

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

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; and Ron Imm present. Supervisors Jeff Bash and Tony Gulizia were absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Assessor, Kim Fouts; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:47 a.m., Vice Chairman Clements 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 Calculation Sheet, Account Trial Balance Listing, and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

Vice Chairman Clements asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., Vice Chairman Clements opened the business meeting and asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the December 19th, 2023, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were none. Motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from December 19, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

County Employee Handbook. Discussion was held. Vice Chairman Clements tabled the matter for further discussion and clarification from County Attorney Bellamy.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Schultz to go into Board of Equalization at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list corrections #1406 and #1407 and an explanation was given for each. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schluntz to approve tax list corrections #1406 and #1407. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m., Boehler made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session.***

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Supervisor Boehler provided an update from the Transit Committee that met last week. Discussion was held. Vice Chairman Clements has a meeting scheduled with Rex Moore of Good Samaritan Society today. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services.

4-H Extension Instructor, Micky Blender came before the Board to request approval to add a new extension board member, Gina Dunse. Ms. Dunse will replace Jim Miller. Motion was made by Schluntz to approve Gina Dunse to replace Jim Miller on the extension board. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Vyve Agreement for Gen II Phone system upgrade. Clerk Burgeson provided some comparison information. Discussion was held. Motion to approve the Vyve Business Service Order for upgrading to the Gen II phones was made by Boehler. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer, Pat George, came before the Board to explain the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Harlan County. Discussion was held. Motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding was made by Schluntz. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided a copy of the NIRMA Cyber Security Coverage for the Board's information. No further updates at this time.

Hwy Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board. No new ROW or driveway permits. The surplus 2008 Chevy Trailblazer is currently on the Purple Wave Auction thru Jan 9th, 2024. Discussion was held regarding dump truck issues, upcoming employee performance evaluations, and an update was provided on the septic system issue at the road department office. As for old business, Burgeson advised that the Railroad is waiting on their legal team for the F Rd bridge project and the Railroad crossing projects.

Lady Liberty (located at Courthouse). Discussion was held regarding a tentative schedule for restoration, fund raising, and balance of funds collected at the Banner Capital Bank.

Tourism-new shelter on walking trail repair/replacement funding. Nothing to report.

Discussion was held regarding warm water in the women and men's restrooms in the Courthouse. Vice Chairman Clements will inquire on additional options.

Building & grounds. Discussion was held on finishing phase I of the courthouse projects, moving on to phase II and moving of the tower in the Clerk's office to a secure location. Vice Chairman Clements provided information on a recent circuit/wiring issue in the assessor and treasurer's offices. The Board agreed to proceed with having Holdrege Electric fix the circuit/wiring issues.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Boehler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-no; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-yes; Gulizia-absent. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Clements adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

A reorganizational board meeting will be held on January 9th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held January 16th, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. for consent agenda items and 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Mike Clements, Vice Chairman

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Payroll \$65,152.94 / Claims: American Family Life \$440.38; American Life Insurance-Vision \$275.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,025.30; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA & Contribution \$14,250.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$19,517.95; Kim Fouts-Heaters \$86.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$70,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$16,591.42; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$216.00; NE Child Support-payroll deduction \$373.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$2954.23; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$207,853.84. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$34,571.00 / Claims: American Family Life \$920.20; American Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; American Life Insurance-Retirement \$5366.00; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$1465.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,569.71; Medica-Insurance \$9545.15; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1624.25; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$655.25. **Road Fund total:** \$65,132.32. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$274,186.16**

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR & REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MINUTES
From **January 16th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisor's met for a regular and reorganizational meeting, Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; and Jeff Bash present. Supervisor Ron Imm was absent. (District 7 Supervisor-Vacant.) Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Assessor, Kim Fouts; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:53 a.m., Supervisor Clements 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.

Supervisor Clements opened the reorganizational meeting and asked if there were any nominations for chairman. Supervisor Chris Schluntz was nominated by Schultz. Seconded by Boehler. With no further nominations, Schultz made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Schultz made a motion to elect Schluntz as the Chairman. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Chris Schluntz is the Chairman for 2024.

Supervisor Clements then asked if there were any nominations for vice chairman. Supervisor Cindy Boehler was nominated by Schluntz. Seconded by Schultz. With no further nominations, Schultz made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Schluntz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-absent; Imm-absent. Motion carried. (Supervisor Bash joined the meeting.) Schluntz made a motion to elect Boehler as the Vice Chairman. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Cindy Boehler is the Vice Chairman for 2024.

