

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From June 16th, 2026

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, June 16th, 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 George Scott; Cindy Boehler; Janice Miller-Boston; Jeff Bash; Rob Schmidt; Mike Clements and Joe Schnuerle present. Also, present was County Clerk Jessie Martin, Highway and Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson.

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 claims. Motion to approve claims as submitted pending one claim for clarification by Scott and seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from June 2nd, 2026, regular board meeting and called for any corrections. Motion made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from June 2nd, 2026, with one spelling correction. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Jill Hays came before the Board on behalf of the concerned citizens of Harlan County with a letter and a petition regarding the possible solar farm project by Orleans. It was noted that the petition has a little over a thousand signatures so far. Hays has plans to get on the Planning and Zoning Board agenda scheduled for Thursday June 18th, 2026.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, came before the Board with Resolution 2026-6 to transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the Road/Bridge Construction Fund. Discussion was held if it could wait till the next budget year. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 made by Schmidt and seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-no; Clements-no; Boehler-no; Bash-no; Scott-no; Miller-Boston-no. Motion failed. Motion to amend the claims and not pay the transfer covered under Resolution 2026-6 and move it to the next budget year made by Clements and seconded by Schmidt. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. Motion carried. Burgeson presented the board with an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Countyline Road Maintenance Agreement between Phelps County and Harlan County. Motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Countyline Road Maintenance Agreement between Phelps County and Harlan County made by Schmidt and seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Burgeson gave updates on the railroad bridge and upcoming events on the bridge.

Highway Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, came before the Board for the opening of sealed 2026-2027 Gravel Bids submitted. Five sealed bids were opened by Chairman Boehler and announced the amounts to the board. Burgeson requested to the Board to approval all five bids so that he can have choice where to get gravel from. Motion to approve all five gravel bids made by Schmidt and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Stacy Neubauer, Chad Jay and Stephanie Jacobsen with the Harlan County Health Systems came before the Board to give updates on the hospital revenue, transit service and the open job positions currently at the hospital and clinic. Motion to go into Board of Equalization at 11:05 am made by Schnuerle and seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Fouts let the board know it was not necessary to be in Board of Equalization and could go back to regular session. Motion to exit Board of Equalization and return to regular session at 11:06 am made by Schnuerle and seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Fouts presented the Board with her list of permissive exemptions that are scheduled for public hearing on July 7th, 2026, at 10:30 AM. Discussion was held on designating the State Print Shop to facilitate the printing and mailing for the joint public hearing postcards and what that process will look like. Motion to designate the State Print Shop to facilitate the printing and mailing for the joint public hearing postcard made by Clements and seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Fouts was requested by Lauren Ebbers with Farm and Home Publishers for a copy of our shape file to be used to make and publish plat books. The request from Lauren was to have the shape file in exchange for printing a page on the Courthouse for free. Motion was made by Bash to charge for the shape file as Harlan County always has and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schmidt-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Updates were given on the pending planning and zoning comprehensive plan that is being done by Marvin Planning. Discussion was held on looking into a moratorium for data centers to give the Planning and Zoning Board time to get the Comp plan done. County attorney to work with Rachel Chandler to look in to and get done if need to be.

Discussion was held on termination of the township in Harlan County and the upcoming public hearing that is scheduled for July 7th, 2026, at 11 AM. County Attorney Schroeder talked about the process that would need to be done and the state statues that cover that timeline if less than 50% of the townships are not active. All but one township in Harlan Count is currently inactive. The one current active township in Harlan County is the Orleans Township. Orleans Township currently has two properties it levies for. The library which appears to be deeded to the Village of Orleans and the Cemetery which appears to be deeded to the Orleans Cemetery association. It was addressed that terminating the townships is not being done to hurt the Orleans Township but to follow state statue. Other routes are being looked in to for those two levies.

Building and Grounds committee informed the Board that Jesse Adams was hired for the open Custodial Job and will be starting this week and be doing some training with Dennis.

Personnel Committee gave an update on the employee that was injured while off work and about roughly how long he may be out.

PUBLIC FORUM- Robert McCormick with Energy RE came before the Board to talk more about the possible solar farm project that would go by Orleans. Members of the Board and the public asked Mr. McCormick questions in regards to the project.

Sammy Laux came before the board about the possible solar farm and to talk about the asphalt on Corp Road B falling apart and is very rough.

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

With no further business, a motion was made by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 pm. Second by Bash. 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 12:29pm

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th, 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 FUND: Claims: Alma Family Dentistry-Medical \$161.00; Applied Connective Tech-IT Services/Equipment \$3,142.45; Jeff Artz-Mileage \$5.00; Mickayla Blender-Mileage \$200.10; Capital City Transfer Service-Autopsy Cost \$625.55; Centec Cast Metal Products-Grave Markers \$296.41; City of Alma-Utilities \$1,125.00; Clerk of the District Court-Court Cost \$222.00; Daake Law-Attorney Fees \$126.50; Dewald Deaver-Attorney Fees \$1,972.00; Diamond Exterminating-Pest Control \$150.00; Dier, Osborne, Cox & Nelsen-Attorney Fees \$473.80; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies

\$571.89; FGH Law-Attorney Fees \$322.00; First State Bank-Stop Pymt Fee \$30.00; Harlan County Court-Court Cost \$174.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Meals \$1,140.00; Harlan County Journal-Publishing \$196.87; Harlan County Transfers-to Road Fund \$225,000.00; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$30.75; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$277.70; Hometown Leasing-Equipment Lease \$115.86; Klein, Brewster, Brandt and Messersmith-Attorney Fees \$2,198.98; Lieske, Lieske and Ensz-Attorney Fees \$426.70; Main Street Variety-Supplies \$17.91; Mips-Data Processing \$1,505.25; Naco-Dues \$1,802.96; Nebraska Public Power-Utilities \$522.74; Nelson Law-Attorney Fees \$299.00; NIRMA-Insurance \$54,060.00; Pitney Bowe-Postage \$97.86; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment \$4,500.00; Quadient Leasing-Postage \$500.88; Quill-Supplies \$634.93; Republican Valley Animal Center-Misc \$55.50; Thomas S Stewart Law-Attorney Fees \$235.75; Dan Stoelting-Mileage \$5.00; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$8.37; Jeremy Vanboening-Mileage \$18.85; Verizon Wireless-Phone \$200.05; Vyve-Phone/Internet/TV \$2,194.47; Doug Winz-Mileage \$27.55; 136 Auto Body-Repairs \$1,000.00; GENERAL TOTAL \$306,679.63

ROAD FUND: Claims: B.H. Hesemann Shop-Repairs \$29.00; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$1,430.70; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$2,235.25; Cintas-Safety Supplies \$8.03; City Of Alma-Utilities \$75.47; Harlan County Journal-Publishing \$9.58; NMC Exchange Inc-Repair \$1,555.37; NIRMA-Insurance \$39,068.00; Paulsen-Gravel \$11,591.20; Quill-Supplies \$87.99; Reliable Pest Control Services- Pest Control \$360.00; S&W Auto Parts-Tools/Supplies \$348.11; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$192.66; Tripe Motor-Repairs \$371.94; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$95.51; Twin Valley Public Power Dist.-Lights \$253.44; Village of Republican City \$35.00; ROAD TOTAL \$57,747.25