

## HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING MINUTES From **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met for a reorganizational meeting, Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://harlancounty.ne.gov), with Supervisors Joe Schnuerle; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Supervisor Rob Schmidt was absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson and Deputy Treasurer, Brittany Artz.

At 9:30 a.m., Supervisor 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 meeting was then turned over to Clerk Burgeson to take nominations for the 2025 Board Chairman. Clerk Burgeson asked for nominations for the 2025 chairman. Supervisor Clements nominated Cindy Boehler. With no other nominations, a motion was made by Bash to close nominations. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Cindy Boehler accepted the nomination and the meeting was turned over to Chairman Boehler.

Chairman Boehler asked for nominations for vice chairman. Clements nominated George Scott. Schnuerle nominated Jeff Bash. Secret vote tabulation was a tie. A second secret vote was conducted with Scott receiving two votes and Bash receiving four votes. Chairman Boehler asked if Bash would accept the nomination. Bash accepted and will be the 2025 Board Vice-chairman.

Treasurer Artz provided for the Board's review, a Semi-Annual Treasurer Report for July 2024-December 2024, and a Trial Balance listing.

The Board reviewed and discussed one claim. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claim, as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; 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 January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes.

Discussions were held on appointment of committees.

A motion was made by Clements to eliminate the Budget and Claims committees. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clements to redesignate the Personnel committee to include the Chairman and two other board members, removing the other members. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. For 2025, the Personnel committee members are Chairman Cindy Boehler, Joe Schnuerle and Jeff Bash.

A motion was made by Schnuerle to create a new Policy and Procedures committee including representatives or designees from each entity employed by Harlan County. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Board appointments. No changes for 2025.

A motion was made by Bash to establish a new Surplus committee to include three board members and the Courthouse maintenance person. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. For 2025, the Surplus committee members are Janice Miller-Boston, George Scott, Joe Schnuerle and Bryan Crowder.

A motion was made by Clements to approve the committees and board assignments as designated by the Board for 2025. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Harlan County Comment Form provided by County Attorney Bellamy.

A motion was made by Clements to designate DaLynn Burgeson as the NIRMA Harlan County Contact for 2025. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schnuerle to designate Main Street Media / Harlan County Journal as the legal newspaper for Harlan County for 2025. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz provided the Board with a letter requesting that the First State Bank of Alma NE, the Heritage Bank of Orleans NE, the Community Bank of Alma NE and Stamford NE, the Commercial State Bank of Republican City NE, and the Banner Capital Bank of Alma NE be designated as official depositories for Harlan County funds for 2025. A motion was made by Bash to designate the First State Bank of Alma NE, the Heritage Bank of Orleans NE, the Community Bank of Alma NE and Stamford NE, the Commercial State Bank of Republican City NE, and the Banner Capital Bank of Alma NE as the official depositories for Harlan County funds for 2025. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clements to appoint Tim Burgeson, Superintendent's License Number S-1546, with a Class A license, as the County Highway Superintendent for 2025. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bash to appoint Sheriff Chris Becker as the Harlan County Civil Defense Director for 2025. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bash to appoint Wayne Dietz as the Harlan County Surveyor for 2025. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Designation of the county official to assist Robert Dunaway, CPA, for 2025 and designation of the fixed salary was discussed and tabled.

A motion was made by Bash to designate Joe Schnuerle as the South Central Economic Development District, Inc., 2025 County Representative with Cindy Boehler as the Alternate County Representative. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Secretary of State Annual Report for County Officers was distributed for the County Supervisor's signatures.

**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 11:23 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, commencing at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda and 10:00 a.m. for business agenda.

**ATTEST:**

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the County website: [harlancounty.ne.gov](http://harlancounty.ne.gov)

**CLAIMS:**

**GENERAL:** Bristol Windows- Courthouse Windows Project deposit \$41,500.00; Grand total: \$41,500.00