

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
And BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **April 2nd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization met in regular session Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; Assessor, Kim Fouts; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; and Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder. Supervisor Mike Clements was absent. Ron Imm was absent/resigned.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Schluntz called the meeting to order and 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, an Imprest Account Listing with account balances, an Account Trial Balance Listing and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

The Board reviewed claims. Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. Discussion was held. One claim submitted by Fouts and one claim submitted by Artz were tabled for further review. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted, except the two that were tabled. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 19th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from March 19th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Boehler to accept Ron Imm's resignation as District 6 Supervisor pursuant to Imm's letter of resignation submitted to the Board effective April 1, 2024. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Boehler provided the Public Transit committee update. Conversations have been held with Harlan County Health Systems and Tri-Valley Health System of Cambridge in the search for viable transit services for Harlan County. Discussion was held. Further details will be researched, and information gathered. The County's efforts will continue.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Boehler to go into Board of Equalization at 10:18 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list corrections #1410 and #1411 and provided an explanation for the needed corrections. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve tax list corrections #1410 and #1411. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson presented a Permissive Exemptions report to the Board for their review. Assessor Fouts gave an explanation for the report. A motion to approve the Permissive Exemptions as reported was made by Boehler. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Bash made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m.

Supervisor Boehler gave an update on the Courthouse boiler issues. Quotes from Johnson Controls were provided to repair the current boiler or replace it. Discussion was held. The Board agreed to move forward with repairing the boiler. The Building and Grounds Committee will respond to Johnson Controls.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye came before the Board to advise that the Harlan County Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 19th, 2024, to consider adding planning & zoning regulations for Wind Energy Generation systems / Wind Generation Towers and Solar Energy systems and that the Planning Commission approved the regulations as presented. The County Board received a copy of the approved regulations. Melbye asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns about the regulations. Discussion was held. With no concerns, the regulations were approved. The Resolutions were not available to sign at this time. A motion was made by Boehler to extend the Moratoriums for both the wind and solar/solar farm energy systems for an additional six (6) months. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Resolution #2024-04 (Wind energy) and #2024-05 (Solar energy) were adopted.

Assessor Fouts came before the Board to inquire on the status of the repairs for the damaged wall in her office and other Courthouse maintenance items of concern. Discussions were held. The Building and Grounds Committee will address the items discussed. Two quotes submitted by Holdrege Electric for new LED lighting throughout the Courthouse and adding additional electrical circuits due to overloaded breakers were discussed. The Board approved both quotes as submitted by Holdrege Electric. Clerk Burgeson will notify Holdrege Electric.

Clerk Burgeson provided the remaining balance due for the courthouse renovations (Phase I) to the Board. Discussions were held. Boehler will work with the Clerk and Chairman to prepare a maintenance position job description in an effort to then find a Courthouse maintenance person.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and presented a Driveway Permit Application #2024-2 submitted by C & S Development and a Right-of-Way Permit Application #2024-3 submitted by Brad Rebman. Discussion was held. Burgeson then provided updates on bridge assessments, road matters, road department job openings, an upcoming bridge conference he will be attending, status on the septic system issues at his office and information on new road graders.

Public Forum: Two citizens were in attendance and a discussion was held regarding the employment structure of the Courthouse. The Board thanked both citizens for their attendance and input.

With no further business, a motion was made by Boehler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held April 16th, 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/ Chris Schluntz, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$70,546.38 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$286.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,579.07; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00; Trisha Crist-Mileage \$171.25; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$20,905.83; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$37,000.00; Darron Hohnholt-Blg & Grds Labor-carpet \$695.00; Medica-Insurance \$28,246.39 & Medica-Employee Health Insurance Deductions \$2400.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$176.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3074.46; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$183,372.05.

ROAD FUND: Payroll \$32,595.30 / Claims: American Family Life \$879.38; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$173.86; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4958.36; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$820.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,004.37; Medica-Insurance \$11,975.57 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$500.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1458.47; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$556.41. **Road Fund total:** \$64,141.72. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$248,713.77**

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **May 7th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization met in regular session Tuesday, May 7th, 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; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; Assessor, Kim Fouts; and Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder.

At 9:33 a.m., Vice Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order and 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Boehler welcomed newly appointed District 6 Supervisor, George Scott to the Harlan County Board.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, an Imprest Account Listing with account balances, an Account Trial Balance Listing and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

The Board reviewed claims. Vice Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the resignation of District 1 Supervisor, Christian Schluntz. Vice Chairman, Cindy Boehler will conduct the meeting until determination is made for the correct protocol to fulfil the chairman position.

Vice Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the April 16th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from April 16th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-abstain; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; George-abstain; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Bonnie Kresser from the Harlan County Senior Center came before the Board and provided a copy of the South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Title III C1 & C2 Budget for the Board's information. Ms. Kresser explained the annual budget numbers and the reason for the increase being requested from the County. Discussion was held. A motion to approve the budget increase for the senior center in the amount of \$34,619.00 was made by Bash. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Jacki Haley and Erica Carpenter from Two Rivers Public Health Department came before the Board and presented a handout for the Board's information. Ms. Haley and Ms. Carpenter provided an overview of the information, statistics, current and new programs. The Board expressed their gratitude for the information provided, the time spent preparing and presenting the information and the work of the Two Rivers Public Health Department.

Charlie Rudeen of Nebraska Machine Company/Caterpillar came before the Board with Highway Superintendent, Tim Burgeson. Information and Sourcewell bid pricing were provided for purchasing a new Cat motor grader, trade in value for a 2010 JD grader, credits, and warranty. Discussion was held on two grader options. Motion to accept and approve the purchase of the AWD tandem motor grader at \$393,600 less the trade-in value of \$45,400 was made by Schultz. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a new payloader option to replace the road departments 1997 payloader that is having mechanical issues. No decision was made at this time.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 11:10 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list corrections #1413 and #1414 and provided an explanation for the needed corrections. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve tax list corrections of 2022-2023 #'s 1413 and 1414 as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Fouts explained the permissive tax exemption process and the need to schedule a public hearing for the 2024 Permissive Tax Exemption applications submitted. The public hearing for the 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions will be held before the Board of Equalization on May 21, 2024, at 10:05 a.m.

Motion to exit the Board of Equalization at 11:15 a.m. was made by Bash. Seconded by Clements. 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 11:16 a.m.***

Assessor Fouts provided, for the Board's review, a Contract for Referee Services between Harlan County and Cardinal Assessment Group LLC in which Josh Garris will act as referee for hearing tax protests for the 2024 assessment year and transmitting all papers, findings, and recommendations to the Board of Equalization. Discussion was held. A motion to accept and approve the Contract for Referee Services for 2024 was made by Clements. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Protest hearing dates were set for residential and commercial hearings on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, beginning at 2 p.m. and for Thursday, July 18th, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Assessor Fouts inquired about the status of what has been done towards fixing the walls in her office and status of getting the hot water in the restrooms as was quoted previously. Supervisor Clements provided an update. Discussion was held. The repairs will be on hold until the cause of the damage is determined.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder came before the Board regarding a Preliminary Agreement and Understanding for Harlan County Public Transit Services between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems that was provided for the Boards review. Discussion was held. Boehler will take a copy of the Preliminary Agreement to the Harlan County Health Systems for review also and it will be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Resolution #2024-08 was presented to the Board for their review and approval. Said resolution is for the correction of 2022 annual salaries for elected officials that were found to be in error by the State Auditors. A motion to approve Resolution #2024-08 correcting the 2022 annual salaries for elected officials was made by Schultz. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and presented a Driveway Permit Application #2024-4 submitted by Gary Blum to access his hay field north of Orleans. Discussion was held. Burgeson then provided updates on one new hire, an interview for another possible new hire, current road department job openings, road and equipment matters, fiber optic line issues, gravel status, and septic system update. Discussion was held on the County's current Right-of-Way agreement. Burgeson will confer with the County Attorney to review and update the agreement. Burgeson provided information on an agreement received between BNSF Railway and Harlan County for transfer of ownership and funding on a county bridge project. The road committee will meet to review and discuss the agreement in depth and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Clerk Burgeson advised of what information was in the Boards packets which included the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024, a CASA Newsletter and other board information. A motion was made by Clements to accept Christian Schluntz's resignation as District 1

Supervisor pursuant to Schluntz's letter of resignation submitted to the Board effective May 1, 2024. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Proposals for auditor services for the upcoming 2024 and 2025 County audits were discussed. The Board was presented with a copy of two proposals, one submitted by Lengemann & Associates, PC for Financial Statement Audit and Single Audit in the amount of \$18,500 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$19,500 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and one by Dana J. Weber, CPA for similar auditing services in the amount of \$15,500, not to exceed \$16,500 for 2024 and an estimate with explanation for 2025 of \$16,275 to \$17,000, not to exceed \$18,150. Upon discussion of the proposals as submitted, a motion was made by Bash to accept the proposal submitted by Dana J. Weber, CPA. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on county committees and the vacant spots previously held by supervisors. A few spots were filled, and the remaining spots were tabled until the next meeting.

Clements provided a buildings and grounds update regarding opening of bids for outside work to the courthouse sidewalks, retaining walls and landscaping, the hardware issue on the south doors, and scheduling for the finishing of the countertops in the Clerk, Treasurers and Assessors offices. Discussion was held regarding a job description and job ad for a courthouse maintenance position. Fouts advised that she had notes that the walls in her office had been since the new roof was completed. Boehler thanked Fouts for that information.