At 9:59 a.m., Chairman Schluntz opened the regular meeting and asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz provided, for the Board's review, an Imprest Account Calculation Sheet, Account Trial Balance Listing, a Delinquent Tax Listing report and the Pledged Securities Report.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the January 2nd, 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 January 2nd, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-abstain; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:07 a.m. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list correction #1406A and provided an explanation for the correction. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve tax list correction 1406A. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

At 10:10 a.m., Boehler made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session.***

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Supervisor Clements provided an update from his latest communication with Rex Moore of Good Samaritan Society. Discussion was held. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services.

A Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy was received from Bonnie Kresser of the Senior Center and presented to the Board. Discussion was held. The Board tabled the matter and requested that Deputy County Attorney Schroeder or County Attorney Bellamy review the multiple page policy and put it on the next agenda.

Attorney, Whitney Schroeder came before the Board to introduce herself as the newly hired Deputy County Attorney for Harlan County. Ms. Schroeder provided a brief background about herself. Discussion was held. The Board welcomed Ms. Schroeder to Harlan County.

Dustin Will with Benefit Management joined the meeting and came before the Board to provide information for renewing the County employee insurances. Mr. Will provided a Benefits Snapshot handout, for reference, of the current plan held with Medica and explained renewal and new options available. Discussions were held. Bash made a motion to approve an option with Medica and pass 2% of the County's reduced variance percentage on to the employees. Seconded by Boehler. A friendly amendment was suggested to keep it likely to what we are doing currently. Amendment accepted and included in said motion. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Mr. Will will provide final numbers to the Clerk by February 6th, 2024. The deadline for open enrollment is March 1st, 2024.

Clerk Burgeson-Updates: discussion was held regarding the County Employee Handbook and setting a date for a special meeting to rediscuss the handbook. After discussion, the Board requested that Clerk Burgeson put the Resolution for adopting the handbook on the agenda for the next regular board meeting. Clerk Burgeson provided status of the courthouse phone upgrade with Vyve, the Mid-American account balance, the Sheriff's Quarterly Report from the Sheriff's Department, the USDA predator control summary, and advised of the lack of applicants for the District 7 Supervisor vacancy. Discussion was held. The applications deadline for the District 7 Supervisor vacancy will be extended and readvertised.

Zoning Administrator Melbye provided drafts for a wind turbine and solar farm zoning policy to the Board for their review.

Discussion was held for the Harlan County Planning Commission reappointment of the members. Bash made a motion to keep the Planning Commission members the same and reappoint Doug Horwart, Jeff Artz, Galen Kronhofman, Doug Winz, Brandon Wright, Richard Ohrt and Kelsi Bose (upon their willingness to continue) for the term starting January 2024. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson presented a Lakeview K-Lawn 2024 Estimate for Lawn Care that was received. Discussion was held. Supervisor Clements was designated as the County contact person. A motion to approve the 2024 Lakeview K-Lawn 2024 estimate and pay the balance in full by March 1st, 2024, was made by Boehler. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Hwy Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board with a Federal Funds Purchase Annual Program Certification covering July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, that he was just presented with. Discussion was held. Clements made a motion to grant Tim Burgeson the authority to complete and sign the Annual Certification Form. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. There were no new ROW or driveway permits. T. Burgeson provided that his crew was pushing snow last week and had also worked both Saturday and Sunday pushing snow to get as many roads open as possible. Updates were provided on machinery, fuel, progress on roads, and equipment. T. Burgeson asked the Board if there were any questions on the year-end road gravel and dirt report that he had emailed to them. T. Burgeson provided information on the projects listed on the One & Six Years report that he had also emailed the Board to review. Discussion was held and the public hearing for the One & Six Years Plan was set for February 6th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. There were no new updates on the F Road Bridge and Railroad crossing projects. The Board thanked T. Burgeson.

Lady Liberty (located at Courthouse). Boehler provided information she received about an upcoming article to be published in a statewide paper focusing on statues located throughout Nebraska, which could include Lady Liberty. Discussion was held regarding restoration funding. Boehler advised that there have been donations collected at the Banner Capital Bank, but more funding would be needed.

Tourism-new shelter on walking trail repair/replacement funding. No new updates.

