

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
From **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's held a public hearing on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Supervisor's Max Schultz and Mike Clements were absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy; Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 1:03 p.m., Chairman Boehler opened the public hearing. County Attorney Bellamy provided an explanation for the public hearing and announced the planning and zoning board chairman and members in attendance. The public hearing is to review and consider the wind energy generation setbacks, escrow amount, and permit fees that the planning and zoning commission board approved at the Harlan County Planning Commission meetings held on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Bellamy provided that the new Harlan County Zoning and Comprehensive (Comp) Plan was in progress and that on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a planning and zoning board meeting was held in which the Comp Plan being the foundation of what everything is based on shall be first priority, and then other County ordinances and policies will be reviewed.

Planning & Zoning Board Chairman, Jeremy VanBoening, came before the Board and explained that more information has been gathered since the July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> meetings and advised the Board of Supervisors that the approved setbacks, escrow amount and permit fees as recommended should not be adopted at this time. County Attorney Bellamy asked the public in attendance if there was anyone that would like to comment and that was in favor of the recommendations submitted from the July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> meetings. There were no public comments.

Jeremy VanBoening provided the planning and zoning board's tentative timeline for completing the updated Harlan County Comp Plan and other policies and goals while Marvin Planning is working on the County zoning policies and Comp Plan. Data gathering and surveys may be sent out to residents of Harlan County by Marvin Planning regarding the County planning and zoning policies. County residents are being encouraged to get involved, participate in the data research and surveys.

Policy and procedures between the planning and zoning board and county board will be reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Bash to reject the planning and zoning board recommendations for wind energy generation setbacks, escrow amount and permit fees as presented from the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meetings. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The floor was again opened to the public for comments. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Bash to close the public hearing. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 1:21 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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