Further discussion was held on the request by the Senior Center for increased funds and insurance, ownership and transferring of the public transit vehicles. Miller-Boston left the meeting.

Public Forum: Citizens were in attendance, but no comments were made.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held May 21st, 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

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$71,577.33 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$286.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,824.25; Melodie Bellamy-Meals, Mileage & fees \$148.65; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$21,489.28; Kim Fouts-Meals \$57.41; Harlan County Senior Center- Feb&March \$3540.58; Harlan County Treasurer-Sheriff Vehicle Title Fee \$15.00; Medica-Insurance \$13,693.15 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$2400.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$176.00; NACT -Treasurer Continued Education Workshop \$150.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3208.56; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1686.24; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$137,787.70. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$33,912.22 / Claims: American Family Life \$879.38; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$173.86; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5228.88; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$895.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,861.14; Roger Gehrig-CDL License fee reimbursement \$35.50; Medica-Insurance \$5537.91 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$500.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1683.98; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$556.41. **Road Fund total:** \$60,484.28. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$199,471.98**

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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

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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

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **June 4th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the Supervisors Room, of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisors Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott, and Jance Miller-Boston; present. Also present were Deputy Clerk, Jessie Martin; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; and Assessor, Kim Fouts

At 9:30 a.m., Vice Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order and 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims/Payroll. Discussion was held and Claims and Payroll were approved as submitted. Motion made by Bash and Second by Miller-Boston, Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made at 10:08 am to go into Board of Equalization and the Public Hearing by Clemments and Second by Bash. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Public hearing was opened, no one from the public present. The board voted to remove the Permissive exemption on the Stamford Legion Hall since it sold on 8-31-2023. Motion by Bash to remove the exemption from the Stamford Legion Hall, Second by Clemments. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion to close the public hearing made by Clements and seconded by Bash. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Kim also presented the Board with Tax list correction #1412, 1415 – 1419 and explained why the correction. Discussion was held. Motion to approve the Tax list correction #1412, 1415 – 1419 made by Bash and seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Kim presented the Board with a list of Board Values that need to be corrected. Board Approved and signed off on the Board value Corrections sheets. At 10:23 AM Motion to exit Board of Equalization was made by Clements and seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

At 10:24 a.m. Vice Chairman Boehler opened the business meeting. She then asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the May 21st, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any other additions or corrections. Motion was made to approve the Minutes from May 21st regular meeting with no corrections made by Miller-Boston and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Joining the meeting was Kyle Brown, Jesse Langley and Ryan Motion, Discussion was held on the two wildlife control service agreements. Both contracts were tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the chairman position, Motion by Schultz to have Cindy Boehler be the Chairman and was seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Vice-Chairman position. Motion by Miller-Boston to have Mike Clements be the Vice-Chairman, Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the public Trans it and the Hospital agreement. Motion to approve the agreement with Harlan County Health systems made by Clements and seconded by Miller-Boston. After more discussion was held Mike Clements withdrew his motion on the advisement of Deputy County

Attorney Whitney Schroeder. The board agreed that they wanted to meet with the hospital on the agreement and then move forward.

Motion to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 24-25 county match of \$8,021.52 made Bash and seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried

Discussion was held on the Bid from Duncan Theis on the Exterior Improvements project. Motion to approve the bid from Duncan Theis for \$544,000 and to pay by using the ARPA(American Rescue Plan Act) Fund and the courthouse improvement fund with any remainder money coming from the Inheritance tax fund made by Clements and seconded by Scott. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried, Boehler asked that the rock from the retaining wall be taken to the Road Yard and stocked piled for now.

Motion to approve the NIRMA 24-25 renewal made by Bash and seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Jessie Martin gave updates on behalf of the Clerk. No one has turned in an application for the maintenance position, the Board would like it to run in the paper again for another 3 weeks.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 PM was made by Bash and seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes Scott-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried

The next regular meeting will be held on June 18th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, at 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items and 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jessie Martin, Deputy County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll / Claims including Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; All Needs Computer and Mailing Service-Postal Service \$1,706.66; Sandra Artz- Mileage Allowance \$134.67; Joyce Flasnick-Election worker \$156.00;Jane Blum-Election worker \$156.00;Wanda Brugh-Election worker \$18.00; Harlan County Senior Center \$1816.59; Pamela Meisenbach-Election worker \$156.00; Daake Law-Wage \$4375.00; Bonnie Nurnberg-Election worker \$156.00; Mips-Data Processing \$95.00; James Miller-Election worker \$156.00; Whitney Schroeder-wage \$1100.00; Cheri Waggoner-Election worker \$18.00; Connie Wolfe-Election worker \$156.00; General Fund total: \$137,706.57. ROAD FUND: Payroll / Claims. Road Fund total: \$65,972.45. TOURISM: Jordan Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. Tourism Fund Total: \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$204,879.02**

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **June 18th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, June 18th, 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 9:30 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 Listing, Delinquent Tax Listing and Pledged Securities reports.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: 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 June 4th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were a few corrections and are as follows: paragraph 6...joining the meeting were Kyle Brown, Jesse Langley and Ryan *Melton*; paragraph 7...roll call votes, Boehler-*abstained*; paragraph 8...roll call votes, Clements-*abstained*. With no further corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from June 4th, 2024, with the above noted corrections. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 10:24 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board and explained two property corrections that were needed to correct property values. A motion to approve board corrections as presented was made by Bash. Seconded by Schultz. 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 Bash. Seconded by Clements. 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 10:27 a.m.

Hospital board vacancy. A motion was made by Schultz to nominate Rueben Chavez for the hospital board appointment to replace Deb Jensen. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Schultz will notify Mr. Chavez of his appointment.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler provided an update on behalf of the Transit Committee. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve a Preliminary Agreement and Understanding for Harlan County Public Transit Services between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. There are still details to be worked out, but ongoing efforts shall continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Clements requested an update on the status of the traffic study previously requested for placement of Stop signs on Cornhusker Road for safety purposes and speed control. Highway Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board, provided an update, explained the information and regulatory guidelines that he had gathered and provided an alternative to help regulate speed control. Burgeson presented a quote for solar radar speed signs for the Board's consideration. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the purchase of two solar radar speed signs. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson presented one Right-of-Way agreement #2024-04 for the Board to review. He then provided an update on road department job vacancies, equipment repairs, gravel availability and a new sign program. Burgeson introduced Tom Bokenkamp, CEO of Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney, NE. Mr. Bokenkamp came before the board and provided an Annual Culvert Bid for 2024/2025. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the Annual Culvert Bid for 2024/2025. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Transfer of Ownership and Funding Agreement between BNSF Railway and Harlan County. County Attorney Bellamy and Deputy County Attorney Schroeder both reviewed the Agreement. Schroeder provided legal references in regard to the agreement. Burgeson provided details of the agreement including an approximate timeline for the project to be completed. Discussion was held. A motion to accept the proposed Transfer of Ownership and Funding Agreement between BNSF Railway and Harlan County was made by Schultz. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler signed the Agreement.

Highway Superintendent Burgeson presented Resolution #2024-09 for the Board's consideration to transfer \$350,000 from the Road Fund to the Road Equipment Sinking Fund. A motion was made by Clements to approve Resolution #2024-09 transferring \$350,000 from the Road Fund into the Road Equipment Sinking Fund. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Kyle Brown, USDA Wildlife Specialist, joined the meeting.

Jesse Langley and Ryan Melton came before the Board regarding the Proposed Service Agreement between them and Harlan County for predator control services in Harlan County as this matter was tabled at the last board meeting. Langley explained that the Agreement had been updated and would be between Harlan County and Ryan Melton only, removing Jesse Langley from the proposed agreement previously submitted. Discussion was held. Chairman Boehler requested a five-minute recess at 11:19 a.m. Chairman Boehler, Vice Chairman Clements and Deputy County Attorney Schroeder exited the meeting. The three returned and at 11:24 a.m., Chairman Boehler reconvened the meeting. Chairman Boehler invited Kyle Brown to come before the board. Langley and Melton went back to their seats. Kyle Brown approached the Board. Discussion was held regarding the previously submitted Proposed Work/Financial Plan Between Harlan County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services that was tabled at the previous board meeting. A motion was made by Bash to stay with Kyle Brown and approve the Proposed Work/Financial Plan Between Harlan County and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-no; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-no; Miller-Boston-no. (3 yes-3 no) Motion failed. County Attorney Bellamy telephonically joined the meeting and provided the Board with legal options in reference to the failed motion. A new motion was made by Clements to accept the Proposed Service Agreement Between Harlan County and Ryan Melton as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. (4 yes-2 no) Motion carried. Chairman Boehler to sign the Agreement. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder will prepare a 30-day written termination notice to USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services pursuant to Cooperative Service Agreement #21-73-31-2094RA dated 6/21/2021.

Clerk Burgeson announced that interviews for the District 1 Supervisor vacancy were held on June 17th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. by County Attorney Melodie Bellamy, County Treasurer Sandy Artz and County Clerk DaLynn Burgeson and introduced, Joseph Schnuerle, the newly appointed Supervisor for District 1, who will start July 1, 2024, for the remaining term through 2026. The Board welcomed Joe to the Board of Supervisors. Burgeson provided an update on the recabling and relocation of the equipment tower to a secure location, currently located in the Clerk's office, being completed by CK Technologies.