Building & Grounds. Clements advised that he spoke with Eric Rose regarding the project to get warm water in the women and men's restrooms in the Courthouse, the quote, and his schedule to complete installation. An update on the hardware issue and solutions for the south Courthouse doors was provided. Clements also provided that Holdrege Electric will be inspecting the Courthouse electrical wiring. Boehler provided information from a meeting she and Clements had with the architect regarding the outside of the Courthouse proposed projects

(Phase II of Courthouse updates). The architect will be updating the specs. Boehler also had a discussion with Treasurer Artz about restrictions for using ARPA funds. Discussions were held.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

The Board moved onto Reorganization. Discussion was held on the appointment of committees. A motion was made by Clements to keep the committees the same as 2023 except for removing Bash from the safety committee. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Designation of NIRMA contact person for Harlan County, legal newspaper, and Harlan County website were discussed. Motion was made by Boehler to designate for 2024 NIRMA Harlan County contact-DaLynn Burgeson, legal newspaper-Main Street Media/Harlan County Journal, and Harlan County Website-harlandcounty.ne.gov. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz joined the meeting with a letter requesting that the First State Bank of Alma NE, the Heritage Bank of Orleans NE, the Community Bank of Alma NE and Stamford NE, the Commercial Bank of Republican City NE, and the Banner Capital Bank of Alma NE be designated as official depositories of Harlan County funds. Motion was made by Bash to designate the First State Bank of Alma NE, the Heritage Bank of Orleans NE, the Community Bank of Alma NE and Stamford NE, the Commercial Bank of Republican City NE, and the Banner Capital Bank of Alma NE as official depositories for Harlan County funds. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

Appointment of County Road Superintendent-Tim Burgeson (2024), Civil Defense Director-Sheriff Chris Becker (2024) and Harlan County Surveyor-Wayne Dietz were discussed. Motion was made by Clements to appoint for 2024 County Road Superintendent-Tim Burgeson, Civil Defense Director-Sheriff Chris Becker and Harlan County Surveyor-Wayne Dietz. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried.

South Central Economic Development District membership dues and representative(s) were discussed. Motion was made by Bash to pay the membership dues on February 6th, 2024. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Chairman, Chris Schluntz, will continue as the 2024 County representative for Harlan County. There is no alternate at this time.

Clerk Burgeson presented, for signatures, the Nebraska Secretary of State's Annual Report for County Officers.

With no further business, a motion was made by Boehler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held February 6, 2024, at 9:45 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

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

CLAIMS: GENERAL: Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewster-Court appointed attorney \$1713.50; Melodie Bellany-County attorney ½ Dues \$204.00; Blue 360 Media-Sheriff Supplies \$93.75; Camas Publishing-Advertising Custodian \$59.40; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Daake Law Office, LLC-Court Appointment \$138.00; Dept. of Correctional Services-Safekeeping of Inmate \$813.15; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$1957.00; Double D Cleaners-Dry Cleaning \$57.50; Eakes-Office Supplies \$927.15; First National Bank-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$3259.95; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$139.76; Franklin County Chronicle-Publishing \$144.00; Tana Fye Henry, Attorney-Court appointed attorney \$609.50; Gray Law Firm-Court Appointed Attorney \$2679.50; Harlan County Court-Court costs/dismissals \$51.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$1162.50; Harlan County Journal-publications \$695.48; Harlan County Senior Center-Transit \$1085.00; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff's Fees \$18.50; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$123.30; Dawn Hetrick-Extension supplies \$16.11; Hogeland Market-Supplies Extension \$156.28, Supplies Sheriff \$386.19, Supplies

