

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **May 21st, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:31 a.m., Vice 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 and will be followed by the Board and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed claims. Vice Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. Discussion was held. One claim was held to verify which account the funds should be distributed from and will be resubmitted at the next board meeting. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted, with the exception of the one claim held. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

Public Hearing on Applications for Harlan County 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions.

The Motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:40 a.m. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson presented a 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions Listing and the Exemption Applications (Form 451) for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations for the Boards review. Discussion was held. A motion to approve the 2024 Permissive Tax Exemption applications as presented was made by Bash. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion to exit the Board of Equalization. was made by Scott. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.
The Board returned to regular session at 10:43 a.m.

Vice Chairman Boehler invited Ryan Stearns of Joseph R. Hewgley & Assoc., Inc. to come before the Board with sealed bids for the Courthouse Exterior Site Improvements project 2024. Stearns came before the Board with one sealed bid. The Bid was submitted by Duncan Theis. Stearns explained the details of the proposed bid with allowance options. Discussion was held and this matter was tabled to gather more information and for the building and grounds committee to meet to discuss current and upcoming projects and funding for the projects. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Vice Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the May 7th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There was one correction to the minutes whereas Supervisor Scott's first name was listed in a roll call vote instead of his last name. With no further corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from May 7th, 2024, with the one correction, as presented. Seconded by Clements. Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler provided an update on behalf of the Transit Committee. Discussion was held regarding three transit vehicles, a proposed agreement for Harlan County Public Transit Services, involvement of Nebraska Department of Transportation and transit funding. This matter was tabled to gather further information in the ongoing effort to restore viable transit services to Harlan County.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board with Alex from Oak Creek Engineering to discuss the Transfer of Ownership and Funding Agreement between BNSF Railway and Harlan County. A preliminary schedule by Oak Creek for the project was provided and explained. There were questions and discussion held. This matter was tabled to gather more information and for Deputy County Attorney Schroeder to review the Agreement. There were no driveway or right-of-way permits. Burgeson provided research information for the proposed purchase of a payloader. Discussion was held. Burgeson then provided an update on road matters including equipment, job openings, storm damage, road conditions and the issues with getting gravel delivered.

Clerk Burgeson informed the Board of information that she included in their packets and provided information on the courthouse roof assessment, internal damage from leaking and insurance status.

Clerk Burgeson presented a Special Designated License Application submitted by North Shore Marina for an event scheduled for May 31, 2024, for the Board’s consideration. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve the Special Designated License from North Shore Marina for the event on May 31, 2024. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding vacancies in the county’s committees and related boards that the Supervisors participate in to represent Harlan County. Clements will be the board representative for CASA, Boehler will be the representative for SCEDD, Bash will be the representative for Region III, and Scott will replace Boehler as the Two-Rivers Public Health board representative. Further vacancies will be filled at an upcoming board meeting.

Due to the resignation of the 2024 chairman effective May 1, 2024, Deputy County Attorney Schroeder advised that the board should reappoint a chairman and vice chairman for the remainder of 2024. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Forum: *Citizen(s) were present. No comments.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held June 4th, 2024, 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, Vice Chairman

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

CLAIMS: GENERAL: Ameritas Life Insurance-Payroll deductions \$1303.49; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home-Transport \$905.00; Melodie Bellamy-County Attorney Dues & office chairs \$300.00; Business World-Office Supplies \$146.37; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; CMH Interiors-Office Carpet \$1890.24; Colossus dba Interact Public Safety Systems-Annual Support; Combined Public Communications-Jail Prepaid Calling cards \$720.00; Communications Engineering-Computer Consulting \$987.15; Cummins Sales & Service-Civil Defense equipment/maintenance \$848.90; Department of Revenue-Assessor Continuing Education \$270.00; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$4146.05; Wayne Dietz-Surveying Services \$349.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$541.08; Election Systems & Software-Election Supplies \$6917.53; First National Bank CC-Supplies, Postal

Supplies, Office Equipment, \$4408.65; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$2024.54; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$35.64; Tana Fye Henry-Court appointed attorney fees \$861.20; Pat George-Veterans Mileage allowance \$212.22; Government Forms & Supplies-Office Supplies \$600.00; Gray Law Firm-Court appointed attorney fees \$655.50; Crystal Gruwell-Training meals/mileage \$152.53; Gworks-Data Processing, Contractual services; Harlan County Attorney Trust Fund-Postal Services \$68.00; Harlan County Court-court costs \$147.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$810.00; Harlan County Journal-publications \$1953.15; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff Fees \$18.50; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$29.32; Hogeland Market-Extension supplies \$42.37/Sheriff supplies \$238.91; Holdrege Electric-Electrical supplies/service \$2142.47; Holdrege Soft Water Service Contractual Service \$66.00; Intellicom-Computer Consulting \$247.25; Johnson Controls-Boiler repairs \$7292.43; Kearney County Treasurer-Clerical wages, postage, office supplies \$1056.50; Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith-Court appointed attorney fees \$470.50; M&B Business Machine Service-Maintenance Agreement \$153.00; Main Street Variety-supplies \$19.96; Martin's Flag Co-Veterans Office Flag \$282.70; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1606.04; NE Department of Revenue-payroll taxes \$182.86; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$458.53; NESCA Communications Association-Conference Registration \$100.00; Debra Overleese-Clerical Wages \$259.20; Paper Tiger Shredding-Shredding Services \$50.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$55.00; Physician's Lab Services-Autopsy x2/lab \$6121.00; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment \$100.00; Pritchard & Abbott-Assessor Mineral Appraisal Services/Contract \$930.00; Quill-office supplies \$543.85; DAS State Accounting-Data Processing/Sheriff Teletype Service \$708.60; Thomas Stewart-Court appointed attorney fees \$34.50; TNT Tracy Weak-Lawn care \$400.00; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$186.28; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$25.35; Urbom Law Office-Court appointed attorney fees \$213.75; USDA, Aphis, Wildlife Services-Predator Control \$2560.36; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.95; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.24; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$2345.41; Zimmerman Printing & Shirt Shack-Sheriff supplies \$195.59 (General Fund Total: \$87,441.38).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-shop supplies \$199.87; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$15,116.12; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1877.88; CHI Agri Service-Propane \$560.48; City of Alma-Trash service \$64.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Help wanted ads \$125.00; Hunter's B&C-Batteries \$680.00; Huntley Service-Supplies/Fuel \$207.26; J&A Traffic Products-signs/posts \$4353.75; Long Island Redi Mix-Office Concrete \$112.50; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-Supplies /signs \$2465.24; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair \$1863.34; NE Rural Radio Association-Publications \$350.00; Paulsen Inc-Gravel/rock \$14,587.10; Platte Valley Communications-Radio install/services \$1307.60; Reliable Pest Control-Rodent supplies \$530.00; Wilson, Brian-Services for 2023/current \$1350.00; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$667.76; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$160.96; Titan Machinery-Equipment parts \$74.29; Trustworthy Hardware-supplies \$78.84; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$314.99; Verizon-Phone Service \$65.98; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00; Whites Auto Glass-Glass repair \$255.00 (Road Fund Total: \$47,855.62).

SHERIFF'S EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND: Husker Auto Group-New Sheriff Vehicle \$46,099.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Holdrege-911 \$698.34.

HOSPITAL BOND FUND: First State Bank-Hospital Principal/Interest/Wiring fees \$392,965.00.

Grand Total: \$575,059.34