

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From July 16th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, July 16th, 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 9:30 a.m., Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 July 2nd, 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 July 2nd, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Robin Hinrichs who is running for a NPPD Board position to represent the Counties of District 6 came before the Board of Supervisors, introduced himself, provided his view on some current issues and explained why he is running for this position.

Stacy Neubauer, CEO and Kayla Rhynalds, CFO of the Harlan County Health Systems came before the Board. Ms. Neubauer provided updates on new available services, new practitioners, future services, discontinued providers & services, upcoming fund raising, employees and overall growth of the hospital. Ms. Rhynalds provided a financial update with comparable statistics and growth percentages.

Public Transit. Stacy Neubauer provided a status on the continued efforts to regain public transit for Harlan County. Discussion was held related to the transition of vehicles, advanced funding & cash flow since this would be a new service provided by the Harlan County Health Systems, continued communications and reporting. Harlan County Health Systems is working through details with the NE Dept. of Transportation and will keep the County Board updated with the progress. Bonnie Kresser was in attendance and provided information on the condition of the vehicles currently owned by the Senior Center. Efforts shall continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Public Transit Committee. Further discussion was held regarding the transit vehicles currently owned by the Senior Center and Harlan County. The committee will meet later and gather more information.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith, came before the Board, introduced himself, provided information on the purposes of the district offices, current policies, and the school choice bill. Mr. Reimers was thanked for coming and he left the meeting.

Kelly Jensen of CASA joined the meeting. Ms. Jensen provided updates on recent CASA events and handed out a copy of the Phelps/Harlan County CASA Summer Newsletter. Ms. Jensen provided a handout with information regarding her request for continued County funding with an explanation of why the requested amount has increased by \$3000 from the prior year's \$12,000. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the requested annual CASA funding in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on equipment repairs, projects, roads, gravel, road department vacancies, and noxious weed control and upcoming inspections.

Supervisor Clements announced that the Road Department would be assisting with the annual Tire Recycling project scheduled for July 30th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 11:31 a.m. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Kim Fouts presented board corrections regarding concrete valuations with an explanation for the corrections. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve the board corrections as presented. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. New valuation notices will be mailed out to the affected property owners and the owners will have 30 days to protest the value. A protest hearing date will be determined. With no further business, 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 11:42 a.m.***

Assessor Kim Fouts presented the Board with a Three-Year Plan (2024 Plan of Assessment for Harlan County) for their information. Discussion was held on a protest form that was signed, postmarked and received by the Assessor after the filing deadline. Discussion was held regarding NACO facilitating the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards through the State Print Shop should they be needed. A motion was made by Schnuerle to designate the State Print Shop for 2024. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Union Contract - 2024 negotiations. Tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board and advised of handouts in the Board's packets for their information. The proposal submitted by CEI #2951, dated July 1, 2024, for access control on the South doors of the Courthouse was discussed. A motion was made by Clements to approve and accept the proposal from CEI as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. 4 yes/3 no. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with a letter received from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding the Harlan County Board submitting comments for the Department's consideration regarding WBH Cattle Feeding LLC, Modified Construction and Operating Permit application. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled to gather further information.

Assessor Fouts came before the Board again to discuss and schedule dates for the protest filing deadline and public hearing in reference to the board corrections approved previously. The deadline for filing a protest with the Clerk's office shall be August 20, 2024, and the public hearing date shall be September 3rd, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee. Discussion was held on restroom repair issues, courthouse air conditioning, countertop issues, establishing an IT committee for services and security and continued issues the offices are having with VYVE.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schnuerle. 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 August 6, 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: American Fence Co Kearney-Jail Fence, Deductible \$2500; Benjamin Landscaping-Sprinkler repair \$316.33; Mickayla Blender-Mileage \$20.10; Bob Barker Co-Jail supplies \$79.75; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Comfort Inn-Clerk Workshop \$239.90; Cummins Sales and Service- Equipment Repair \$3293.06; Dept of Corrections-Inmate Medical \$367.50; Dewald Deaver-attorney Cost \$1662.50; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1126.42; First National Bank-Dues, Supplies, Lodging, Postage \$3751.43; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$76.65; Franklin County Chronicle-Job advertising \$116.10; Tana Fye- Attorney Cost \$930.39; Harlan County Court- Court Costs \$122.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Inmate Meals \$1297.50; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$780.07; Harlan County Treasurer-Postage \$68.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Cash replenish long/short \$6.94; Harlan County Treasurer-Interfund Transfer Road \$20,000; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$67.77; Dawn Hatrick-Mileage \$37.79; Hogeland Market-Sheriff Supplies \$320.22; Hogeland Market-County Court Supplies \$22.28; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Maintenance Job Ad \$112.50; Hometown Lawn Care-Sprinkler repair \$70.00; Hometown Leasing-Clerk Copier \$1696.32; Instakey Security Systems-Annual Fee \$300.00; Intellicom-Data Processing \$1446.50; Klein, Brewster, Brandt-Attorney Cost \$161.00; M&B Business Machine Service-Maintenance Agreement \$153.00; Mid-NE Individual Services-Mental Health \$3073.00; Mips-Data Processing \$1448.91; NE Public Health Environment-Jail Blood tests \$105.00; NPPD-Utilities \$783.16; Phelps County Sheriff-Inmate Housing \$531.19; Pitney Bowes-Office Supplies \$191.70; Quill-Office Supplies \$713.47; Region III Behavioral Health-Mental Health Services \$2005.38; DAS State of NE Accounting-Data Processing \$537.60; Thomas Stewart-Court Appt'd Attorney \$372.43; The Trader-Printing and Publishing \$174.00; TNT/Tracy Weak-Mowing \$400.00; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$153.47; UNL AEM Business Center-Extension Program Subscription \$299.50; USDA Wildlife Services-Predator Control \$2947.35; Vanguard Appraisals-Contract \$14,975.00; Verizon Wireless-Phones \$243.01; Viaero Wireless-Phones \$106.84; Vyve Broadband- Internet/Phones \$2294.11; *General Claims Total* \$73,423.14; **ROAD:** Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$53.38; BH Heseman-Shop Supplies \$62.60; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$17,120.16; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1982.62; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$226.98; gWorks-Data processing \$519.00; Hireright Solutions-Drug Testing \$280.25; Hunter's B&C-Batteries \$584.00; Huntley Service-Repairs \$228.48; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop supplies \$18.98; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-Grader Blades \$6920.13; Mips-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Freight/Parts \$39,841.38; NE Weed Control Association-Fall Training Registration \$150.00; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$37,323.65; Pro Building Supply-Equip Repair \$23.04; Quill-Office Supplies \$343.95; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$530.00; S&W Auto Parts-Parts/shop supplies \$615.79; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$60.61; Titan Machinery-Equipment repairs \$78.90; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$261.70; Verizon-Phone \$174.30; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; *Road Claims Total* \$107,951.56; **TOURISM:** Blick & Staff, The Hex and the Hive-Flyers \$95.00; Nebraska Rural Radio Association \$395.00; *Tourism Claims Total* \$490.00; **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA):** CK Technologies-Courthouse Cabling Project \$61,920.00; **E911:** City of Holdrege- Emergency Maintenance \$370.54 **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$244,155.24