County Court \$11.49; Holdrege Electric LLC-Service \$375.00; Holdrege Soft Water Service-Salt \$21.00; Hometown Leasing-Office Equip \$1542.48; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 \$21.00 & Sheriff Computer Consult, County Attorney Laptop \$666.50; Johnson Controls-Courthouse Heater repair \$3297.25; LaQuinta Inn & Suites-NACO Lodging \$359.85; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker-County Attorney Lodging \$187.50; Main Street Variety-Supplies \$5.98; Mighty Tidy-Cleaning services \$780.00; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1636.79; NACO Planning & Zoning-Dues \$40.00; NE Clerks of District Court Assn-Clerk Dues \$50.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-Blood tests \$105.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$113.12; Phillips County EMS-Dues \$60.00; Physician's Lab Services-Autopsy x2 \$4700.00; Pitney Bowes Global-Postal Services \$100.56; Platte Valley Communications-Service Sheriff's Equip \$6422.51; Quill-office supplies \$1145.67; Region III Behavioral Health Services-2023/2024 County Match \$2015.41; Republican Valley Animal Center-Stray dog care \$46.50; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$86.94; DAS State Accounting-Sheriff Teletype Service \$888.35; Thomas S. Stewart-Court appointed attorney \$484.45; The Radar Shop-Radar Recert \$192.00; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$159.15; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$10.99; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$108.77; Urbom Law Office-Court Appointed Attorney \$557.70; USDA Wildlife Services-Predator Control \$2893.62; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$243.02; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.62; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1,884.23 (General Fund Total: \$49,016.97).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-Shop Tools \$111.11; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$2238.28; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1480.47; CHI Agri Service Center-Heating fuel \$1121.27; Cooperative Producers-Fuel \$897.40; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Drug & Alcohol Testing \$25.00; Hireright Solutions-Drug & Alcohol Testing \$112.10; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$52.22; Holdrege Auto Parts-parts \$107.36; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$100.00; Huntley Service-Repair \$129.68; Intellicom Radio Connection \$1043.00; LaQuinta Inn & Suites-NACO lodging \$239.90; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Mac's Alignment-Equip Repair \$95.00; Midwest Truck Equipment-Equip Repair \$3174.29; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; Nebraska Rural Radio-Job Ads \$350.00; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair, Supplies \$33,626.41; Oak Creek Engineering-Engineering Fees \$1944.80; Paddington Station-Fuel \$46.04; Paulsen Inc-Gravel/Rock \$29,491.94; Quill-Office Supplies \$45.26; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tire Repair \$41.84; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$1825.61; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$198.02; Titan Machinery-Grader Blades, Bolts \$469.52; Tripe Motors-Repairs \$4811.55; Trustworthy Hardware-Shop Supplies \$68.33; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$596.47; Verizon-Phone Service \$132.00; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00 (Road Fund Total: \$85,327.03)

911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Holdrege-911 \$62.00

Grand Total: \$134,406.00

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

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. A motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter was made at 9:53 a.m. by Bash. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. Highway Superintendent and Treasurer were asked to leave the room. Discussion was held. A motion to exit the executive session was made by Bash. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m.***

A motion was made by Bash to approve Moulton's payroll claim without deduction for sick time. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Boehler to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the January 16, 2024, regular and reorganizational 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 January 16, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz advised that a suggestion was made that some of the Board committees meet on a regular basis. Board to think about for later discussion.

City of Alma- Alma Municipal Compost Site, Key Rental Agreement. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Bash to not renew the key rental agreement. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Bash to go into Board of Equalization at 10:20 a.m. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list correction #1408 and provided an explanation for the needed correction. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to approve tax list correction #1408. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

Bash made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session at 10:28 a.m.***

County Employee Health Insurance was discussed for clarification as to the renewal policy option that was approved during the January 16th, 2024, meeting. Because of questions related to the renewal policy option chosen and the County Employee Handbook and a related resolution from 2020, the Board tabled the matter until Deputy County Attorney Schroeder could review this.

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Supervisor Boehler provided an update for the Transit Committee. Discussions were held. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services.

District 7 Supervisor Vacancy. Clerk Burgeson provided that there was one application submitted. Date and time of interview to be determined and advertised accordingly.

Clerk Burgeson advised that the State Auditors are currently conducting the County's audit for 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023; That Region III Behavioral Services was inquiring about the County representative for 2024; and, that annual C-1 Statement of Financial Interest forms are due by March 1, 2024. Discussion was held regarding an upcoming claim and an insurance check received by the Clerk from NIRMA for fire damages to a road department tractor. A motion was made by Boehler to have the treasurer put the funds (\$8,828.37) from the NIRMA check into the General Fund. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Schluntz opened the **public hearing** for the 2024 Harlan County Road Department 1 & 6 Year Plan. After a period of time with no public in attendance, the public hearing was closed by Chairman Schluntz. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the 1 & 6 Year Plan as presented and Resolution #2024-02 adopting the 2024 Harlan County Road Department 1 & 6 Year Plan. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session.***

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and provided updates on road matters, what his crew has been working on and noxious weed visual inspections he had made. Burgeson also advised that the annual weed report had been approved. There were no ROW or driveway permits and no updates on the F Road Bridge and Railroad projects.