Veteran Service Officer, Pat George, provided the Board with a handout, Veterans Service Office Update (December 19th, 2023, through June 11th, 2024) for the Boards information. The Board expressed their appreciation and thanked George for what he is doing to assist and provide veteran services in Harlan County.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with a letter from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding the Harlan County Board submitting comments for the Department's consideration regarding High Choice Feeders, Modified Construction and Operating Permit application. This matter was tabled to gather more information and will be on the next board meeting agenda.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. Discussions were held.

Public Forum: David Schofield expressed his concerns to the Board regarding speed control on Cornhusker Road. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Mr. Schofield for his attendance and expressing his concerns.

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

The next regular meeting will be held July 2nd, 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, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: All Needs Computer and Mailing Services-Contractual Services \$834.60; Mickayla Blender-Mileage \$86.03; Buffalo County- Dues \$200.00; DaLynn Burgeson-Meals, Mileage and Dues \$304.74; Business World- Office Supplies \$158.00; Centec Cast Metal Products-Veterans Supplies \$370.71; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; CJIS Operational Protection Services- Computer Consult \$ 1200.00; Clerk of the District Court- Cost \$166.00; Communications Engineering-Computer Consult \$468.00; Cummins Sales and Service- Equipment Repair \$ 382.15; Dewald Deaver-attorney Cost \$2816.73; Diamond Exterminating-Contractual Services \$ 150.00; Family Advocacy Network-Dues \$1000.00; First National Bank-Dues, Supplies, Postage \$3960.80; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$ 148.47; Tana Fye- Attorney Cost \$ 763.12; Gworks-Contractual Service \$ 200.00; Harlan County Court- Court Cost \$38.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Prisoner Meals \$840.00; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$609.92; Harlan Transfers- interfund Transfer \$400,000.00; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$89.79; Dawn Hatrick-Postal/Mileage \$18.25; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$301.78; Intellicom-Data Processing \$2675.75; Jeff's Electric-Repairs \$163.00; Johnson Controls- Boiler Supplies \$7265.41; Justice Data Solutions-Teletype Service \$3000.00; Klein, Brewster, Brandt-Attorney Cost \$69.00; Maas Construction-Maintenance \$970.95; Mips-Data Processing \$1427.00; Kevin Molzahn-Snow Removal \$725.00; Naco-Dues \$1472.62; NACVSO-Dues \$400.00; NPPD-Lights \$491.87; NIRMA- Insurance \$50,163.00; Pitney Bowes Global-Postage \$97.86; Quadiant Finance-Postage \$1000.00; Quadiant Leasing-Postage \$500.88; Quill-Office Supplies \$502.47; South Central Area on Aging-Services \$969.00; Standard Appraisal Services-Contractual Service \$15,944.00; State of Ne Accounting-Data Processing \$888.35; Thomas Stewart-Attorney Cost \$149.50; The Trader-Printing and Publishing \$104.40; TNT/Tracy Weak-Mowing \$400.00; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$491.10; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$68.98; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$126.49; Vanguard Appraisals-Maintenance Agreement \$2380.00; Verizon Wireless-Phones \$242.91; Viaero Wireless-Phones \$106.84; Vyve Broadband- Internet/Phones \$2325.09; Woods and Aitkens-Consulting \$1155.00; General Claims Total \$512,310.56; **ROAD:** Ace Irrigation-Culverts \$26,843.67; Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$198.18; B's Enterprises-Fence \$370.00; Bosselman Energy- Fuel \$15,866.52; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1467.46; Broken Bar C Electric-Repairs \$372.66; Cencon Of Kansas-Freight/Gravel \$12,304.10; Central States Aggregate-Freight/Gravel \$10,075.95; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel/DEF \$2201.15; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$164.10; Hireright Solutions-Drug Testing \$56.05; Holdrege Auto Parts-Freight/Parts/Supplies \$411.40; Huntley Service-Repairs \$815.49; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Mips-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Frieght/Parts \$7908.07; Niobrara Loge-Lodging \$321.00; NIRMA-Insurance \$42,705.00; Oak Creek Engineering-Engineering Fees \$5330.84; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$3423.80; S&W Auto Parts-Parts \$167.32; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$195.37; Tripe Motors-Parts \$970.51; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies/Parts \$119.86; Twin Valley PPD-Lights \$236.22; Verizon-Phone \$65.98; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.06; Whites Auto Glass-Repairs \$45.00; Road Claims Total \$133,187.42; **TOURISM:** The Hex and the Hive-Advertisement \$250.00; Jason Bonnicksen-Web Site \$317.99; Nebraska Rural Radio Association \$125.00; Tourism Claims Total \$692.99; **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA):** Alma Rotary Club-Gazebo \$5638.97; **E911:** City of Holdrege- Emergency Maintenance \$328.50 **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$652,158.44**

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From July 2nd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, July 2nd, 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 9:34 a.m., Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order, welcomed newly appointed District 1 Supervisor, Joe Schnuerle to the Board, 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 Listing, and Delinquent Tax Listing.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. 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 asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the June 18th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from June 18th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Tim Burgeson, came before the Board for the opening of sealed 2024-2025 Gravel Bids submitted. Clerk Burgeson presented five (5) sealed gravel bids for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, that had been submitted to the Clerk's office to Chairman Boehler. Chairman Boehler opened the sealed envelopes and announced the bid amounts presented by Paulsen, Inc., Black Island Material, Overton Sand & Gravel Company, Bladen Sand & Gravel and Southwest Gravel Products LLC. Hwy Superintendent Burgeson requested that the Board approve each of the bids to allow for choices upon gravel and delivery availability. A motion to approve all five (5) of the gravel bids as submitted from Paulsen, Inc., Black Island Material, Overton Sand & Gravel Company, Bladen Sand & Gravel and Southwest Gravel Products LLC was made by Schultz. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Jeremy Eschliman and Erica Carpenter from Two Rivers Public Health Department joined the meeting, came before the Board and presented updates on people, programs and opportunities. The Board thanked Eschliman and Carpenter for coming.

Harlan County Sheriff Chris Becker, Deputy Langley and Deputy Spellman came before the Board to request at least one additional law enforcement position in the Sheriff's Department. A handout was provided to the Board with explanations for the need for the additional position. Discussion was held. Upon the consensus of the Board, Sheriff Becker was granted approval to hire another deputy.

Sharon Hueftle with South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) came before the Board and expressed gratitude to the Board for continued support and paying of the annual dues. Ms. Hueftle presented a handout and SCEDD's 2023 Annual Report to the Board. Ms. Hueftle provided updates on what she and SCEDD have been doing within Harlan County and some surrounding areas. She also provided an explanation of the annual dues for 2025. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Ms. Hueftle for the information provided.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler advised that she took the signed Preliminary Agreement and Understanding for Harlan County Public Transit Services between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems to Harlan County Health Systems for their consideration and signature. There are still details to be worked out, but ongoing efforts shall continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on road equipment, roads, gravel delivery issues, road department vacancies, and road projects. He also advised that Union negotiations had begun, that a special bridge assessment was conducted, that there was no update on the F Road Bridge project and no Right-of-Way or Driveway permits to present. Discussions were held.

Discussion was held regarding the Kroger National Opioid Settlement. The Board had questions in which Deputy County Attorney Schroeder shall research and report back to the Board.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board that included zero employment applications received for the current maintenance position vacancy, that the 2024-2025 budget worksheets have been distributed, that a quote had been received for further updates to the south doors of the Courthouse, and advised of handouts placed in the Board's packets for their information.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with a new letter dated July 1, 2024, that had just been received from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding the Harlan County Board submitting comments for the Department's consideration regarding High Choice Feeders, Modified Construction and Operating Permit application. Discussion was held. No concerns were expressed.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. A brief discussion was held.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

Chairman Boehler recessed the Board meeting for lunch at 12:57 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Boehler reconvened the Harlan County Board of Supervisors board meeting to proceed with Board of Equalization 2024 Property Valuation protest hearings as scheduled.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Present were Supervisor's, Clerk DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney Whitney Schroeder; Assessor Kim Fouts; and reviewer Josh Garris of Cardinal Assessment Group LLC.

(1) Protest #23, Parcel 180022800. Property owner, Roger King. At 2:01 p.m., Mr. King came before the Board. Josh Garris provided an explanation of the valuation, comparable properties and advised the Board that the property valuation had been reduced upon review of the basement and recommended no further changes beyond the recommended reduction. Discussion was held. Mr. King was thanked for coming and advised that he would be notified of the Board's decision after July 18th, 2024.

With no further protest hearings, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Bash. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 2:14 p.m.***

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.

The next regular meeting will be held July 16th, 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, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$70,354.85 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$286.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,774.30; Jeff Bash-Mileage, NACO 2024 County Board Workshop \$150.08; DaLynn Burgeson-Mileage 2024 NACREC Workshop & Clerk of the District Court meeting \$175.94; Clerk of the District Court-costs \$36.00; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00 & \$10,500 HSA contribution; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$21,294.68; Harlan County Journal-Subscription \$77.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inner Fund Transfer, Roads \$60,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$14,553.24 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$2400.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$176.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts-Audit 2022-2023 costs \$14,999.06; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3191.99; IRS-PCORI Fees, Benefit Management \$120.00; NE Notary Association-Crist Bond/Stamp \$109.32; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1558.15; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00.

