

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From August 20th, 2024

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, August 20, 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 Miller-Boston 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 August 6th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from August 6th, 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.

Stacy Neubauer CEO, Kayla Rhynalds CFO, and Corinne Donahue, Sr. Transportation Planner of Olsson Associates, came before the Board to provide a status on the continued efforts to restore Public Transit in Harlan County. Rhynalds presented the Board with a master budget plan for FY2025 and provided an explanation for the amounts. Information was provided by Donahue and Neubauer also. Discussions were held. The next step will be for the County Board to review the proposed budget presented by Harlan County Health Systems and determine how to proceed.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:43 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. Treasurer Sandy Artz came before the Board and advised of the annual applications for exempt license plates that were submitted. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the applications for exempt plates submitted by Community Action and Colonial Villa. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. With no further business, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Bash. Seconded by Clements. 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 10:46 a.m.

Treasurer Artz provided the Board with an itemized report of distress warrant returns and explained the report. Discussion was held to strike taxes for entities on the report. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to strike taxes for taxpayer, TSYS Merchant Solutions. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Stearns of Hewgley and Associates came before the Board pursuant to a potential courthouse sidewalk compliance issue pursuant to the renovations that have begun to the exterior of the Courthouse. Details were explained and discussion was held. Stearns will get estimates for the four (4) corner ADA access points around the Courthouse and report back to the Board.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on road equipment, a citizen's report of a drainage issue, and current projects. Burgeson provided the Board with a cost estimate to change the status of Garnet Road, currently a minimum maintenance road, upon the permit request submitted by Max Boehler to improve the road for access to his property. Chairman Boehler turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Clements and proceeded to the public seating area due to a conflict of interest regarding the matter. Vice Chairman Clements proceeded with the meeting. The Board requested that Burgeson gather further costing. Bash advised that an Easement had been signed to allow Boehler access to his property through another landowner's property. Upon conclusion of the subject, Chairman Boehler resumed her position.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder provided an update on the union contract draft ready to be presented to the Union, for acceptance to conclude negotiations. Discussion was held. A motion to offer the contact term of three-years was made by Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A planning and zoning committee update was provided by Bash and Schnuerle. The next planning and zoning board meeting will be held Monday, August 26th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the Courthouse as advertised by zoning administrator, Ron Melbye.

Resolution #2024-14 was provided by the Clerk's office for the Board's review and approval of the Harlan County Levy Authority 2024-2025 for political subdivisions as presented. William Grossnicklaus, Oxford Fire Chief and Tom Tomas of the Orleans Township were present. Grossnicklaus provided the Board with an explanation of the preliminary request for levy allocation. A motion to accept and approve Resolution #2024-14 was made by Clements. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Transit Services. Discussion was held on the availability of transit vehicles, possibility of three owned by the Senior Center and one owned by Harlan County. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder will prepare an agreement. Further discussion was held on the proposed plan and budget presented earlier by the representatives from Harlan County Health Systems to provide and restore public transit services for Harlan County. A motion to approve Harlan County transit services be taken over by the Harlan County Health Systems was made by Scott. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Harlan County Health Systems shall submit a claim to the County for agreed upon funding and provide supporting documentation as required. Office space for the transit service staff was also discussed. A motion was made by Clements to make two courthouse office spaces available and offer them to Harlan County Health Systems for public transit staff. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. Motion carried. Further details will be addressed but efforts shall continue between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems to restore viable transit services to Harlan County.

Clerk Burgeson provided information and updates to the Board. There are two annual Inventory Reports from Tourism and Probation that have not been turned into the Clerk's office by the deadline as required. An IT Service committee was established and consists of Schnuerle, Boehler and Clerk Burgeson. Upcoming conference and central district meeting registration details were provided. An update on the status and issues with moving the equipment to the secure location from the Clerk's office was provided. Quote #3163 submitted by CEI Security and Sound for a secure alert option for the courthouse was discussed. A motion was made by Scott to accept and approve Quote #3163 from CEI Sound & Security as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

NE Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental *Agreement* and *Resolution* for BK2287-001 between Olsson and Harlan County, Nebraska for project CN71282, PN BRO-7042(15), Stamford East (Harlan County) was received and presented by the Clerk. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the Agreement. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Schnuerle to accept and approve Resolution #2024-12. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. Discussion was held on the courthouse exterior projects, office countertops, courthouse air conditioning and restrooms.

