

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **October 15th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; 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., 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; 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 October 1st, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There was one correction noted, on page two, first paragraph regarding public transit, correction to Roll call votes, Bash did not vote yes, his vote was to *abstain*. A motion was made by Bash to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 1st, 2024, as presented with the one roll call vote correction. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-abstain; Schultz-abstain; 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 October 1st, 2024, special hearing to set the final tax request and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from the special hearing held on October 1st, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-abstain; Schultz-abstain; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer, Brittany Artz joined the meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:13 a.m. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer, Brittany Artz, came before the Board and presented an application for a tax-exempt license plate submitted by the Harlan County Senior Center for a 2018 Chevy Traverse. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to grant the tax-exempt license plate for the 2018 Chevy Traverse as applied for by the Senior Center. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Clements. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m.

Assessor Kim Fouts joined the meeting, came before the Board and presented a Contract for Property Review from Cardinal Assessment Group LLC for ag parcel reviews and physical inspections for the Board's consideration. Fouts explained the details and reasons for the contract. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the Cardinal Assessment Group LLC contract for improved ag reviews. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding notification to the landowners prior to any physical inspections. Fouts will review and consider notification options.

Mackenzie Fennel came before the Board, introduced herself and expressed her concerns on the County property valuation process and gave the Board handouts with research she had gathered for their information regarding referee qualifications, advance notice of protest and physical property inspections and commercial assessments. Ms. Fennel asked the Board to please consider a fair, equal, assessable and explainable process. Ms. Fennel was thanked for coming and then she left the meeting. Further discussion was held by the Board regarding transparency for both commercial and residential property reviews and physical inspections.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder came before the Board regarding union contract negotiations. A motion was made at 10:51 a.m. by Schnuerle to go into executive session to discuss union contract negotiations. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The seven County Board members, Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney remained in the room. All the other people in attendance left the room. At 11:01 a.m., a motion was made by Bash to exit the executive session. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided the Board with the 2023-2024 SSAR Report for their review and action. A motion was made by Clements to approve the 2023-2024 SSAR Report as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Burgeson then provided the Board with updates on winter preparations, dirt and gravel road work, road equipment, and upcoming projects. Burgeson also provided a noxious weed update in which twenty noxious weed letters were mailed out to landowners notifying them that they have phragmites that need attention. Supervisor Schultz thanked Tim for tending to the recent accident involving a train and car on the railroad tracks in Schultz's district.

Transit Committee update. Clements provided that the hospital is still tentatively hoping to start providing transit services on November 1st, 2024. The office space in the Courthouse for the transit office is getting closer to being done. The County's public transit 2022 Chrysler Voyager was picked up from the Senior Center last week and arrangements have been made with the Senior Center to take possession of the Goshen Bus this week. These two vehicles will then be transferred to the hospital for public transportation services. Discussion was held regarding an overlay for office rent previously presented by the hospital and the County providing the office space at no cost to the hospital. Chairman Boehler will check on this in reference to the County's transit contribution.

Safety Committee update. Scott provided a summary of concerns that were expressed from the Safety Committee meeting held on September 26th, 2024. Discussion was held. The Safety Committee meets again Thursday, October 17th, 2024.

Clerk Burgeson provided an update on the south entrance doors, registration for the upcoming NACO annual conference in December, rescheduling of the next board meeting to Wednesday, November 6th, since the meeting room will be unavailable due to the General Election being held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, the Pledged Securities Report as of 9/30/2024 provided for their information and that the next planning and zoning commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4th, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Courthouse community room.

The 2024-2025 Tax Rate for Harlan County Dollars Tax per \$100 of Actual Value – Levy Resolution #2024-18 was presented for the Boards review and action. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the 2024-2025 Tax Rate for Harlan County Dollars Tax per \$100 of Actual Value – Levy Resolution #2024-18 as presented. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee update. A walk-through is scheduled for tomorrow between the building & grounds committee and Ryan Stearns of Joseph R. Hewgley & Associates Architectural Services. Discussions were held regarding the courthouse vacant cleaning position, handrails for the entrances that have been delivered, color and locations of the railing, the new steps and the need for lighting on the west side of the courthouse. Chairman Boehler advised that she has delivered lady liberty for restoration to begin.