Clerk Burgeson presented the Board with a quote from CK Technologies to recable and relocate the equipment rack from the Clerk's office to a secure location. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve and accept Quote #1529 from CK Technologies. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-no; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed an updated draft of the wind turbine zoning policy provided by Zoning administrator, Ron Melbye. Discussion was held. Melbye to contact the County Attorney in this regard.

Transit Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – has been reviewed and will be discussed later.

Lady Liberty – Supervisor Imm announced that a generous donation will be made by the Legion to go towards the restoration of the statue. Discussion was held and the Board agreed to move forward with scheduling the restoration. Continued efforts for fund raising will be made.

Tourism. A brief discussion was held regarding the project plans and funding for replacing the gazebo on the walking path. Tourism Director, Jordann Dunlay is working on this.

Clements provided a building and grounds committee update. Discussions were held on the current phase and projects that are in need. The committee will continue to gather information and keep the Board updated.

Treasurer Artz presented the Board with a sales tax issue that needed to be addressed in which \$91.93 was due to rectify the issue. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to allow Treasurer Artz to take the money (\$91.93) out of the General Fund for the sales tax. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder advised that she and County Attorney Bellamy discussed the following issues tabled earlier: the insurance renewal, County Employee Handbook and prior resolution adopted in 2020. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Imm to approve the County Employee Handbook as presented and adopt Resolution #2024-01. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. Further discussion was held on the insurance renewal and clarification was made. The Clerk will advise Benefit Management of the clarification made.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder addressed the Board regarding the current inheritance tax legislative bill. Discussion was held. The hearing on this bill LB1067 is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, 2024.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schluntz-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held February 20th, 2024, at 9:45 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 \$70,000.35 / Claims: American Family Life \$440.38; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$275.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,849.27; Brittany Artz-Milage \$32.02; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,750.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; Doris Burby, RMR-Court Reporting \$110.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$21,374.60; Harlan County Court-Dismissal fees \$53.00; Harlan County Journal-Publications \$123.50; Harlan County Treasurer-County Court Postage \$500.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$115,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$16,591.42; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$216.00; Mid-NE Individual Services-FY2023-2024 \$3073.00; Midwest Connect-Treasurer Postage \$305.00; MIPS-Supplies, Data processing, postage, services \$1907.44; NE Assoc. of County Treasurers-Dues \$50.00; NE State Fire Marshall/ Boiler Division-Inspection/Certificates \$72.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3212.44; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Quill-office supplies \$264.48; South Central Economic Development-Membership dues \$2500.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$257,093.44.
ROAD FUND: Payroll \$37,809.51 / Claims: American Family Life \$920.20; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5876.46; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$965.00; Mike Eckmann-Reimbursement Fuel \$155.16; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$11,794.80; Medica-Insurance \$9545.15; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-signs & posts \$444.10; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1840.53; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$655.25; The Wrays LLC-Freightliner Dump Truck-\$72,500.00. **Road Fund total:** \$142,921.92. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total:** \$401,215.36

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **February 20th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Mike Clements; Jeff Bash; and Ron Imm present. Absent were: Max Schultz and Cindy Boehler. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; and Tourism Director, Jordann Dunlay.

At 9:47 a.m., Chairman Schluntz 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, Pledged Securities reports, an Account Trial Balance Listing and a Delinquent Tax Listing report.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-Absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 6th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from February 6th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-Absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Tourism Director, Jordann Dunlay came before the Board and gave an update from a meeting that she attended regarding the replacement and funding for the gazebo project located on the walking path along the lake. Discussion was held. Dunlay will continue to gather information for funding assistance options.

District 7 Supervisor. A motion was made by Clements to formally accept Tony Gulizia's resignation as Supervisor for District 7 effective December 31, 2023. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-Absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Public Transit – starting 3/1/2024 (Senior Center end date for public transit 2/29/2024). Discussion was held. Efforts will continue in the search for viable transit and meal delivery services. A special meeting regarding public transit will be held February 29, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates for the Board and reminded them that the annual C-1 Statement of Financial Interest forms are due by March 1, 2024. Also presented and discussed were updates to the County Court office. Building and Grounds committee with work on this.

