

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **March 18th, 2025**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, March 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; Rob Schmidt; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk DaLynn Burgeson, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder and Highway and 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed & discussed claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as presented. Second by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 4th, 2025, regular Board meeting and Board of Equalization and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from March 4th, 2025, as presented. Second by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Stacy Neubauer, CEO, and Kayla Rhynalds, CFO, of Harlan County Health Systems came before the Board and provided overall updates of the organization. Ms. Neubauer announced new services, possible future services, information about community outreach, staff and recruitment. Ms. Rhynalds provided a financial update which included growth comparisons from 2023 to 2024. Harlan County Public Transportation services are going strong and starting to receive reimbursements from startup. Discussions were held. Expressions of appreciation were given by the Board.

Ashley Kreutzer of Phelps/Harlan County CASA came before the Board and introduced herself as she is the new Executive Director. Ms. Kreutzer provided the status of assistance between the County and CASA, the possibility of training CASA volunteers to be held in Harlan County and asked for expectations from the Board to continue or better the relationship between Harlan County and CASA. Discussions were held. CASA will provide updates before the Board twice per year. Ms. Kreutzer asked permission to put pinwheels on the courthouse lawn from April 1st through May 1, 2025, for Child Abuse Awareness month of April. Permission granted. The Board welcomed Ms. Kreutzer and expressed appreciation.

Bonnie Kresser, Director of the Harlan County Senior Center, came before the Board, introduced herself and provided a brief summary of services that the Senior Center offers. Ms. Kresser provided the Board with the Senior Centers budget documents, explained funding increases and reductions, and reasons for the increase in the overall budget request from last year. Discussions were held regarding contributions, donations, pledge letters, and other fund-raising options to offset the increased budget. The budgeted amount requested by the Senior Center last year from the County was \$34,619 and the amount this year is \$67,010. Further discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve giving \$45,000 to the Senior Center. Second by Schmidt. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-no; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Kim Fouts came before the Board, presented and explained the reasons for and contents of a Contract for Referee Services between the County of Harlan, Nebraska, and Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC, that shall not exceed \$12,000 for the 2025 assessment year. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve and accept the Contract for Referee Services with Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC. Second by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Discussion was then held

regarding tax protests and setting protest hearing dates. The protest hearing dates are scheduled for the afternoon of July 15th, and all day on the 16th and 17th, 2025, with specific times to be determined.

A Union negotiations update was provided. County Attorney Schroeder and the Road Committee have been working diligently on a union contract that is in the best interest of both the County and Union members of Harlan County. Continued efforts will be made for a resolution and a proposed contract will be presented to the County Board for review and to act upon.

An update of Huntley unincorporating was provided. Discussions were held regarding the letter that was sent to the Village of Huntley referencing procedural steps with statutory requirements as stated in Chapter 17 to unincorporate and about refunding the NDOT on behalf of the village unincorporating. A Huntley board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, March 19th, 2025, and Schnuerle plans to attend and report back. Schroeder will continue to provide updates to Goodwin Siegfried LLC obo Twin Valley Public Power District.

Personnel Committee. A contract has been drafted between Harlan County and Whitney Schroeder for the permanent county attorney position through January of 2027. Discussion was held regarding some of the contract contents and will be updated accordingly before action is taken. Ms. Schroeder expressed her interest in the position. The possibility of a deputy county attorney was also discussed with there being a separate contract for said position. The Personnel committee will continue discussions and then present a proposed contract or contracts to the Board to act upon.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board and presented three Right-of-Way Agreements (2025-01, 02 and 03) for the Boards information. Two were for gas lines by Alex Olson with Black Hills and one was for an electrical line for a well by Danny Black. Burgeson then provided updates including upcoming projects, new hire status, upcoming noxious weed conference he will be attending, and spraying ditch weeds in the County rights-of-way options.

Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health vacancy was discussed. An application submitted by Yvonne Tolle, RN, was presented for consideration to fill the vacant spot. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve and accept the application from Yvonne Tolle, RN, to fill the vacancy on the Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health. Second by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-abstain (sibling to applicant); Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

IT committee. Applied Connective Quote for Battery Backup and Power Distribution Unit was discussed and approved.

Surplus committee update was proved by Scott. Inventory of the County's surplus items is about complete. Discussion was held regarding advertising and the best option for the sale of the items.

Clerk Burgeson provided for the Board's information the First State Loomis Investment Portfolio Pledged Securities report as of 2/28/2025 and an agenda for the upcoming NIRMA Spotlight Seminar.

