carpenter for coming.

Harlan County Sheriff Chris Becker, Deputy Langley and Deputy Spellman came before the Board to request at least one additional law enforcement position in the Sheriff's Department. A handout was provided to the Board with explanations for the need for the additional position. Discussion was held. Upon the consensus of the Board, Sheriff Becker was granted approval to hire another deputy.

Sharon Hueftle with South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) came before the Board and expressed gratitude to the Board for continued support and paying of the annual dues. Ms. Hueftle presented a handout and SCEDD's 2023 Annual Report to the Board. Ms. Hueftle provided updates on what she and SCEDD have been doing within Harlan County and some surrounding areas. She also provided an explanation of the annual dues for 2025. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Ms. Hueftle for the information provided.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler advised that she took the signed Preliminary Agreement and Understanding for Harlan County Public Transit Services between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems to Harlan County Health Systems for their consideration and signature. There are still details to be worked out, but ongoing efforts shall continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on road equipment, roads, gravel delivery issues, road department vacancies, and road projects. He also advised that Union negotiations had begun, that a special bridge assessment was conducted, that there was no update on the F Road Bridge project and no Right-of-Way or Driveway permits to present. Discussions were held.

Discussion was held regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement. The Board had questions in which Deputy County Attorney Schroeder shall research and report back to the Board.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board that included zero employment applications received for the current maintenance position vacancy, that the 2024-2025 budget worksheets have been distributed, that a quote had been received for further updates to the south doors of the Courthouse, and advised of handouts placed in the Board's packets for their information.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with a new letter dated July 1, 2024, that had just been received from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding the Harlan County Board submitting comments for the Department's consideration regarding High Choice Feeders, Modified Construction and Operating Permit application. Discussion was held. No concerns were expressed.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. A brief discussion was held.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

Chairman Boehler recessed the Board meeting for lunch at 12:57 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Boehler reconvened the Harlan County Board of Supervisors board meeting to proceed with Board of Equalization 2024 Property Valuation protest hearings as scheduled.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Present were Supervisor's, Clerk DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney Whitney Schroeder; Assessor Kim Fouts; and reviewer Josh Garris of Cardinal Assessment Group LLC.

(1) Protest #23, Parcel 180022800. Property owner, Roger King. At 2:01 p.m., Mr. King came before the Board. Josh Garris provided an explanation of the valuation, comparable properties and advised the Board that the property valuation had been reduced upon review of the basement and recommended no further changes beyond the recommended reduction. Discussion was held. Mr. King was thanked for coming and advised that he would be notified of the Board's decision after July 18th, 2024.

With no further protest hearings, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Bash. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session at 2:14 p.m.***

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

The next regular meeting will be held July 16th, 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/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$70,354.85 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$286.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,774.30; Jeff Bash-Mileage, NACO 2024 County Board Workshop \$150.08; DaLynn Burgeson-Mileage 2024 NACREC Workshop & Clerk of the District Court meeting \$175.94; Clerk of the District Court-costs \$36.00; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00 & \$10,500 HSA contribution; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$21,294.68; Harlan County Journal-Subscription \$77.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inner Fund Transfer, Roads \$60,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$14,553.24 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$2400.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$176.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts-Audit 2022-2023 costs \$14,999.06; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3191.99; IRS-PCORI Fees, Benefit Management \$120.00; NE Notary Association-Crist Bond/Stamp \$109.32; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1558.15; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$219,291.86. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$34,216.27 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5288.53; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,530.30; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1546.54; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$62,454.70. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$282,946.56**