A resolution (#2024-03) was presented to the Board from County Attorney Bellamy concerning employee health insurance benefits and allowing benefit changes to be made as necessary. A motion was made by Imm to approve Resolution 2024-03. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and provided updates on road matters and what his crew has been working on. There were no new ROW or driveway permits and no updates on the F Road Bridge and Railroad projects. Burgeson advised that the road department office has been without phone and internet since last Tuesday (Feb. 13th) and that he is unsure when it will be restored but that it is being worked on. Discussion was held on Burgeson's request to surplus the road department's 1995 Mack dump truck. Motion was made by Clements to approve the request and surplus the 1995 Mack dump truck. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Transit Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – to be discussed later.

Lady Liberty – brief discussion was held, no new updates.

Claims – Board review discussion to be discussed at another meeting.

Discussion was held on the different committees meeting on a regular basis. The Clerk will work on scheduling a safety committee meeting and corresponding with NIRMA to provide information.

Discussion was held in regard to Supervisor Imm moving from District 6, his plan to resign from the County Board of Supervisors due to the move, and timing to fill his remaining term (2024) upon resignation or for someone to run for the District 6 upcoming four year term beginning 2025.

Clements provided a building and grounds committee update. Discussion was held.

Public Forum: *No citizens present.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Clements to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held March 5th, 2024, at 9:45 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: AGRIDATA-mapping subscription \$600.00; Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewster-Court appointed attorney \$1205.50; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home-Removal & Transport \$872.50; Mickayla Blender-Ext. Mileage/Registration Dues \$165.96; Bob Barker Co-Jail Supplies \$104.16; DaLynn Burgeson-Mileage \$143.41; Business World-Office Supplies \$129.90; Central NE County Assessor's Assn-Dues \$25.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; CJIS-Sheriff computer consult \$500.00; Clerk of District Court-Hall County-Certified Copies \$52.50; CVSOAN-Veterans' Service Conference dues \$60.00; Daake Law Office, LLC-Court Appointment \$241.50; Dept. of Corrections Inmate Safekeeping \$1292.75; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$1863.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1225.00; First National Bank CC-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$3783.21; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$30.42; Tana Fye Henry, Attorney-Court appointed attorney \$755.94; Government Forms & Supplies \$37.36; Graham Tire Co-Sheriff Vehicle Tires \$736.00; Gray Law Firm-Court Appointed Attorney \$736.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$780.00; Harlan County Journal-publications \$730.37; Harlan County Senior Center-Transit & Senior Center \$3156.74; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$28.77; Hogeland Market-Supplies Court \$3.34, Supplies Sheriff \$212.37; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 & County Attorney Computer Consult \$2004.98; Lakeview K-Lawn Service-2024 Lawn care \$1940.28; M&B Business Machine Service-Contract/copies used \$153.00; Maas Construction-Clerks office maintenance \$391.00; Mid States Organized Crime Sheriff subscription \$100.00; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1501.88; NE Assn of County Clerks-Dues \$50.00; NE Assn of County Assessors-Dues \$75.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-Blood tests \$105.00; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$978.69; Phelps County Emergency Management-Civil Defense Computer annual fee \$1000.00; Plains Radiology-Jail Medical \$35.00; Platte Valley Communications-Service Sheriff's Equip \$2480.00; Jacqueline Queen-Court Reporter, Transcripts \$172.80; Quill-office supplies/supplies \$2761.28; DAS State Accounting-data processing & Sheriff Teletype Service \$888.35; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$666.90; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$22.97; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$215.56; Vanguard Appraisals-Assessor Service Fees \$2530.00; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.99; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.64; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1875.81; 136 Auto Body-Sheriff's vehicle storm repairs \$2000.00 (General Fund Total: \$42,697.83).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-Shop Tools \$334.80; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Supplies/products \$266.08; Barco Municipal Products-Safety Supplies \$281.28; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$18,392.57; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1293.38; CHI Agri Service Center-Heating fuel \$1127.31; City of Alma-Trash service \$129.00; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Supplies \$872.56; Harlan County Journal-advertising \$150.92; Hireright

