

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **February 18th, 2025**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 18th, 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; 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 Highway and Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson. Deputy County Attorney appeared by Zoom.

At 9:32 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, account balances, an Account Trial Balance, Delinquent Tax Listing and Pledged Securities Reports.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. Claim #25020043 was held to gather further information. A motion was made by Scott to approve the claims as presented except for claim #25020043 from claimant, Wayne Dietz. Second 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 February 4th, 2025, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from February 4th, 2025, as presented. Second by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Due to inclement weather, the following agenda items shall be rescheduled: Board of Equalization, Two Rivers Public Health Department, and Applied Connective.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board and provided updates on his office septic system issue, current issues with phone and internet, and crew projects. Discussion was held on the transfer of funds for the upcoming F Road Bridge project pursuant to the construction agreement. Burgeson also provided the Board with a 2024 end of year dirt & gravel report.

Village of Huntley unincorporating. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder joined the meeting via ZOOM and provided an update. A letter has been sent to the Village in reference to the statutory requirements as stated in Chapter 17 and to schedule a sit-down meeting with representatives from the County board and Village board. A letter was also sent to attorney Cody Siegfried of Goodwin Siegfried LLC obo Twin Valley Public Power District providing a progression update.

Discussion was held on the Joseph Hewgley & Associates Invoice #1053 that was denied for payment on February 4th, 2025, and referred to the County Attorney's Office for further investigation. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder will proceed.

Clerk Burgeson provided information for the 2025 NE Annual Planning Conference being held in March in Kearney, two grants that were applied for and approved, an insurance update on the window/roof leak claim submitted, scheduled date and time for re-inspection of the courthouse boiler, the NIRMA 2024 Annual Report for review and information on the upcoming Central District Meeting.

Special Designated License (SDL) request submitted by North Shore Marina for a candle making / mimosa bar event being held May 10th, 2025, at the North Shore Marina Event Center in Republican City was presented by Clerk Burgeson. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to approve the SDL request from North Shore Marina as presented. Second by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

11:00 a.m. **PUBLIC HEARING** – One Year and Six Year Plans prepared by Hwy Superintendent Burgeson. Motion was made by Clements to open the public hearing. Second by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-

yes. Motion carried. Discussion held. No public in attendance. A motion was made by Bash to close the public hearing. Second by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Resolution #2025-03 was presented. Motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the 2025 One Year and Six Year plans Resolution #2025-03 as presented. Second by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. (Bash stepped out of the meeting)

Building & Grounds committee update was provided by Scott regarding the plans for the south entrance sidewalk railings and that we are awaiting an electrical bid for the East and West side lighting. Invoice #107702, dated March 25, 2024, submitted by Midwest Door and Hardware was discussed. Further discussion will be held regarding the invoice with Joseph Hewgley and Associates as this was part of the courthouse renovations. (Bash returned to the meeting)

Union negotiations. A motion was made by Clements to go into executive session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss union negotiations. Second by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Only the Board members and Deputy County Attorney Schroeder were present during the executive session. A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session at 11:42 a.m. 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 the Harlan County Road committee and County Attorney to oversee the union negotiations, excluding Highway superintendent Burgeson. Second by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

At 11:48 a.m., a motion was made by Schnuerle to go into an executive session upon the personnel committee's request. Second by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Only Board members were present during the executive session. At 1:10 p.m., a motion was made by Bash to exit executive session. Second 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 Schnuerle to discontinue services with County Attorney Melodie Bellamy and appoint Whitney Schroeder to permanently fill the county attorney position expiring January 12, 2027, effective immediately. Second by George. Further discussion was held related to the reasons for the motion which included concerns regarding several current matters involving the County with the uncertainty of Bellamy's availability with her seeking a judgeship and time restraints. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Schnuerle requested that the surplus committee meet and take action to address the multiple surplus items that need to be cleaned up.

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Second by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 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: Applied Connective Tech-IT Services \$2355.65; Barco Municipal Products-Handicap Sign \$196.00; Melodie Bellamy-Office Equipment \$30.00; Mickayla Blender-Extension Mileage \$35.42; Business World-Office Supplies \$57.00; Central NE County Assessor's Assn-Dues \$25.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$890.00; Clerk of District Court-Court costs \$112.00; Daake Law Office-Court appt'd attorney \$701.50; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$439.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$854.45; FGH Law Office-Court appt'd

attorney \$2559.19; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$4441.64; Kathy Yantiss-Sheriff's Office Uniform Allowance \$12.00; Geoland Management LLC-Assessor Annual Subscription \$400.00; Government Forms & Supplies-Register of Deeds Supplies \$1471.17; Gray Law Firm-Court appt'd attorney \$1840.00; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$230.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$1260.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$908.03; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff's fees \$18.50; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter fund Transfer Assessor Reappraisal Fund \$20,000.00; Hays Pharmacy-Inmate Medical \$97.60; Hogeland Market- Sheriff-Jail Supplies \$163.06; Holdrege Daily Citizen-publishing \$125.00; Hometown Leasing-Office Equipment \$115.86; Dennis Hruska-custodian mileage \$15.12; InstaKey Security Systems-Keys & Rekeying kit \$79.39; Intellicom- Antivirus \$3.00; Intoximeters INC-Sheriff Supplies \$373.00; Johnson Controls-Boiler repairs \$7823.60; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, Messersmith-Court appt's attorney \$1324.90; Mary Lanning Healthcare-Inmate medical \$1787.47; MIPS-Data Processing \$6817.00; NE Assoc of County Clerks-Dues \$50.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment-Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection \$75.00; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$611.12; Platte Valley Communications-Sheriff Service \$4253.63; Quill-Office Supplies \$369.99 (Court) \$530.90 (Clerk, CDC, Bld & Grds); Republican Valley Animal Center-Stray dog care \$52.50; South Central LEPC-Civil Defense SCLEPC Membership 24-25 \$100.00; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$888.35; Thomas Stewart-Court appt'd attorney \$378.50; Tripe Motor Company-Vehicle Repair \$1000.99; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance supplies \$20.76; TwoPturf-Lawn Care \$1527.31; Verizon Wireless-Sheriff's Dept. Phones \$243.07; Viaero-Phone \$106.90; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2875.36; 136 Auto Body-Car repair \$120.00; 911 Custom-Sheriff Vehicle Equip \$411.20. General Claims Total \$71,177.13.

ROAD: Barco Municipal Products-Signs \$6052.35; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$8381.62; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$823.67; CHS Agri Service Center-Fuel \$1000.89; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; City of Holdrege-Ditch cleanout waste \$637.74; Cooperative Producers Inc-Fuel \$1264.35; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Meals, Lodging, Conferences \$355.90; Garrett Tires & Treads-tires \$813.16; Harlan County Journal – Publishing \$60.55; Holdrege Auto Parts-Supplies \$200.70; Huntley Service-Fuel \$72.26; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-Grader blades \$6605.20; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NACO-Central District Meeting Registration \$50.00; Northern Safety Co-Safety Supplies \$344.48; Paulsen INC-Gravel \$931.00; Quill-Office supplies \$24.59; Reliable Pest Control Services-Pest control \$315.00; Rudy's Tire-supplies \$101.32; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$313.88; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Equipment repairs \$33.50; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$990.49; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$906.43; Van Diest Supply-Noxious weed supplies \$2487.00; Verizon-Cell phone/supplies \$96.06. Road Claims Total \$33,570.33. **E911-** City of Holdrege-Emergency Services \$373.83. **SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND:** Tiger Commissary Services-Commissary \$150.00. **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$105,271.29