General Fund total: \$219,291.86. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$34,216.27 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5288.53; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,530.30; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1546.54; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$62,454.70. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$282,946.56**

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From July 16th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, July 16th, 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 9:30 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 July 2nd, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from July 2nd, 2024, 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.

Robin Hinrichs who is running for a NPPD Board position to represent the Counties of District 6 came before the Board of Supervisors, introduced himself, provided his view on some current issues and explained why he is running for this position.

Stacy Neubauer, CEO and Kayla Rhynalds, CFO of the Harlan County Health Systems came before the Board. Ms. Neubauer provided updates on new available services, new practitioners, future services, discontinued providers & services, upcoming fund raising, employees and overall growth of the hospital. Ms. Rhynalds provided a financial update with comparable statistics and growth percentages.

Public Transit. Stacy Neubauer provided a status on the continued efforts to regain public transit for Harlan County. Discussion was held related to the transition of vehicles, advanced funding & cash flow since this would be a new service provided by the Harlan County Health Systems, continued communications and reporting. Harlan County Health Systems is working through details with the NE Dept. of Transportation and will keep the County Board updated with the progress. Bonnie Kresser was in attendance and provided information on the condition of the vehicles currently owned by the Senior Center. Efforts shall continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Public Transit Committee. Further discussion was held regarding the transit vehicles currently owned by the Senior Center and Harlan County. The committee will meet later and gather more information.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith, came before the Board, introduced himself, provided information on the purposes of the district offices, current policies, and the school choice bill. Mr. Reimers was thanked for coming and he left the meeting.

Kelly Jensen of CASA joined the meeting. Ms. Jensen provided updates on recent CASA events and handed out a copy of the Phelps/Harlan County CASA Summer Newsletter. Ms. Jensen provided a handout with information regarding her request for continued County funding with an explanation of why the requested amount has increased by \$3000 from the prior year's \$12,000. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the requested annual CASA funding in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Clements. 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 updates on equipment repairs, projects, roads, gravel, road department vacancies, and noxious weed control and upcoming inspections.

Supervisor Clements announced that the Road Department would be assisting with the annual Tire Recycling project scheduled for July 30th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 11:31 a.m. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Kim Fouts presented board corrections regarding concrete valuations with an explanation for the corrections. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve the board corrections 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. New valuation notices will be mailed out to the affected property owners and the owners will have 30 days to protest the value. A protest hearing date will be determined. With no further business, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Bash. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 11:42 a.m.***

Assessor Kim Fouts presented the Board with a Three-Year Plan (2024 Plan of Assessment for Harlan County) for their information. Discussion was held on a protest form that was signed, postmarked and received by the Assessor after the filing deadline. Discussion was held regarding NACO facilitating the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards through the State Print Shop should they be needed. A motion was made by Schnuerle to designate the State Print Shop for 2024. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Union Contract - 2024 negotiations. Tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board and advised of handouts in the Board's packets for their information. The proposal submitted by CEI #2951, dated July 1, 2024, for access control on the South doors of the Courthouse was discussed. A motion was made by Clements to approve and accept the proposal from CEI as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. 4 yes/3 no. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with a letter received from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding the Harlan County Board submitting comments for the Department's consideration regarding WBH Cattle Feeding LLC, Modified Construction and Operating Permit application. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled to gather further information.

Assessor Fouts came before the Board again to discuss and schedule dates for the protest filing deadline and public hearing in reference to the board corrections approved previously. The deadline for filing a protest with the Clerk's office shall be August 20, 2024, and the public hearing date shall be September 3rd, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds Committee. Discussion was held on restroom repair issues, courthouse air conditioning, countertop issues, establishing an IT committee for services and security and continued issues the offices are having with VYVE.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held August 6, 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, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: American Fence Co Kearney-Jail Fence, Deductible \$2500; Benjamin Landscaping-Sprinkler repair \$316.33; Mickayla Blender-Mileage \$20.10; Bob Barker Co-Jail supplies \$79.75; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Comfort Inn-Clerk Workshop \$239.90; Cummins Sales and Service- Equipment Repair \$3293.06; Dept of Corrections-Inmate Medical \$367.50; Dewald Deaver-attorney Cost \$1662.50; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1126.42; First National Bank-Dues, Supplies, Lodging, Postage \$3751.43; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$76.65; Franklin County Chronicle-Job advertising \$116.10; Tana Fye- Attorney Cost \$930.39; Harlan County Court- Court Costs \$122.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Inmate Meals \$1297.50; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$780.07; Harlan County Treasurer-Postage \$68.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Cash replenish long/short \$6.94; Harlan County Treasurer-Interfund Transfer Road \$20,000; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$67.77; Dawn Hatrick-Mileage \$37.79; Hogeland Market-Sheriff Supplies \$320.22; Hogeland Market-County Court Supplies \$22.28; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Maintenance Job Ad \$112.50; Hometown Lawn Care-Sprinkler repair \$70.00; Hometown Leasing-Clerk Copier \$1696.32; Instakey Security Systems-Annual Fee \$300.00; Intellicom-Data Processing \$1446.50; Klein, Brewster, Brandt-Attorney Cost \$161.00; M&B Business Machine Service-Maintenance Agreement \$153.00; Mid-NE Individual Services-Mental Health \$3073.00; Mips-Data Processing \$1448.91; NE Public Health Environment-Jail Blood tests \$105.00; NPPD-Utilities \$783.16; Phelps County Sheriff-Inmate Housing \$531.19; Pitney Bowes-Office Supplies \$191.70; Quill-Office Supplies \$713.47; Region III Behavioral Health-Mental Health Services \$2005.38; DAS State of NE Accounting-Data Processing \$537.60; Thomas Stewart-Court Appt'd Attorney \$372.43; The Trader-Printing and Publishing \$174.00; TNT/Tracy Weak-Mowing \$400.00; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$153.47; UNL AEM Business Center-Extension Program Subscription \$299.50; USDA Wildlife Services-Predator Control \$2947.35; Vanguard Appraisals-Contract \$14,975.00; Verizon Wireless-Phones \$243.01; Viaero Wireless-Phones \$106.84; Vyve Broadband- Internet/Phones \$2294.11; *General Claims Total* \$73,423.14; **ROAD:** Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$53.38; BH Heseman-Shop Supplies \$62.60; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$17,120.16; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1982.62; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$226.98; gWorks-Data processing \$519.00; Hireright Solutions-Drug Testing \$280.25; Hunter's B&C-Batteries \$584.00; Huntley Service-Repairs \$228.48; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop supplies \$18.98; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-Grader Blades \$6920.13; Mips-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Freight/Parts \$39,841.38; NE Weed Control Association-Fall Training Registration \$150.00; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$37,323.65; Pro Building Supply-Equip Repair \$23.04; Quill-Office Supplies \$343.95; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$530.00; S&W Auto Parts-Parts/shop supplies \$615.79; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$60.61; Titan Machinery-Equipment repairs \$78.90; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$261.70; Verizon-Phone \$174.30; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; *Road Claims Total* \$107,951.56; **TOURISM:** Blick & Staff, The Hex and the Hive-Flyers \$95.00; Nebraska Rural Radio Association \$395.00; *Tourism Claims Total* \$490.00; **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA):** CK Technologies-Courthouse Cabling Project \$61,920.00; **E911:** City of Holdrege- Emergency Maintenance \$370.54 **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$244,155.24

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES
From July 18th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met on Thursday, July 18th, 2024, in the Supervisors Room, of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; Max Schultz; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; County Assessor, Kim Fouts and Josh Garris, Referee, with Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC. Supervisor Mike Clements was absent.

At 9:00 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.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 9:02 a.m., a motion to go into Board of Equalization was made by Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL Property Protests:

Protest #51 - Parcel 340010400. Property owner, Andrew W. Snell came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to the house value and adjusted property value to \$301,128.

Protest #54 - Parcel 180030300. Property owners, Erik & Mari Johnson came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #72 - Parcel 300004600. Property owner, Judy Beck came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to heat source and adjusted property value to \$43,786.

Protest #74 - Parcel 180000900. Property owner, Steven J. Fitz came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to condition and adjusted property value to \$139,705.

Protest #88 - Parcel 120006700. Property owner, Marilee Aspegren. Leland Aspegren came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended an adjustment to the acre count and adjusted property value to \$395,200.

Protest #42 - Parcel 030037000. Property owner, Rachel Newell came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #57 - Parcel 190000300. Property owner, MacKenzie Fennel came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #27 - Parcel 100005000. Property owner, Sam Richman came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #28 - Parcel 100005900. Property owner, Sam Richman came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #29 - Parcel 100001000. Property owner, Sam Richman came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to building size and adjusted property value to \$1,672.

Protest #30 - Parcel 100000900. Property owner, Sam Richman came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to basement size, heat source and porches and adjusted property value to \$48,778.

Protest #02 - Parcel 200020500. Property owner, Duennerman Revocable Trust. Steve Duennerman came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a building adjustment and adjusted property value to \$459,059.

At 10:34 a.m., the Board took a brief recess. At 10:40 a.m., the Board returned and continued with protest hearings.

Protest #43 - Parcel 180066600. Property owner, Steve Pool came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended a correction to house condition and adjusted property value to \$131,365.

Protest #44 - Parcel 180044200. Property owner, Steve Pool came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended no change.

Protest #55 - Parcel 180040300. Property owner, Anne M. Hohnholt came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Garris recommended an adjustment to house value and adjusted property value to \$278,451.