Solutions-Drug & Alcohol Testing \$168.15; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$356.60; Hunter's B&C-Batteries \$576.00; Huntley Service-Repairs \$351.04; Intellicom-computer repair \$74.50; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-shop supplies \$83.92; Midwest Truck Equipment-Equip Repair \$2559.42; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair, Supplies \$10,340.49; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$1342.60; Paddington Station-Fuel \$61.20; Paulsen Inc-Gravel/Rock \$892.36; Quill-Office Supplies \$48.93; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$530.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tires/supplies \$2592.96; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$769.99; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$155.58; The Trader-Advertising \$39.00; Titan Machinery-parts \$416.40; Trustworthy Hardware-Shop Supplies \$294.92; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$842.94; Verizon-Phone Service \$132.04; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00; White's Auto Glass-Windshield \$48.00 (Road Fund Total: \$46,012.10). **COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND:** TL Sunds Constructors-Courthouse remodel \$140,467.50. **VETERANS' AID FUND:** Pat George-Veteran aid fuel reimbursement \$40.00; Harlan County Veterans Service-veterans aid \$196.70 (Veterans' Aid Fund Total: \$236.70). **LOTTERY FUND:** NE Dept of Revenue-Lottery renewal fee \$100.00. **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** City of Holdrege-911 \$679.03 **Grand Total: \$230,193.16**

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
From February 29th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met for a special session Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Ron Imm present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; and Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Jennifer Kreutzer and Jessie Martin; two representatives from the Nebraska Department of Transportation, representatives from the Senior Center and a few citizens of Harlan County.

At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Schluntz called the special 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.

Corinne Donahue, AICP and Sarah Mullen were welcomed from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The public attendees were welcomed also. Chairman Schluntz announced that this is a fact-finding meeting in regard to public transit services in Harlan County. Supervisor Boehler explained concerns regarding the County trying to transition the transit service to the County from the Senior Center. The Board asked Ms. Donahue and Ms. Mullen questions about how this would work from the Department of Transportation's aspect for the County to take on public transit services in Harlan County involving state and federal requirements, cost sharing, local match, etc.

Ms. Donahue asked Bonnie Kresser of the Senior Center a few questions to understand the reason that the Senior Center will no longer offer transit services. Discussions were held regarding options for the Senior Center to continue offering the service, state and federal funding, ownership of the transit vehicles, storage of the vehicles, and outsourcing the transit service through a contractor. There was further discussion regarding the timeline for the transition and timing, if the County was able to take over the service, to be fully functional. Ms. Kresser announced that the Senior Center had not been scheduling appointments for transit services and that as of the end of today the transit services were ending through the Senior Center due to the County not requesting an extension of time. It was expressed that the County Board was under the impression from prior conversations with Ms. Kresser that the Senior Center would give an extension of time to allow the County time for the transition, if the County was actively trying to find solutions to continue the transit services. Ms. Kresser was asked by Ms. Donahue if, as required, a public hearing was held announcing to the public that the transit services would be ending. Ms. Kresser advised that there was a public hearing. The Board further expressed concerns of there still being too many unanswered questions to make a decision at this time, budgeting questions, questions about adding additional County employees, insurance, timing, etc.

Supervisor Boehler expressed that she is very disappointed that Harlan County citizens are without transit and that this Board has been put directly in a situation that we did not ask to be put in. Boehler also expressed that the County Board has put forth an abundant amount of time and effort into trying to assist with keeping the public transit operating and that she is very frustrated as there were several options proposed to the Senior Center and all were denied by the Senior Center.

The County Board Transit Committee will meet with the Nebraska Department of Transportation to gather more information and will continue in the search for viable transit services. The Board expressed their gratitude for Ms. Donahue and Ms. Mullen's time, travel, and information.

With no further business or public comment, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held March 5th, 2024, at 9:45 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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HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **March 5th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Supervisor Ron Imm was absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:45 a.m., Chairman Schluntz 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.

Chairman Schluntz welcomed the newly appointed District 7 Supervisor, Janice Miller-Boston to the Board of Supervisors. Introductions were made.

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.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Information was provided by Clements about the Trailblazer claim and the Harlan County tire recycling scheduled for July 30, 2024, in the Alma city lot from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; 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 February 20th, 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 February 20th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-abstain; Clements-yes; Boehler-abstain; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-abstain; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 29th, 2024, special Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. Motion was made by Clements to approve the February 29th, 2024, minutes as presented. Supervisor Boehler requested a correction. Clements withdrew his motion. The minutes were tabled until the next meeting to allow time for the correction.

Micky Blender, Extension Educator came before the Board and presented, for the Board's information, a 2023 Annual Report of the Harlan County Extension Office. Ms. Blender also provided extension highlights. Supervisor Boehler expressed how much she liked the Brown Bags and thought they were a good idea.

