

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From February 3rd, 2026

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, 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 Mike Clements; George Scott; Cindy Boehler; Janice Miller-Boston; Jeff Bash and Joe Schnuerle present. Also, present was County Clerk Jessie Martin, Highway and Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Assessor Kim Fouts, County Treasurer Brittany Artz, County Sheriff Jesse Langley. Absent was Rob Schmidt

At 9:30am 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.

The board reviewed and discussed payroll and claims. Motion to approve claims as submitted, made by Clements and seconded by Bash. 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 January 20th, 2026, regular board meeting and the minutes from the January 29th, 2026, workshop meeting and called for any corrections. Motion made by Scott to approve the minutes from January 20th, 2026, with one correction and seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-abstain; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Motion to approve the January 29th Workshop minutes with one correction was made by Scott and seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Miki and Brandon Yaw came before the Board to talk about the Orleans Hotel and a proposal for the county to buy the hotel.

Kyle Brown came before the Board and gave updates on predator control.

Revised employee handbook is pending updates.

Mike Boden and Judd Allen with NACO, Tony Gulizia with All American Insurance and Dustin Will with Benefit Management all came before the Board to continue discussion on employee health insurance.

Chairman Boehler called the public hearing to order at 11AM to discuss and go over the Harlan County Road Department one- and six-year plan. Chairman Boehler closed the public hearing at 11:05AM. Motion to approve resolution 2026-2 Harlan County Road Department one- and six-year plan made by Bash and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson present the Board with Right of Way permit 2026-1 and gave updates.

Chairman Boehler at 11:13am asked for a 5-minute break to go around and talk to employees about health insurance. At 11:21AM the meeting was called back to order. Motion by Clements to go with Benefit Management Health Insurance proposal and leave all costs to the employees the same, seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-no; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schnuerle presented the Board with an interlocal cooperation agreement to participate in the South Central Economic Development District. Motion made by Schnuerle to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with South Central Economic Development District, seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to go into Board of Equalization at 11:31am made by Bash and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Fouts presented the Board with some tax list corrections. Motion

made by Bash to approve the tax list corrections as presented, seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Motion to exit Board of Equalization and return to regular session at 11:33am made by Schnuerle and seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Mickayla Blender with the Harlan County Extension office came before the Board with an annual report and updates.

Motion made by Schnuerle to approve resolution 2026-3 to confirm February 18, 2025, termination of employment/appointment of Melody Bellamy as the County Attorney and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session for a strategy session with respect to pending litigation at 11:41am made by Scott and seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Motion to come out of Executive session at 12:44pm made by Schnuerle and seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Martin provided for the Board's Review the monthly Clerk and District Report.

Treasurer Artz provided for the Board's review of the account balances, account trial balance list and the Delinquent tax listing.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17h, 2026, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST: /s/ Jessie Martin, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the County website: **harlancounty.ne.gov**

CLAIMS: GENERAL: Payroll: \$82,817.19/ Claims: American Family Life \$350.15; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$328.52; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$13,274.63; Sydney Boden-Supplies \$6.65; Brophy Electric- Repair \$170.47; Calkins Law- Attorney Fees \$3,548.00; Colossus-Data Processing \$980.00; Community Bank-HSA \$14,965.00; Daake Law-Salary \$4,375.00; FGH Law-Attorney Fees \$772.53; First State Bank- Payroll Deductions \$23,333.04; Harlan County Health System-Medical \$149.58; Harlan County Journal-Publishing \$145.00; Harlan County Senior Center-Dec 2025 \$1,721.83; Harlan County Treasurer Transfer-To Road \$10,000.00; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$370.96; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz-Attorney Fees \$349.50; Marvin Planning Consultants Inc-Planning Cost \$800.00; Medica-Health Insurance \$20,366.71; MIPS-Data Processing \$1,642.88; NACO-Dues \$1,748.82; NACREC- Dues \$50.00; NE Dept of Revenue- Payroll Deductions \$3,124.34; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$582.95; Nelson Law-Attorney Fees \$264.50; Norton County Sheriff-Sheriff Fees \$40.00; Richard Ohrt-Mileage \$18.85; Justin Pape-Mileage \$23.20; Physicians Laboratory-Autopsy Cost \$2,875.00; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment \$2,480.00; Darcie Porter-Phone \$45.00; Secretary of State Elections Div-Supplies \$20.00; DAS State Accounting-Teletype Service \$537.60; Dan Stoelting-Mileage \$5.00; Lincoln National- Insurance \$1,491.62; Trailblazer RC&D- Dues \$400.00; Tripe Motor-Repair \$1,283.62; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$130.03; Twopturf-Lawn Care \$1,593.37; Jeremy VanBoening-Mileage \$16.85; Verizon Wireless-Phone \$32.29; Vyve Broadband-Internet and Phones \$2,039.86; Whites Auto Glass-Repairs \$45.00; Doug Winz-Mileage \$27.55; GENERAL TOTAL \$199,345.09

ROAD: Payroll \$37,350.25/Claims: American Family Life \$639.53; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$194.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$5,864.31; Community Bank-HAS \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$398.27; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First State Bank-Payroll Deductions \$10,961.44; Harlan County Journal-Publishing \$41.50; Huntley Service-Fuel \$505.62; Larson's Ace Hardware-Office Supplies \$7.99 M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Medica-Insurance \$11,709.00;

MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; Ne Child Support Payment Center- Payroll Deductions \$949.00; NE
Dept of Revenue- Payroll Deductions \$1,450.15; Nebraska Public Employee Local 251- Payroll
Deductions \$55.00; Oak Creek Engineering-Bridge Inspections \$8,628.80; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies
\$358.70; Lincoln National- Insurance \$751.80; Michael McConnell-Tree Trimming \$1,500.00; ROAD
TOTAL \$82,382.52

TOURISM: Jordann Dunlay-Wage \$1,200.00

911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Holdrege-E911 \$123.00