At 10:58 a.m., the Board concluded the residential property protest hearings, Josh Garris left the meeting and the Board took a break until the commercial property protest hearings were scheduled to begin. Referee Luis Graterol, with Stanard Appraisal Services LLC joined the meeting. The Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

COMMERCIAL Property Protests:

Protest #58 - Parcel 180023400. Property owner, Mackenzie Fennel came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Graterol recommended a correction to add a concrete value to the current value and adjusted property value to \$79,317.

Protest #26 - Parcel 200024500. Property owner, Bow Casper came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Graterol recommended an adjustment to the square footage cost and adjusted property value to \$259,200.

Protest #50 - Parcel 060013000. Property owner, Commercial State Bank. Mike Waldo came before the Board to protest the increase in property valuation. Referee Graterol recommended no change.

At the conclusion of the commercial protest hearings, the Board recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board, clerk, both referees and assessor reconvened. The Board discussed each commercial property valuation protest. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the Referee's recommendations for the commercial property valuation protests as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Referee Graterol left the meeting.

The Board discussed each residential property valuation protest including Protest #23 (hearing held on July 2nd, 2024). A five-minute recess was taken to allow the assessor and referee time to further review a specific property. Upon their return, a motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the Referee's recommendations for the residential property valuation protests as presented except for protest #18. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Protest #18 - Parcel 180003500, Property owner, Cynthia Boehler in which the Referee recommended an adjustment to the house value and adjusted property value to \$21,325. A motion was made by Schnuerle to accept and approve the Referee's recommendation for Protest #18 as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Public Forum: *No citizens came before the Board during this time.*

A motion to exit the Board of Equalization and adjourn the meeting was made by Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

The Board will meet for a Budget Workshop on July 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held August 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From August 6th, 2024

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, August 6, 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 9:30 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, account balances, an Account Trial Balance Listing, and Delinquent Tax Listing. Harlan County Sheriff's Office provided a Quarterly Report April 1-June 30, 2024, for the Board's review.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 July 16th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from July 16th, 2024, 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.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the July 18th, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting in which property valuation hearings were held and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from July 18th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-abstain; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the July 30th, 2024, Budget Workshop meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from July 30th, 2024, 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.

Further discussion was held on claims, transfers and funding availability. A motion was made by Schultz to transfer \$200,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund to ensure funding for expenditures to be paid back to the Inheritance Tax Fund when general funds become available by Resolution #2024-13. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Melinda Lingg on behalf of the Harlan County Museum came before the Board to provide an annual update on the happenings of the Museum and to request funding for needed building maintenance. Upon discussion, the Board advised that they are in the process of setting the 2024-2025 County budget and suggested that a claim with supporting documentation be submitted for the Board's consideration.

Chairman Boehler turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Clements due to a conflict of interest regarding the next agenda item. (Max Boehler – Request for road to new property located on minimum maintenance road) Vice Chairman Clements requested that Hwy Superintendent Burgeson come before the Board for questions related to the request and road matters. Zoning Administrator Ron Melbye provided zoning regulations also. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to table this matter to gather further information. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-

yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Clements turned the meeting back over to Chairman Boehler.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 11:08 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Clerk Burgeson presented Property Valuation Protest Form 422 submitted by Ricky S. and Susanne M. Smith that was received on July 15, 2024. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash, seconded by Schnuerle to take no action due to the protest not being timely filed. 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 Bash. Seconded by Clements. 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 11:10 a.m.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective came before the Board and provided the Board with informational folders proposing managed IT services for the County. Questions & discussions were held. The Board thanked Mr. Knott for his time and presentation.

Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye came before the Board on behalf of the planning and zoning board due to recent member resignations, new board member nominations and appointment of new board members. There were four applications submitted for consideration to fill the three recent vacancies. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to accept the resignations submitted by Kelsi Bose, Doug Horwart, and Galen Kronhofman. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the four applications and nominations. A motion was made by Bash to appoint applicants Jeremy VanBoening, Justin Pape and Daniel Stoelting to the planning and zoning board. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Melbye will contact the newly appointed members.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on road equipment, projects, employment openings, and upcoming trainings. The Road Dept. currently has two job openings.

Deputy County Attorney Whitney Schroeder provided the Board with a proposed Union Contract for their review and to negotiate. Discussions were held. Schroeder will draft the Boards proposals and present them to the Union for consideration.

Transit Services. Chairman Boehler provided an update from a recent meeting between the County transit committee and Harlan County Health Systems. Discussion was held regarding funds, staffing, office space and vehicles needed for the transit services. Further details need to be addressed but efforts will continue towards restoring viable transit services to Harlan County.

Deputy Clerk Jessie Martin provided the Board with annual Inventory lists received from the Clerk, Building and Grounds committee, County Board, Road and Weed Superintendent, Extension office, County Attorney, County Court, Assessor, Treasurer, Veterans Service Officer and Sheriff's office. The lists were reviewed. A motion was made by Clements to approve the 2024 Inventory lists as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates and information to the Board related to the Open Meeting Act, County managed IT services, a budgetary request, Investment Portfolio Pledged Securities Report 7/31/2024, upcoming conferences and meetings and courthouse air conditioning issues. Discussions were held.

The Board designated Tim Burgeson and Cindy Boehler as the representatives of Harlan County to be available onsite during the upcoming insurance inspections and appraisals as required by NIRMA.

Highway Superintendent Burgeson provided information about the NE Department of Transportation Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement and Resolution for BK2270-001 between Olsson and Harlan County, Nebraska for project CN71282, PN BRO-7042(15), Stamford East (Harlan County) being presented. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the Agreement. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes;

Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Bash to accept and approve Resolution #2024-10. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Burgeson provided information about the NE Department of Transportation 2024 Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Resolution as presented. A motion was made by Clements to approve Resolution 2024-11. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

The Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Harlan County Letter of Agreement for period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, was presented and discussed. A motion to approve the Letter of Agreement was made by Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a letter received from NE Department of Environmental & Energy notifying the County of an application submitted for modified construction and operating permit by WBH Cattle Feeding LLC. The Board has no comments of concern for the Department.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. Information was provided regarding the Courthouse exterior projects that have started and the courthouse custodial / maintenance position available. Discussion was held about other courthouse interior projects not completed.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held August 20th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items and Budget Workshop to follow.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$75,439.28 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$266.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,266.35; Bellamy, Melodie-Mileage Allowance \$120.60; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$22,779.33; Harlan County Journal-Subscription \$117.00; Harlan County Senior Center-Local match for Feb'24 Transit, & Senior Center May, June & July'24 \$7944.01; Harlan County Treasurer-Cash, Postal Services \$500.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inner Fund Transfer, Roads \$200,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$13,332.62 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Melbye, Ron-Mileage allowance Zoning \$84.42; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3424.97; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1470.41; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$146,780.38. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$29,133.27 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5454.08; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$11,068.79; Fischer, Doug-CDL Reimbursement \$34.50; Kuhl, Thomas-CDL Reimbursement \$32.50; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1670.34; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$64,205.10. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Transfer to General Fund \$200,000. **Grand total: \$412,185.48**

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From August 20th, 2024

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, August 20, 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 9:30 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the claims as submitted. 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 asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the August 6th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from August 6th, 2024, 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.

Stacy Neubauer CEO, Kayla Rhynalds CFO, and Corinne Donahue, Sr. Transportation Planner of Olsson Associates, came before the Board to provide a status on the continued efforts to restore Public Transit in Harlan County. Rhynalds presented the Board with a master budget plan for FY2025 and provided an explanation for the amounts. Information was provided by Donahue and Neubauer also. Discussions were held. The next step will be for the County Board to review the proposed budget presented by Harlan County Health Systems and determine how to proceed.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:43 a.m. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Sandy Artz came before the Board and advised of the annual applications for exempt license plates that were submitted. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the applications for exempt plates submitted by Community Action and Colonial Villa. Seconded by Clements. 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 Bash. Seconded by Clements. 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 10:46 a.m.

Treasurer Artz provided the Board with an itemized report of distress warrant returns and explained the report. Discussion was held to strike taxes for entities on the report. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to strike taxes for taxpayer, TSYS Merchant Solutions. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Stearns of Hewgley and Associates came before the Board pursuant to a potential courthouse sidewalk compliance issue pursuant to the renovations that have begun to the exterior of the Courthouse. Details were explained and discussion was held. Stearns will get estimates for the four (4) corner ADA access points around the Courthouse and report back to the Board.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided updates on road equipment, a citizen's report of a drainage issue, and current projects. Burgeson provided the Board with a cost estimate to change the status of Garnet Road, currently a minimum maintenance road, upon the permit request submitted by Max Boehler to improve the road for access to his property. Chairman Boehler turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Clements and proceeded to the public seating area due to a conflict of interest regarding the matter. Vice Chairman Clements proceeded with the meeting. The Board requested that Burgeson gather further costing. Bash advised that an Easement had been signed to allow Boehler access to his property through another landowner's property. Upon conclusion of the subject, Chairman Boehler resumed her position.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder provided an update on the union contract draft ready to be presented to the Union, for acceptance to conclude negotiations. Discussion was held. A motion to offer the contact term of three-years was made by Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A planning and zoning committee update was provided by Bash and Schnuerle. The next planning and zoning board meeting will be held Monday, August 26th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the Courthouse as advertised by zoning administrator, Ron Melbye.