Public Forum: One citizen expressed her concerns regarding the posting of the board meeting Agenda. There were no further public comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, 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 \$2190.40; Melodie Bellamy-Mileage \$364.52; Betsy Ross Flag Girls-New flags \$579.93; CAMAS Publishing-Printing/Publishing \$46.20; City of Alma-Utilities \$889.09; Communications Engineering Inc-Service/Jail \$4056.00; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$3170.97; Cummins Sales & Service-Generator Inspection \$568.59; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$482.00; Diamond Exterminating- Pest control \$150.00; Robert Dunaway CPA-Budget Services \$5400.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$1979.63; Election Systems & Software-General Election expenses \$2520.61; Franklin County Sheriff-Court costs \$37.00; Tana Fye Henry Law-Court app'd Attorney Fees \$5122.12; Harlan County Attorney Trust Fund-Postage \$121.40; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$84.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$660.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$1248.86; Harlan County Senior Center-Purchase transit Goshen Bus \$5990.00; Harlan County Treasurer Cash-Title fee \$15.50; Harlan County Treasurer Transfers-Inter fund transfer-Roads \$10,000; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$38.73; Dawn Hetrick-Extension Mileage \$220.23; Hogeland Market- Sheriff Supplies \$160.11; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$91.09; Holdrege Soft Water Service-Salt \$88.00; Intellicom-IT Services \$3864.50; JK Trainer-Medical/Inmate \$189.00; Johnson Controls-A/C Repairs \$3830.07; Klein, Brewster, Brandt Law-Court appt'd Attorney Fees \$23.00; Lakeside Family Vision-Medical/Inmate \$110.80; M&B Business Machine Service-Court Service Contract \$153.00; Main Street Variety-Jail supplies \$7.99; Marvin Planning Consultants-Planning/Zoning Contractual services \$1650.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$1448.91; NACO-Meeting Registrations \$1330.00; NCEA-Extension Conference Registration \$285.00; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$992.80; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmates \$183.00; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment Repair \$145.00; Quill-Office Supplies \$223.74 & 703.46; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$1239.10; Thomas S. Stewart Attorney-Court appt'd Attorney fees \$751.25; TNT Tracy Weak-Lawn Maintenance \$200.00; Tripe Motor-Car Repair \$259.81; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance supplies \$60.61; UNMC Physicians-Medical/Inmate \$120.18; Verizon Wireless-Phone \$243.08; Viero-Phone \$107.14; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2949.51; General Claims Total \$67,553.79.

ROAD: Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$17.66; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$18,380.18; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1418.50; Central States Aggregate-Rock \$1403.04; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; CNH Industrial Accts-Equipment Lease \$18,426.05; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Weed ID App renewal \$32.24; Holdrege Auto Parts-supplies \$88.30; Huntley Service-Fuel \$186.11; I.S.S.-Fire Ext. Annual Check \$420.00; Landmark Implement-Parts \$77.04; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop Supplies \$10.58; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NACO-Conference registration \$160.00; NMC Exchange-Repairs \$4018.21; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$12,022.50; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$42,370.65; Reliable Pest Control Services-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudys Tire-Mower supplies \$11.56; S&W Auto Parts-Filters/Supplies \$852.69; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$60.90; Southwest Gravel Products-Gravel \$12,233.77; Titan Machinery-Parts \$1215.97; Tripe Motor-Repair \$120.00; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$248.75; Verizon-Cell phone \$58.78; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; Road Claims Total \$114,650.14.

E911- City of Holdrege-Emergency Maintenance \$305.68.

CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$182,509.61