

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

From January 7th, 2025

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, 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; Rob Schmidt; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson 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. The newly elected District 2 Supervisor, Rob Schmidt was welcomed.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, account balances, Account Trial Balance List, and a Delinquent Tax List.

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims except for Claim #25010013, payable to Holdrege Electric, LLC. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-abstain; 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 December 17th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from December 17th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-abstain. Motion carried. Treasurer, Sandy Artz joined the meeting.

Micky Blender, 4-H Youth Development Educator and Brandi Hagemann, PhD, University of Nebraska, came before the Board to provide an update regarding the open 4-H assistant position. Two applications were received with one interview conducted via Zoom. The decision not to offer the job was made. Discussion was held upon the request made to consider changing the position to a part-time or full-time position. The Board approved the part-time option. A new hire search will begin with a 30-day application deadline.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board, explained the stop / yield sign study conducted at intersections where minimum maintenance roads meet local (gravel) roads and presented Resolution #2025-01. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve Resolution #2025-01 approving the Stop / Yield Sign Study as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Burgeson presented, for the Board's information, Right of Way permit #2024-06 submitted by Twin Valley Public Power District and a Driveway permit #2024-05 submitted by Randy Bialas. Burgeson then provided an update on road department work, personnel, snow removal, gravel, and upcoming projects.

No IT committee updates.

Discussion was held regarding the Courthouse closing pursuant to federal and state proclamations with references to the County Employee Handbook and NACO County Board Handbook. Discussion was then held regarding Courthouse closure and Courthouse office closure dates for 2025. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve closing the Courthouse for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request made to increase the maintenance employee work hours from 32 hrs/wk to 40 hrs/wk. A motion was made by Clements to increase the maintenance work hours to 40 hrs/wk effective Monday, January 13, 2025. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that was included in their packets which included the Harlan County Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report for Oct.1-Dec. 31, 2024, a Boiler

inspection report, and Pledged Securities Report dated 12/30/2024. Other information was provided for upcoming County Board, County Chair and County Budget workshops and upcoming proposed claims.

A Safety Committee update was provided by Scott regarding treatment for the new Courthouse walkways & steps. Further discussion will be held at the safety committee meeting scheduled for January 16th, 2025.

A quote received from Midwest Door & Hardware dated 12/19/2024 to replace the Courthouse basement exterior doors was reviewed, discussed and tabled to allow time to request other quotes.

Schnuerle provided information received regarding an option to have Courthouse entrance railings built locally. Research for other railing options will continue.

There was no update on the union contract negotiations. There is an upcoming meeting scheduled with Union and County representatives. An update will follow.

There was no update on the Village of Huntley unincorporating. A letter received from Goodwin Siegfried LLC obo Twin Valley Public Power District regarding the Village unincorporating was tabled. The County's legal counsel is looking into this matter.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided some upcoming agenda items for the Boards consideration. 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 Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, commencing at 9:30 a.m. for reorganizational purposes. The next regular board meeting will be held on January 21st, 2025.

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 \$79,465.80 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$255.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,828.08; Applied Connective Technologies-IT Server \$11,077.86; Melodie Bellamy-County Attorney Dues \$45.00; Brittany Artz-Treasurer Mileage NACO \$70.62; DaLynn Burgeson-Clerk Mileage NACO \$70.62; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00/ HSA Contribution \$9500.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance Cell phone \$45.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$23,719.71; Harlan County Treasurer-Transfer General to Road fund \$65,000.00; Holiday Inn of Kearney-Lodging Supervisor NACO \$249.90; Jessica Martin-D Clerk Mileage NACO \$70.62; Marvin Planning Consultants-Planning & Zoning-Comp Plan \$3200.00; Medica-Insurance \$12,701.18 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Ron Melbye-Zoning Mileage NACO/Survey \$125.96; NACO Planning & Zoning Dues \$40.00; NE State Fire Marshal/Boiler Supplies-Annual Certificates \$72.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3410.90; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1460.74; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$236,420.36. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$31,646.96 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4999.49; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$330.14; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,294.86; Medica-Insurance \$7526.50 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$800.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center-Employee withholding \$1423.50; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1454.55; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$61,022.56. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$298,642.92**