Resolution #2024-14 was provided by the Clerk's office for the Board's review and approval of the Harlan County Levy Authority 2024-2025 for political subdivisions as presented. William Grossnicklaus, Oxford Fire Chief and Tom Tomas of the Orleans Township were present. Grossnicklaus provided the Board with an explanation of the preliminary request for levy allocation. A motion to accept and approve Resolution #2024-14 was made by Clements. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Transit Services. Discussion was held on the availability of transit vehicles, possibility of three owned by the Senior Center and one owned by Harlan County. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder will prepare an agreement. Further discussion was held on the proposed plan and budget presented earlier by the representatives from Harlan County Health Systems to provide and restore public transit services for Harlan County. A motion to approve Harlan County transit services be taken over by the Harlan County Health Systems was made by Scott. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Harlan County Health Systems shall submit a claim to the County for agreed upon funding and provide supporting documentation as required. Office space for the transit service staff was also discussed. A motion was made by Clements to make two courthouse office spaces available and offer them to Harlan County Health Systems for public transit staff. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. Motion carried. Further details will be addressed but efforts shall continue between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems to restore viable transit services to Harlan County.

Clerk Burgeson provided information and updates to the Board. There are two annual Inventory Reports from Tourism and Probation that have not been turned into the Clerk's office by the deadline as required. An IT Service committee was established and consists of Schnuerle, Boehler and Clerk Burgeson. Upcoming conference and central district meeting registration details were provided. An update on the status and issues with moving the equipment to the secure location from the Clerk's office was provided. Quote #3163 submitted by CEI Security and Sound for a secure alert option for the courthouse was discussed. A motion was made by Scott to accept and approve Quote #3163 from CEI Sound & Security as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

NE Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental *Agreement* and *Resolution* for BK2287-001 between Olsson and Harlan County, Nebraska for project CN71282, PN BRO-7042(15), Stamford East (Harlan County) was received and presented by the Clerk. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the Agreement. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Schnuerle to accept and approve Resolution #2024-12. Seconded by Schultz. 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 was provided by Clements. Discussion was held on the courthouse exterior projects, office countertops, courthouse air conditioning and restrooms.

At 1:20 p.m. the Board took a brief recess. At 1:26 p.m. the Board opened the Budget Workshop and Bob Dunaway, CPA, came before the Board and provided the Board with preliminary budget numbers for their review and considerations. Discussions were held. At 3:00 p.m. the Board took a 45-minute recess for lunch. Bob Dunaway left the meeting. At 3:45 p.m. the Board reconvened to continue budgetary matters.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Clements to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held September 3rd, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items, 1:00 p.m. for Commercial Property Valuation Protest hearings and Budget Workshop to follow.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Alma Family Dentistry-Inmate Dental \$435.54; Jeff Artz-Zoning Mileage \$5.00; Bob Barker Co-Jail supplies \$180.40; Kelsi Bose-Zoning Mileage \$13.40; Dianne Calkins-Supplies, Med Aide Renewal \$26.96; Cardinal Assessment Group-Contractual Services \$7245.00; Clerk of the District Court-Court Fees \$144.00; CVSOAN-Veteran Service officer training \$60.00; Dawson County Sheriff's Office-Safekeeping of Inmates \$720.00; Dept of Corrections-Safekeeping of Prisoner \$813.15; Dept of Health & Human Services-Med Aide Renewal-Gruwell \$18.00; Dewald Deaver-Court Appointed Attorney \$1819.68; Diamond Exterminating-Pest Control \$150.00; Doris Burby, Freelance Court Reporter-District Court Deposition Copies \$110.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$2400.16; First National Bank-Dues, Supplies, Lodging, Postage \$2339.63; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$122.48; Franklin County Chronicle-Job advertising \$116.10; Franklin County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$455.00; Tana Fye- Court Appointed Attorney \$459.00; Government Forms & Supplies-Clerk Supplies \$198.00; GWorks-Contractual Services \$200.00; Harlan County Court- Court Costs \$220.20; Harlan County Health Systems-Inmate Meals \$1177.50; Harlan County Museum-Building Awning \$13,000.00; Harlan County Journal-Printing and Publishing \$531.70; Harlan County Senior Center-March'24 Transit \$457.00; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$38.65; Dawn Hatrick-Mileage \$65.33; Hogeland Market-Sheriff Supplies \$327.62; Hometown Leasing-Assessor Annual Copier Lease \$1647.48; Doug Horwart-Zoning Mileage \$10.05; Intellicom-Treasurer Misc, Office Supplies & Office Equip, Sheriff's Computer Consult, Internet Service \$2959.28; Joseph Hewgley & Associates-Contractual Services \$3946.49; Kearney County Clerk-District Judge County Budget share \$7582.26; Kearney Hub-Sheriff's subscription \$552.99; Klein, Brewster, Brandt-Court Appointed Attorney \$23.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance Premium \$10,168.00; Mips-Data Processing \$1448.91; NPPD-Utilities \$1014.32; Richard Ohrt-Zoning mileage \$17.42; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$880.00; Platte Valley Communications-Sheriff Equipment repair \$148.85; Quill-Office Supplies-County Court \$474.13/ Clerk \$335.78; Rose Plumbing-Plumbing labor & supplies \$1452.55; DAS State of NE Accounting-Data Processing \$1239.10; Thomas Stewart-Court Appointed Attorney \$126.50; TNT/Tracy Weak-Mowing \$550.00; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$242.02; Trustworthy Hardware-Sheriff supplies \$9.99; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$134.04; Valley Voice-Newspaper subscription \$45.00; Verizon Wireless-Phones \$242.97; Viaero Wireless-Phones \$107.14; Vyve Broadband- Internet/Phones \$2287.01; Waggoner Insurance Agency-Notary Bond \$40.00; Doug Winz-Zoning mileage \$25.46; Brandon Wright-Zoning mileage \$10.72; **General Claims Total** \$71,570.96; **ROAD:** Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$33.79; Barco Municipal Products-Signs/posts \$5489.35; Bosselman Energy- Fuel \$12,834.79; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1603.80; Breining Diesel-Equip repair \$1364.14; CHS Agri Service Center-Noxious

Weed supplies \$108.75; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-CDL Class B License fee \$185.00; Harlan County Journal-Advertising \$18.61; Hireright Solutions-Drug Testing \$168.15; Huntley Service-Repairs \$188.03; J&A Traffic Products-Signs/posts \$3190.00; Jim's OK Tire-Equip repair \$132.50; Kibbee's Repair & Towing-Equip Towing \$744.00; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Mips-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Freight/Parts \$20,557.99; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$25,965.00; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tire repair \$26.00; S&W Auto Parts-Parts/shop supplies \$58.07; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$75.09; Southwest Gravel Products-Gravel/rock \$5574.64; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$261.71; Van Diest Supply Company-Noxious weed supplies \$1561.80; Verizon-Phone \$149.93; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.06; Whites Auto Glass-Equip glass repair \$200.00; XBS Welding-Equip repair \$180.00; 136 Auto Body-Equip repair \$1401.00; **Road Claims Total** \$82,888.86; **TOURISM:** Nebraska Rural Radio Association \$400.00; *Tourism Claims Total* \$400.00; **E911:** City of Holdrege- Emergency Maintenance \$387.57 **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$155,247.39

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **September 3rd, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, September 3rd, 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, and Delinquent Tax Listing.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Scott to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Clements. 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 August 20th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the minutes from August 20th, 2024, 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.

Assessor Kim Fouts came before the Board with a contract from Pritchard & Abbott for Oil & Gas for 2025 and 2026 and explained the agreement. Board approved and Chairman Boehler signed the Contract.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Kim Fouts came before the Board with tax list corrections #1420 and #1421. Fouts explained the corrections needed. A motion to approve tax list corrections #1420 and #1421 was made by Schnuerle. Seconded by Bash. 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 Bash. Seconded by Schnuerle. 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 10:02 a.m.***

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson came before the Board and presented Right-of-Way Agreement #2024-5 submitted by Viaero Fiber. Burgeson then provided updates on road equipment, employee openings, employee training, gravel delivery status, and mowing areas. Burgeson provided an update on weed inspections and upcoming spraying along the river with the Argo.

Planning & Zoning submitted a Harlan County Zoning Administration Subdivision Application, Permit #443 submitted by Tipover Creek of Alma, NE. Discussion was held. Motion to approve Permit #443 as presented was made by Schnuerle. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning provided a Contract for Services from Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC) for the County Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Regulations. Planning and Zoning Committee members Bash and Schnuerle provided some details in this regard. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled to allow time for the contract to be reviewed by the County Attorney.

Planning & Zoning – Resolution for a Moratorium for Wind and Solar Energy was discussed to allow more time to continue the research and development of the regulations. This matter was tabled until the next board meeting.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder provided an update on the union contract. It has been sent to the Union with no response as of today.

Courthouse sidewalk compliance 2024 Duncan Theis Change Order Request #1 adding handicap ramps and extra concrete was presented to the Board. Discussion was held. This matter was tabled to allow time for further review.

At 10:54 a.m. a motion was made by Bash to go into executive session for protection of public interest regarding potential county litigation matters. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Attendance during the closed session were the supervisors, county clerk, deputy county attorney and by phone, county attorney. A motion was made by Clements to exit the closed session. Seconded by Schnuerle. 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 11:51 a.m.

