

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **December 17th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, December 17th, 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 Supervisors Joe Schnuerle; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; and George Scott present. Supervisors Jeff Bash and Janice Miller-Boston were absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:31 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, Delinquent Tax Listing and Pledged Securities Reports.

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as presented but to hold the check payable to Titan Machinery #24120136 for \$500 to request more detailed billing. Hwy Superintendent Burgeson will request the documentation. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the December 3rd, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Scott to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 3rd, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Treasurer, Sandy Artz joined the meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Schnuerle to go into the Board of Equalization at 10:29 a.m. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz came before the Board and presented an application for a tax-exempt license plate submitted by Harlan County Public Transportation for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. A brief discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to grant the tax-exempt license plate for the 2019 Dodge Caravan as applied for by Harlan County Public Transportation. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Schultz. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m.

Veteran Service Officer Pat George joined the meeting, came before the Board and provided an update from June 11, 2024, through December 10th, 2024. Discussion was held and appreciation was expressed to Mr. George for all that he has done and continues to do for Veterans.

Public Transit. Program Manager, Bryon Guthrie came before the Board and provided an update which included that five calls were received the first day reservations for transit services were taken and that transportation rides shall start December 30th, 2024.

Micky Blender, 4-H Youth Development Educator, came before the Board to request approval for two new extension board members that applied to replace current members Jessie Martin and Chris Sindt. The two new members are Sheena Henke and Ashley Kreutzer. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve Sheena Henke and Ashley Kreutzer as new extension board members to begin January 1st, 2025, for a three-year term. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. An update was given regarding the vacant 4-H assistant position. There were two applicants for the

position and interviews are scheduled for December 18th, 2024. The Board will be updated after interviews.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder came before the Board with an update on the union contract negotiations. An agreement has not been reached. Therefore, a meeting has been scheduled for January 2025 between the appropriate individuals to negotiate the contract. Discussion was held. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the contract approved for the purchase of a 721 Case payloader during the regular board meeting held December 3rd, 2024, and the need to rescind said contract due to a conflict of interest. Discussion was held pursuant to the Case payloader being purchased from Titan Machinery in which Monte Schultz is the salesman. A motion was made by Scott to rescind said contract approved on December 3rd, 2024, to purchase the 721 Case payloader. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-refrained; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Max Schultz removed himself from further discussion regarding the purchase of a new payloader, pricing obtained through Sourcewell for comparable machines, and which machine would be best suited for the road department uses. A motion was then made by Scott to approve the purchase of the 721 Case payloader from Titan Machinery. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-refrained; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board to discuss conducting a Stop sign study. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to direct Hwy Superintendent Burgeson to conduct the Stop sign study. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Burgeson provided an annual noxious weed report for the Boards review and to act on. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Burgeson provided a brief update on road department projects.

Chairman Boehler temporarily removed herself from the Chair position due to a conflict of interest and Vice Chairman Clements proceeded over the meeting pursuant to possible improvements to a section of Garnett Road as previously requested by Max Boehler. Burgeson provided information he had gathered from Neumeyer Construction and Leising Construction, which does not include engineering costs, to improve a half mile section of Garnett Road from “minimum maintenance” to “local” classification pursuant to the request. Discussion was held regarding processes and requirements. The road committee made a recommendation to the entire Board to deny the improvements as this would violate the County zoning policy, due to costing and because there is an Easement in place for a driveway. A motion was made by Schnuerle to deny the request made by Max Boehler to improve and reclassify the half mile of Garnett Road from minimum maintenance to local. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-refrained; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Clements returned the meeting to Chairman Boehler.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided an update from attending the Village of Huntley, Nebraska, board meeting pursuant to the Village unincorporating. Details were provided regarding concerns from the residents of Huntley, the assets of the Village and process to unincorporate the Village. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided information on responsibilities for unincorporating and deadlines as required by State Statutes for both the Village and County. More information is needed and will be researched by the County Attorney’s office. A letter received (too late to add to this Agenda) from Twin Valley Public Power District regarding the Village unincorporating will be reviewed and discussed at the next board meeting.

An IT committee update was provided by Schnuerle. A brief discussion was held regarding current IT, phones, and tabled until a later date.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided an update from the most recent planning and zoning commission meeting. Discussion was held. Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye will relocate his office within the Courthouse.

Bryan Crowder, Courthouse maintenance, joined the meeting. Supervisor Scott provided an update on items discussed at the last safety committee meeting and by the building and grounds committee.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that included the HCA Asset Management Property Inspection/Appraisal Update Report provided by NIRMA, warranty information provided by Bristol Windows, NIRMA's annual renewal schedules to review for accuracy, upcoming NACO annual conference Agenda, Courthouse office closures for Christmas holiday and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation form required designating the official County newspaper for Harlan County for 2025. Discussions were held. A motion was made by Clements to designate Main Street Media/Harlan County Journal as the official County newspaper for Harlan County for 2025. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

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

Expressions of gratitude were given to Max Schultz for his twelve years of continued efforts and services to the County while serving as a supervisor for the past twelve years, as this is his last board meeting as a county supervisor. Max has traveled many, many miles over the years to attend board meetings. In November, Rob Schmidt was elected as the next District 2 Supervisor and his term will begin January 2025.

