

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **December 3rd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised in the Harlan County Journal and posted on the County website harlancounty.ne.gov, 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, Account Trial Balance Listing, and Delinquent Tax Listings.

The Board reviewed claims and discussed the transfer of funds by Resolution for said claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve Resolution #2024-20 transferring \$300,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. 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 Bash to approve the claims 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.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the November 19th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 19th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-abstain; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Public Transit. Bryon Guthrie came before the Board and introduced Stacy Reed who will be working part-time for public transit. An update was provided regarding training in progress, transit vehicles, an upcoming meeting with Nebraska Department of Transportation and continued progress towards the start date for public transit services.

Jesse Langley came before the Board, on behalf of Ryan Melton, to provide a predator control update. Langley provided a summary of calls and what predators were included. Contact numbers were provided for Harlan County residents to call for predator control services: Ryan Melton 308-920-1061 or Jesse Langley 308-962-4683.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder came before the Board regarding union contract negotiations. A motion was made by Bash at 10:38 a.m. to go into executive session to discuss the union contract negotiations. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The Supervisors, Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney remained in the room for the session. A motion was made by Bash to exit the executive session. 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 11:10 a.m.*

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board for action on the purchase of a new payloader and motor grader. Information and Sourcewell pricing were presented for the payloader. Discussion was held. Supervisor Schnuerle recommended that the County purchase the Case payloader with the agreement that payment would be made after the first of the year. A motion was made by Schultz to buy the 721 payloader for \$244,000 to be paid after the first of the year. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-abstain. Motion carried. Burgeson presented information and pricing for a new motor grader. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled until after the first of the year. Burgeson then provided an employee update.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided that, in regard to Huntley, Nebraska, unincorporating, he will be attending the Huntley board meeting on December 11th, 2024, and will provide an update to the County Board.

An IT committee update was provided by Schnuerle, Boehler and Clerk Burgeson. Discussion was held on related subjects. Further research is needed so this matter was tabled.

Supervisor Scott provided a safety committee update which included that a representative from our insurance company, NIRMA, came to the most recent safety committee meeting and there are things from that meeting that the safety committee will be addressing as with continued efforts for safety, policies and procedures.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that was included in their packets and discussion was held regarding the process for the Courthouse closing for inclement weather. An Investment Portfolio Pledged Securities Report as of 11/30/2024 was provided for the Boards information. Discussion was held regarding issuing a credit card for maintenance and the credit card limit. The Board agreed and advised the Clerk to get maintenance a credit card with a limit of \$1000.

Bid proposals submitted by Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows for the Courthouse upper window replacement project that was previously tabled were brought before the Board for action to be taken. Discussion was held regarding the bid specifications and funding for the project. A motion was made by Bash to approve and accept the bid submitted by Bristol Windows for \$83,000. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Clerk to notify Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows of the Board's decision.

Building and grounds committee update was provided by Clements. Discussion was held regarding pricing received on additional hand railings for the Southside of the Courthouse. Further options and code requirements will be researched. Courthouse exterior lighting was discussed. An electrician is scheduled to provide options and pricing.

Highway and Weed Superintendent Burgeson provided an update on information he just received from Miller and Associates regarding the septic system at his office location. Discussion was held and this matter was tabled to research further options and get information.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided some upcoming agenda items for the Boards information. A brief discussion was held.

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, commencing 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 \$78,984.70 / Claims: Adams County Clerk-2024-25 District 10 Probation \$2012.40; American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$266.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,965.33; Jane Blum-Election work \$156.00; Bob Barker Company-Jail Supplies \$180.40; Wanda Brugh-Election work \$24.00; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance Cell phone \$45.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$24,147.39; Joyce Flasnack-Election work \$156.00; Pat George- Mileage \$133.73; Marvin Planning Consultants-Planning & Zoning-Comp Plan \$1900.00; Medica-Insurance \$13,332.62 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Pam Meisenbach-Election work \$270.00; Ron Melbye-Mileage \$81.74; James Miller-Election work \$156.00; NACo-Membership Dues \$450.00; NACVSO-Veteran Service Officer Dues \$50.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3643.98; Bonnie Nurnberg-Election work \$270.00; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Elizabeth Schroder-Election work \$156.00; State Accounting DAS-Data

Processing/Equip. rent \$350.75; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1525.37; Cheri Waggoner-Election work \$24.00; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00; Connie Wolfe-Election work \$147.00. **General Fund total:** \$150,283.40. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$30,014.09 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4943.08; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$389.45; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$9867.97; Landmark Implement-Equip Lease \$9250.00; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center-Employee withholding \$1423.50; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1430.99; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$68,192.14. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. Harlan County Treasurer-Transfer Inheritance Fund to General Fund \$300,000.00 **Grand total: \$519,675.54**