Transit Services. Chairman Boehler provided an update. Transit phones, vans, office space and an Amended Preliminary Agreement and Understanding for Harlan County Public Transit Services between Harlan County and Harlan County Health Systems were discussed. County Attorney will update the yearly contribution amount. A motion was made by Clements to approve the Amended Preliminary Agreement pending the change of the yearly contribution amount. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Jessie Martin provided the Board with two annual 2024 Inventory lists received from Probation and Planning & Zoning. Tourism inventory has not been received. The lists were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the two 2024 Inventory lists as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

At 12:17 p.m. the Board took a brief recess for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board reconvened.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - Commercial Property Valuation Protest Hearing

A motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 1:01 p.m. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Assessor Kim Fouts came before the Board for the scheduled Protest Hearing as submitted: Protest #1 - Parcel 180082400. Property owners: J. David Wells and Joan Wells. The recommendation from the Referee and Assessor was no change. An explanation was provided by Assessor. The property owners did not call nor appear for the protest hearing. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Scott to accept and approve the recommendation of no change for the commercial property valuation protest #1 as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

With no further protests, a motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by Clements. Seconded by Schnuerle. 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 1:11 p.m.***

At 1:12 p.m. the Board opened the Budget Workshop and Bob Dunaway, CPA, came before the Board and provided the Board with a spreadsheet for their review and consideration. Discussions were held. The Budget Hearings will be held September 17th.

Clerk Burgeson provided information and updates to the Board. Restricted Fund Authority for budget purposes was discussed. A motion to approve the additional 1% increase in budget authority was made by Clements. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

County IT Services Committee. Update was provided by Schnuerle.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Clements. Discussion was held on the courthouse exterior projects and surplus options for county property.

Public Forum: No Citizen comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-no; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held September 17th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items, 1:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. for Budget and Special Hearings.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$73,830.71 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$266.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,071.47; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$22,222.48; Fouts, Kim-Assessor Mileage \$142.04; Harlan County Journal-Subscription \$39.50; Medica-Insurance \$13,332.62 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3313.06; Richard Ohrt-Planning & Zoning mileage \$17.42; Justin Pape-Planning & Zoning mileage \$21.44; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Dan Stoelting-Planning & Zoning mileage \$5.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1501.49; Jeremy VanBoening-Planning & Zoning mileage \$17.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00; Doug Winz-Planning & Zoning mileage \$23.45; Brandon Wright-Planning & Zoning mileage \$10.72. **General Fund total:** \$135,850.21. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$33,548.23 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5214.10; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,504.37; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1558.11; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$61,697.87. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$198,748.08**

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

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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

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **November 6th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Wednesday, November 6th, 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. County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy and Treasurer, Sandy Artz joined the meeting.

At 9:32 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, Account Trial Balance and Delinquent Tax Listings.

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the claims except for claim #2411004 to be further reviewed. 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 asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the October 15th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. A motion was made by Clements to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 15th, 2024, 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.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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

Treasurer, Sandy Artz, came before the Board and presented two applications submitted by Harlan County Public Transit for tax-exempt license plates for a 2019 Goshen Bus and 2022 Chrysler Voyager. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to approve the applications and grant the tax-exempt license plates for both vehicles. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson presented an Amended 2024-2025 Tax Rate for Harlan County Dollars Tax per \$100 of Actual Value-Levy Resolution #2024-18a for the boards review. An explanation for the amendment to Resolution #2024-18 was provided in which the Southern Valley Public School had a budget amendment causing a change & the Orleans Township Library & Cemetery names needed switched to match the correct rates. A motion was made by Bash to approve the amendments and amended Resolution #2024-18a. Seconded by Miller-Boston. 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 Schnuerle. 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.***

Treasurer Artz presented a listing of Distress Warrants for the Boards review, provided an explanation of the process and that there were thirty-two distress warrants totaling \$17,471.73 given to the Sheriff for service.

Stacy Neubauer, Kayla Rhynalds, April Einspahr and Bryon Guthrie appeared on behalf of Harlan County Health Systems. Stacy Neubauer provided hospital updates. Kayla Rhynalds provided a handout and an overview of the hospital's financial status. Bryon Guthrie provided an update on public transit which included that the transit office located in the courthouse is almost finished, transit drivers and a part-time dispatcher have been hired and the status of completing the necessary documentations for Nebraska Department of Transportation. April Einspahr also provided information regarding the

transit and advertising of the public transit services. A request was made, and discussion held regarding the remainder of the county funding for the transit start-up costs. A claim will be submitted for the remainder of the funds.

Micky Blender, Harlan County Extension Educator and Brandi Hilton-Hegemann, with UNL Extension came before the Board. Ms. Hilton-Hegemann introduced herself, gave a Harlan County office personnel update and requested permission to advertise and hire an Extension Assistant due to the resignation of Anna Fisher. The job description for the position was reviewed and discussed. Micky provided details on a school education program she has been working on. Brandi requested that a member of the board of supervisors join the hiring committee. Supervisor Bash will join the hiring committee. Discussions were held regarding the options for advertising, timelines for advertising, interviewing, hiring and tentative start date.

(Supervisor Schultz left the meeting)

Ryan Stearns with Joseph Hewgley & Associates came before the Board to present and discuss two bid proposals that were submitted for the Courthouse upper window replacement project. Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows submitted the bid proposals. Discussion was held regarding the different proposals, make of the windows, warranties, commercial references and lead times. The Board tabled this matter to allow for more time to review and gather further information. The Board also requested that Mr. Stearns provide blueprints for replacing the windows.

Bryan Crowder, Courthouse maintenance, joined the meeting and came before the Board to provide a status on the sprinkler system that has incurred damage due to the lawn renovations. Upon ground conditions, the sod and sprinklers should be attended to early Spring of 2025. Crowder also expressed concern regarding the curbs in the North parking lot. Discussion was held on the status and lack of Courthouse exterior lighting. Ryan Stearns provided the status of the south side lights as part of the renovations and will research options for the east and west side lights and report back to the Board. Discussions were also held on the return of the Courthouse keys from the interior contractor, InstaKey system and an issue with the east side handicap door button.

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson and Alex Lindenstein of Oak Creek Engineering came before the Board regarding an engineering proposal for the BNSF and Harlan County RR bridge project located on F Road. Mr. Lindenstein provided an overview of the design and construction of the project. An Agreement for Professional Services was presented with key points explained. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to accept and approve the agreement as presented and for the Chairman to sign. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Burgeson also advised that he spoke with the representative from BNSF Railroad, and a claim with supporting documentation is required for disbursement of the funds. Burgeson will submit the required documentation.

Chairman Boehler recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m. for lunch, to reconvene prior to 1:00 p.m. **1:00 p.m. Public Hearing (separate minutes) The Board returned to regular session at 1:21 p.m.**

County Attorney Bellamy suggested a review of the zoning administrator's job description, planning and zoning commission board and county board processes to ensure that zoning matters are handled from beginning to end.

County Attorney Bellamy provided state statutes in reference to the claim held prior for further review, claim #2411004. Discussion was held regarding the state statute in which the County Board appoints budgetary authority for budget preparations and the clerk's role in reference to said budget preparations. A motion was made by Scott to approve and pay claim #2411004. For lack of second, motion failed. Motion was then made by Bash to table the claim. For lack of second, motion failed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve and pay claim #2411004 as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The Board took a five-minute recess and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson provided the Board with information related to the Village of Huntley unincorporating by election ballot votes, status of speed study inquiry for the gravel

road by Brad & Mary Robison's, employee update, status of railroad safety crossing project and road work update. Discussions were held.

County Attorney Bellamy and Hwy Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board regarding union contract. A motion was made by Schnuerle to go into executive session to discuss union contract negotiations. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The Supervisors, Clerk, Highway Superintendent and County Attorney remained in the room. A motion was made by Bash to exit the executive session. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. *The Board returned to regular session.*

IT Committee update was provided by Schnuerle.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that was included in their packets, an election day update and an update on the most recent Courthouse boiler repairs.

Clerk Burgeson presented the Board with the annual Nebraska Department of Transportation Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for (1) Signing of 2024 Resolution #2024-19; and (2) signing of Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Bash to adopt and sign Resolution #2024-19 for year-end certification of County Highway Superintendent. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schnuerle to certify superintendent Tim Burgeson and sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2024. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an email received from Chuck Burr, Crops & Water Extension Educator, requesting to park his State vehicle in the Courthouse parking lot. Chairman Boehler will respond to Mr. Burr.

Public Transit – transfer of vehicle ownership was discussed. Chairman Boehler will check into this.

County Attorney Bellamy provided an update on Case #23R 0203 Steve T. Pool, Appellant, vs Harlan County Board of Equalization, Appellee, that went before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission in which the final decision and order was issued and in favor of the County.

Building and Grounds Committee update was provided by Scott. Dennis Hruska has been hired to fill the vacant courthouse custodial position and discussion was held on the newly renovated courthouse steps and ramp handrails. Upon inquiry, there is no update on lady liberty at this time.

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Schnuerle to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, 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

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CLAIMS:

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Retirement \$5283.28; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$384.32; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,662.42; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center-Employee withholding \$1423.50; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1588.95; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$62,400.97. *TOURISM:* Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$217,270.61**

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **December 17th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, 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; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; and George Scott present. Supervisors Jeff Bash and Janice Miller-Boston were absent. 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, Account Trial Balance Listing, Delinquent Tax Listing and Pledged Securities Reports.