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Schnuerle to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, 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: Stephanie Adams-Extension annual mileage \$15.00; Applied Connective Tech-IT Services \$4999.75; Jeff Artz-Planning/zoning mileage \$5.00; Ashley Blickenstaff-Extension annual mileage \$92.08; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home Removal & Pouch \$210.00; Melodie Bellamy-Meals/dues \$167.22; Blue 360 Media-Sheriff supplies \$99.95; Business World-Office Supplies \$73.00; Cardinal Assessment Group-Contractual Services \$18,220.00; Chris Sindt-Extension annual mileage \$20.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$890.00; Clerk of District Court-Court costs \$144.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance mileage \$182.17; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$1648.50; Duncan Theis-Courthouse remodel \$49,433.55; Gina Dunse-Extension annual mileage \$20.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$152.99; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$4181.02; Tana Fye Henry Law-Court app'd Attorney Fees \$2647.90; Government Forms & Supplies-District Court envelopes \$412.26; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$159.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$945.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$538.14; Hays Pharmacy-Inmate Medical \$26.75; Dawn Hetrick-Extension mileage \$10.05; Hogeland Market- Extension Supplies \$12.17, Sheriff-Jail Supplies \$128.88, Election supplies \$35.04; Dennis Hruska-custodian mileage \$14.47; Susan Janssen-Extension annual mileage \$15.00; Jeff's Electric-Electrical \$190.00; Linda Nickel-Extension annual mileage \$24.38; Lynn Peavey CO-Jail Blood tests \$98.45; Jessica Martin-Election mileage/Extension annual mileage \$36.42; McCarter Reporting-Deposition copy \$80.60; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$168.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$2368.36; Motorola Solutions-Sheriff's vehicle equipment \$3227.71; NAPA Auto Parts-Supplies \$19.80; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$555.79; Richard Ohrt-Planning/Zoning mileage \$17.42; Justin Pape-Planning/Zoning mileage \$21.44; Kenton Peterson-Extension annual mileage \$35.20; Amanda Pfeil-Extension annual mileage \$5.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmates \$1430.00; Pitney Bowes-Court postal services \$97.86; Quadient Leasing-Treasurer Maintenance Agreement \$500.88; Quill-Office Supplies \$374.57; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$888.35; Dan Stoelting-Planning/Zoning mileage \$5.00; The Nebraska Medical Center-Inmate medical \$240.36; The Radar Shop-Sheriff vehicle equipment \$288.00; Trailblazer RC&D-2025 Sponsorship fee \$400.00; Tripe Motor-Sheriff

Vehicle \$485.94; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance/Sheriff supplies \$360.17; University of Nebraska-Extension dues \$225.00; UNMC Physicians-Inmate medical \$106.47; Jeremy VanBoening-Planning/Zoning mileage \$16.08; Verizon Wireless-Sheriff's Dept. Phones \$243.13 & Maintenance Equipment \$249.99; Viaero-Phone \$107.00; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2850.30; White's Auto Glass-Sheriff's vehicle \$45.00; Doug Winz-Planning/Zoning mileage \$21.44. General Claims Total \$101,283.00.

ROAD: Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$108.92; Applied Connective-Office Equipment \$865.95; B's Enterprises-Grader Blades \$7360.00; Barco Municipal-Chains \$1113.13; Bladen Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$8693.27; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$9945.16; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1112.15; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel \$2446.95; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Durable Service-Building repair \$99.20; First National Bank-Office supplies \$24.80; Harlan County Journal-publishing \$63.15; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$7.56; Holdrege Auto Parts-Saw filters \$18.10; Huntley Service-Fuel \$59.78; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Midwest Service & Sales-shop supplies/snow fence \$1014.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Repairs \$17,759.57; Neumeyer Excavating-Contractual Services \$712.50; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$12,532.20; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$13,890.33; Quill-Office supplies \$117.84; Rudy's Tire-supplies \$535.30; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$249.14; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$248.17; Southwest Gravel Products-Gravel \$2404.14; Titan Machinery-Parts/repairs deductible \$500.00; Tripe Motor-Equipment Repair \$149.85; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$43.70; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$387.81; Verizon-Cell phone/supplies \$1288.20; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; Road Claims Total \$84,002.53. **E911-** City of Holdrege-Emergency Maintenance \$297.74. **SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND-**Tiger Commissary Services-Sheriff's supplies \$179.48.
CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$185,762.75