At 1:20 p.m. the Board took a brief recess. At 1:26 p.m. the Board opened the Budget Workshop and Bob Dunaway, CPA, came before the Board and provided the Board with preliminary budget numbers for their review and considerations. Discussions were held. At 3:00 p.m. the Board took a 45-minute recess for lunch. Bob Dunaway left the meeting. At 3:45 p.m. the Board reconvened to continue budgetary matters.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Clements 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 at 6:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held September 3rd, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items, 1:00 p.m. for Commercial Property Valuation Protest hearings and Budget Workshop to follow.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Alma Family Dentistry-Inmate Dental \$435.54; Jeff Artz-Zoning Mileage \$5.00; Bob Barker Co-Jail supplies \$180.40; Kelsi Bose-Zoning Mileage \$13.40; Dianne Calkins-Supplies, Med Aide Renewal \$26.96; Cardinal Assessment Group-Contractual Services \$7245.00; Clerk of the District Court-Court Fees \$144.00; CVSOAN-Veteran Service officer training \$60.00; Dawson County Sheriff's Office-Safekeeping of Inmates \$720.00; Dept of Corrections-Safekeeping of Prisoner \$813.15; Dept of Health & Human Services-Med Aide Renewal-Gruwell \$18.00; Dewald Deaver-Court Appointed Attorney \$1819.68; Diamond Exterminating-Pest Control \$150.00; Doris Burby, Freelance Court Reporter-District Court Deposition Copies \$110.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$2400.16; First National Bank-Dues, Supplies, Lodging, Postage \$2339.63; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$122.48; Franklin County Chronicle-Job advertising \$116.10; Franklin County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$455.00; Tana Fye- Court Appointed Attorney \$459.00; Government Forms & Supplies-Clerk Supplies \$198.00; GWorks-Contractual Services \$200.00; Harlan County Court- Court Costs \$220.20; Harlan County Health Systems-Inmate Meals \$1177.50; Harlan County Museum-Building Awning \$13,000.00; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$531.70; Harlan County Senior Center-March'24 Transit \$457.00; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$38.65; Dawn Hatrick-Mileage \$65.33; Hogeland Market-Sheriff Supplies \$327.62; Hometown Leasing-Assessor Annual Copier Lease \$1647.48; Doug Horwart-Zoning Mileage \$10.05; Intellicom-Treasurer Misc, Office Supplies & Office Equip, Sheriff's Computer Consult, Internet Service \$2959.28; Joseph Hewgley & Associates-Contractual Services \$3946.49; Kearney County Clerk-District Judge County Budget share \$7582.26; Kearney Hub-Sheriff's subscription \$552.99; Klein, Brewster, Brandt-Court Appointed Attorney \$23.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance Premium \$10,168.00; Mips-Data Processing \$1448.91; NPPD-Utilities \$1014.32; Richard Ohrt-Zoning mileage \$17.42; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$880.00; Platte Valley Communications-Sheriff Equipment repair \$148.85; Quill-Office Supplies-County Court \$474.13/ Clerk \$335.78; Rose Plumbing-Plumbing labor & supplies \$1452.55; DAS State of NE Accounting-Data Processing \$1239.10; Thomas Stewart-Court Appointed Attorney \$126.50; TNT/Tracy Weak-Mowing \$550.00; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$242.02; Trustworthy Hardware-Sheriff supplies \$9.99; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$134.04; Valley Voice-Newspaper subscription \$45.00; Verizon Wireless-Phones \$242.97; Viero Wireless-Phones \$107.14; Vyve Broadband- Internet/Phones \$2287.01; Waggoner Insurance Agency-Notary Bond \$40.00; Doug Winz-Zoning mileage \$25.46; Brandon Wright-Zoning mileage \$10.72; **General Claims Total** \$71,570.96; **ROAD:** Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$33.79; Barco Municipal Products-Signs/posts \$5489.35; Bosselman Energy- Fuel \$12,834.79; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1603.80; Breining Diesel-Equip repair \$1364.14; CHS Agri Service Center-Noxious

Weed supplies \$108.75; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-CDL Class B License fee \$185.00; Harlan County Journal-Advertising \$18.61; Hireright Solutions-Drug Testing \$168.15; Huntley Service-Repairs \$188.03; J&A Traffic Products-Signs/posts \$3190.00; Jim's OK Tire-Equip repair \$132.50; Kibbee's Repair & Towing-Equip Towing \$744.00; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Mips-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Freight/Parts \$20,557.99; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$25,965.00; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tire repair \$26.00; S&W Auto Parts-Parts/shop supplies \$58.07; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$75.09; Southwest Gravel Products-Gravel/rock \$5574.64; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$261.71; Van Diest Supply Company-Noxious weed supplies \$1561.80; Verizon-Phone \$149.93; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.06; Whites Auto Glass-Equip glass repair \$200.00; XBS Welding-Equip repair \$180.00; 136 Auto Body-Equip repair \$1401.00; **Road Claims Total** \$82,888.86; **TOURISM:** Nebraska Rural Radio Association \$400.00; *Tourism Claims Total* \$400.00; **E911:** City of Holdrege- Emergency Maintenance \$387.57 **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$155,247.39