The transfer of a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4, VIN #1GCPKSE08AZ110384 from the Road Dept. to Building & Grounds for maintenance and custodial use was discussed. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the transfer of the 2010 Chevrolet Silverado with a \$3000 payment from the General Fund to the Road Fund. Second by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds committee updates. Maintenance and custodian will receive a pickup from the Road Department for County use. An asbestos assessment / walk-thru will be conducted within the Courthouse on March 25, 2025. Anderson Brothers submitted a proposal for the electrical lighting issues on the East and West side of the Courthouse. The Alma High School shop class will be building additional hand railing for the southside entrance to the Courthouse. Completion date is unknown currently. Discussion was held regarding snow removal for the Courthouse sidewalks and parking lot. Chairman Boehler will check the status of the Lady Liberty restoration.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Harlan County and Two Rivers Public Health Department for the purpose of inspections of designated swimming pools located in Harlan County for compliance with the Environmental Safety Act was discussed. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the MOU. Second by Scott. Further discussion was held. Schnuerle withdrew his motion to approve the MOU since the MOU did not include any inspection fees or costs.

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-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1st, 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: Adams County Sheriff's Dept. -Housing Inmate \$3245.00; Applied Connective Tech-IT Services \$2786.58; At Scene -iCrimefighter Subscription \$2268.00; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Surveyor Supplies \$100.00; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home-Transport Med25-3; Berts Pharmacy-Inmate Meds \$23.00; Bob Barker Company-Jail Supplies \$85.98; Cardinal Assessment-Ag Improved Reappraisal 2nd Half \$16,720.00; Phelps/Harlan County CASA-2024-2025 Annual funding \$15,000.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$890.00; Clerk of District Court-Court costs \$36.00; Combined Public Communications-Jail Prepaid Calling cards \$800.00; CVSOAN-Veterans Conference Registration \$60.00; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$1851.50; Wayne Dietz-Surveyor Services Proposed Solar Farm \$1104.55; Dr. Jesse Neal Dental Care-Inmate Dental \$343.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$826.41: Education Service Unit #11-Sheriff's Supplies \$14.00; FGH Law Office-Court appt'd attorney \$1288.50; Gray Law Office-Court appt'd attorney \$2032.44; First National Bank Office Supplies / Fuel / Meals/Postal Services \$2872.08; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$11.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$1335.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$2128.72; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff's fees \$33.18; Hays Pharmacy-Inmate Medical \$19.75; Hogeland Market- Extension Supplies \$18.36 & Sheriff-Jail Supplies 179.42; Hometown Leasing-Office Equipment \$115.86; Dennis Hruska-custodian mileage \$15.12; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, Messersmith-Court appt's attorney \$4040.10; Main Street Variety-Extension Supplies \$12.00; Marvin Planning Consultants-Zoning Manual \$2000.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$1733.25; Kevin Molzahn/Lakeside Lawn Co-Snow removal \$1625.00; NACO-Clerk Dues \$50.00; NACT-Treasurer Dues \$175.00; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$555.58; Nebraska State Patrol-Safety Equipment \$295.00; Justin Norris-Sheriff Vehicle Service \$2800.00; Physicians Laboratory Services-Autopsy Med25-6 \$2750.00; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services-Postal Supplies \$97.86; Platte Valley Communications-Sheriff Service \$26.95; Point C/Benefit Admin-Insurance Premiums \$265.00; Police Officers Association of NE-Sheriff Supplies \$32.50; Quadiant Leasing-Treasurer Postage Machine \$500.88; Quill-Office Supplies 472.70; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$888.35; Thomas Stewart-Court appt'd attorney \$592.50; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance supplies \$247.26; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$115.05; Tyler Technologies-Veterans NE VetraSpec State Solution Renewal-\$449.00; Verizon Wireless-Sheriff's Dept. Phones \$243.03; Viaero-Phone \$106.90; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2535.84. General Claims Total \$79,985.70.

ROAD: Applied Connective-Office Equipment \$1307.95; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Steel \$100.44; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$2521.90; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$758.96; CHS Agri Service Center-Fuel \$898.43; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers Inc-Fuel \$3108.00; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Equipment Blades-Grader Blades \$8747.50; GWorks-Data processing \$3544.00; Harlan County Journal – Publishing \$16.53; Hireright Solutions-Drug/Alcohol Testing \$301.15; Huntley Service-Fuel \$141.06; JD Lumber-Building Supplies \$688.30; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange Inc-Parts & labor \$9144.03; Nebraska Weed Control Association-Noxious Weed Spring Training \$150.00; Oak Creek Engineering-Bridge Inspection \$385.61; Pro Building Supply-Building Supplies \$919.89; Quill-Office supplies \$132.16; Reliable Pest Control Services-Pest control \$315.00; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$191.87; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Supplies & Fuel \$99.71; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$63.95; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$835.86; Verizon-Cell phone/supplies \$57.18; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; White's Auto Glass-Glass, labor & adhesive. Road Claims Total \$35,190.47. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering-Contract for services Bridge project \$19,524.00. **E911:** City of Holdrege-Emergency Services \$287.86. **SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND:** Tiger Commissary Services-Commissary \$212.54. **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$135,200.57