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as presented but to hold the check payable to Titan Machinery #24120136 for \$500 to request more detailed billing. Hwy Superintendent Burgeson will request the documentation. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the December 3rd, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Scott to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 3rd, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Treasurer, Sandy Artz joined the meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A motion was made by Schnuerle to go into the Board of Equalization at 10:29 a.m. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz came before the Board and presented an application for a tax-exempt license plate submitted by Harlan County Public Transportation for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. A brief discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to grant the tax-exempt license plate for the 2019 Dodge Caravan as applied for by Harlan County Public Transportation. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

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

The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m.

Veteran Service Officer Pat George joined the meeting, came before the Board and provided an update from June 11, 2024, through December 10th, 2024. Discussion was held and appreciation was expressed to Mr. George for all that he has done and continues to do for Veterans.

Public Transit. Program Manager, Bryon Guthrie came before the Board and provided an update which included that five calls were received the first day reservations for transit services were taken and that transportation rides shall start December 30th, 2024.

Micky Blender, 4-H Youth Development Educator, came before the Board to request approval for two new extension board members that applied to replace current members Jessie Martin and Chris Sindt. The two new members are Sheena Henke and Ashley Kreutzer. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve Sheena Henke and Ashley Kreutzer as new extension board members to begin January 1st, 2025, for a three-year term. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. An update was given regarding the vacant 4-H assistant position. There were two applicants for the

position and interviews are scheduled for December 18th, 2024. The Board will be updated after interviews.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder came before the Board with an update on the union contract negotiations. An agreement has not been reached. Therefore, a meeting has been scheduled for January 2025 between the appropriate individuals to negotiate the contract. Discussion was held. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the contract approved for the purchase of a 721 Case payloader during the regular board meeting held December 3rd, 2024, and the need to rescind said contract due to a conflict of interest. Discussion was held pursuant to the Case payloader being purchased from Titan Machinery in which Monte Schultz is the salesman. A motion was made by Scott to rescind said contract approved on December 3rd, 2024, to purchase the 721 Case payloader. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-refrained; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Max Schultz removed himself from further discussion regarding the purchase of a new payloader, pricing obtained through Sourcewell for comparable machines, and which machine would be best suited for the road department uses. A motion was then made by Scott to approve the purchase of the 721 Case payloader from Titan Machinery. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-refrained; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board to discuss conducting a Stop sign study. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to direct Hwy Superintendent Burgeson to conduct the Stop sign study. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Burgeson provided an annual noxious weed report for the Boards review and to act on. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Burgeson provided a brief update on road department projects.

Chairman Boehler temporarily removed herself from the Chair position due to a conflict of interest and Vice Chairman Clements proceeded over the meeting pursuant to possible improvements to a section of Garnett Road as previously requested by Max Boehler. Burgeson provided information he had gathered from Neumeyer Construction and Leising Construction, which does not include engineering costs, to improve a half mile section of Garnett Road from “minimum maintenance” to “local” classification pursuant to the request. Discussion was held regarding processes and requirements. The road committee made a recommendation to the entire Board to deny the improvements as this would violate the County zoning policy, due to costing and because there is an Easement in place for a driveway. A motion was made by Schnuerle to deny the request made by Max Boehler to improve and reclassify the half mile of Garnett Road from minimum maintenance to local. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-refrained; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Clements returned the meeting to Chairman Boehler.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided an update from attending the Village of Huntley, Nebraska, board meeting pursuant to the Village unincorporating. Details were provided regarding concerns from the residents of Huntley, the assets of the Village and process to unincorporate the Village. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided information on responsibilities for unincorporating and deadlines as required by State Statutes for both the Village and County. More information is needed and will be researched by the County Attorney’s office. A letter received (too late to add to this Agenda) from Twin Valley Public Power District regarding the Village unincorporating will be reviewed and discussed at the next board meeting.

An IT committee update was provided by Schnuerle. A brief discussion was held regarding current IT, phones, and tabled until a later date.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided an update from the most recent planning and zoning commission meeting. Discussion was held. Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye will relocate his office within the Courthouse.

Bryan Crowder, Courthouse maintenance, joined the meeting. Supervisor Scott provided an update on items discussed at the last safety committee meeting and by the building and grounds committee.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that included the HCA Asset Management Property Inspection/Appraisal Update Report provided by NIRMA, warranty information provided by Bristol Windows, NIRMA's annual renewal schedules to review for accuracy, upcoming NACO annual conference Agenda, Courthouse office closures for Christmas holiday and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation form required designating the official County newspaper for Harlan County for 2025. Discussions were held. A motion was made by Clements to designate Main Street Media/Harlan County Journal as the official County newspaper for Harlan County for 2025. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided some upcoming agenda items for the Boards consideration. A brief discussion was held.

Expressions of gratitude were given to Max Schultz for his twelve years of continued efforts and services to the County while serving as a supervisor for the past twelve years, as this is his last board meeting as a county supervisor. Max has traveled many, many miles over the years to attend board meetings. In November, Rob Schmidt was elected as the next District 2 Supervisor and his term will begin January 2025.

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Schnuerle to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-absent. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, 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

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Claims: GENERAL: Stephanie Adams-Extension annual mileage \$15.00; Applied Connective Tech-IT Services \$4999.75; Jeff Artz-Planning/zoning mileage \$5.00; Ashley Blickenstaff-Extension annual mileage \$92.08; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home Removal & Pouch \$210.00; Melodie Bellamy-Meals/dues \$167.22; Blue 360 Media-Sheriff supplies \$99.95; Business World-Office Supplies \$73.00; Cardinal Assessment Group-Contractual Services \$18,220.00; Chris Sindt-Extension annual mileage \$20.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$890.00; Clerk of District Court-Court costs \$144.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance mileage \$182.17; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$1648.50; Duncan Theis-Courthouse remodel \$49,433.55; Gina Dunse-Extension annual mileage \$20.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$152.99; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$4181.02; Tana Fye Henry Law-Court app'd Attorney Fees \$2647.90; Government Forms & Supplies-District Court envelopes \$412.26; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$159.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$945.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$538.14; Hays Pharmacy-Inmate Medical \$26.75; Dawn Hetrick-Extension mileage \$10.05; Hogeland Market- Extension Supplies \$12.17, Sheriff-Jail Supplies \$128.88, Election supplies \$35.04; Dennis Hruska-custodian mileage \$14.47; Susan Janssen-Extension annual mileage \$15.00; Jeff's Electric-Electrical \$190.00; Linda Nickel-Extension annual mileage \$24.38; Lynn Peavey CO-Jail Blood tests \$98.45; Jessica Martin-Election mileage/Extension annual mileage \$36.42; McCarter Reporting-Deposition copy \$80.60; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$168.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$2368.36; Motorola Solutions-Sheriff's vehicle equipment \$3227.71; NAPA Auto Parts-Supplies \$19.80; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$555.79; Richard Ohrt-Planning/Zoning mileage \$17.42; Justin Pape-Planning/Zoning mileage \$21.44; Kenton Peterson-Extension annual mileage \$35.20; Amanda Pfeil-Extension annual mileage \$5.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmates \$1430.00; Pitney Bowes-Court postal services \$97.86; Quadient Leasing-Treasurer Maintenance Agreement \$500.88; Quill-Office Supplies \$374.57; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$888.35; Dan Stoelting-Planning/Zoning mileage \$5.00; The Nebraska Medical Center-Inmate medical \$240.36; The Radar Shop-Sheriff vehicle equipment \$288.00; Trailblazer RC&D-2025 Sponsorship fee \$400.00; Tripe Motor-Sheriff

Vehicle \$485.94; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance/Sheriff supplies \$360.17; University of Nebraska-Extension dues \$225.00; UNMC Physicians-Inmate medical \$106.47; Jeremy VanBoening-Planning/Zoning mileage \$16.08; Verizon Wireless-Sheriff's Dept. Phones \$243.13 & Maintenance Equipment \$249.99; Viaero-Phone \$107.00; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2850.30; White's Auto Glass-Sheriff's vehicle \$45.00; Doug Winz-Planning/Zoning mileage \$21.44. General Claims Total \$101,283.00.

ROAD: Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$108.92; Applied Connective-Office Equipment \$865.95; B's Enterprises-Grader Blades \$7360.00; Barco Municipal-Chains \$1113.13; Bladen Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$8693.27; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$9945.16; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1112.15; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel \$2446.95; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Durable Service-Building repair \$99.20; First National Bank-Office supplies \$24.80; Harlan County Journal-publishing \$63.15; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$7.56; Holdrege Auto Parts-Saw filters \$18.10; Huntley Service-Fuel \$59.78; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Midwest Service & Sales-shop supplies/snow fence \$1014.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Repairs \$17,759.57; Neumeyer Excavating-Contractual Services \$712.50; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$12,532.20; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$13,890.33; Quill-Office supplies \$117.84; Rudy's Tire-supplies \$535.30; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$249.14; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$248.17; Southwest Gravel Products-Gravel \$2404.14; Titan Machinery-Parts/repairs deductible \$500.00; Tripe Motor-Equipment Repair \$149.85; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$43.70; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$387.81; Verizon-Cell phone/supplies \$1288.20; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; Road Claims Total \$84,002.53. **E911-** City of Holdrege-Emergency Maintenance \$297.74. **SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND-**Tiger Commissary Services-Sheriff's supplies \$179.48.

CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$185,762.75