Richard Calkins and Mike Stemper of Alma Rotary came before the Board and provided a handout with information on the new proposed shelter to replace the destroyed gazebo that was located on the walking trail. Discussions were held regarding the plans and funding for the project. A request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the County was made. A motion was made by Clements to approve a contribution from the County of \$6000 towards the gazebo project. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson brought up current and upcoming openings within the 2024 committees and relayed that there is a Harlan County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board and provided updates on road matters, road department job openings, an upcoming meeting, status on the septic system issues, and the status of four bridge projects. There were no new ROW or driveway permits and no updates on the F Road Bridge and Railroad projects.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Motion was made by Clements to go into Board of Equalization at 10:46 a.m. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor, Kim Fouts, came before the Board of Equalization with tax list correction #1409 and provided an explanation for the needed correction. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve tax list correction #1409. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Bash made a motion to exit the Board of Equalization. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. ***The Board returned to regular session at 10:48 a.m.***

Luke Bonkiewicz, Research Program Analyst, with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) joined the meeting and provided information on upcoming events, current happenings of NACO, information about a salary study that NACO conducted in which results will be announced soon, active legislature bills and referred to the NACO website where there are resources, information and a section highlighting each County in Nebraska. Chairman Schluntz and the Board thanked Mr. Bonkiewicz for his visit to Harlan County and their appreciation for the information provided.

Public Transit – Chairman Schluntz provided information that Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder had found from her research. There was continued discussion of options and ideas in the search for viable transit services for Harlan County. A more in-depth meeting regarding public transit will be held between the County Transit Committee and the Nebraska Department of Transportation as soon as can be arranged.

Transit Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy – to be discussed later

Lady Liberty – restoration/repairs/funding, no new updates.

Claims – Board process for reviewing claims- no discussion

Building & Grounds - Clements announced that the restrooms now have warm water and that the new office countertops are tentatively scheduled for March 11th.

Public Forum: *No citizen comments.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-absent; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held March 19th, 2024, at 9:45 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 \$66,574.86 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$275.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,054.20; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1,580.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$19,827.59; Harlan County Journal-Publications \$1326.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund transfer to Roads \$32,000.00; Medica-Insurance \$16,591.42; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$216.00; Medica-Employee Health Insurance Deductions \$2400.00; MIPS-Data processing \$162.90; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$2930.55; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1451.42; Trailblazer-Annual Sponsorship Due \$400.00; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$145,937.77. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$32,921.16 / Claims: American Family Life \$965.83; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$5071.26; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$870.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$10,150.82; Harlan County Sheriff-Vehicle Inspection Fee \$10.00; Harlan County Treasurer-Vehicle title fee \$10.00; Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$800.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1486.71; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$220.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$655.25. **Road Fund total:** \$53,356.79. **TOURISM** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. **Grand total: \$200,494.56**

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From March 19th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; Ron Imm; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson; and Assessor, Kim Fouts.

At 9:45 a.m., Chairman Schluntz 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, Delinquent Tax Listing report and gave certification of end of public tax sale.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the claims. Discussion was held. With no further discussion. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the claims as submitted, including the Assessors claim with the amended expenditure code. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the February 29th, 2024, Special Board meeting that were tabled last meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Clements to approve the minutes from February 29th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Boehler. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the March 5th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the minutes from March 5th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-abstain; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the process for reviewing claims by the Board. Starting with the upcoming April 2nd, 2024, meeting, the Board will convene at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items to allow more time to review claims instead of 9:45 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding County committees, particularly if the County had or who was representing the County Board on the Area Agency on Aging Board. Supervisor Boehler advised that she is the representative. A Building and Grounds Committee update was given by Clements. Discussions were held. Clements will inquire and request a few bids for specifically discussed Courthouse improvements. The committee will continue to work on past, present and future Courthouse improvements, and maintenance items.

USDA Wildlife Services & Predator Control, Kyle Brown came before the Board and provided updates on predator control in Harlan County, talked about the summary reports and about the upcoming contract renewal. Discussion was held.

Kelly Jensen with CASA came before the Board and requested permission to place pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn in April. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Permission was granted.

Public Transit – Supervisor Boehler provided an update on behalf of the Transit Committee. Members of the committee met again this past Friday and information was provided regarding an option, possible alternatives for public transit services and the devastating time that our senior citizens are without transit services in which the Senior Center was providing and canceled as of February 29th,

2024, without an alternative source for continued viable transit services. Discussion was held. The County Board will continue efforts in the search for viable transit services.

Clerk Burgeson provided updates to the Board regarding the completion of the current County audit, the status on the new auditor search, new invoices and a revised quote received from CK Technologies to recable and relocate the equipment rack from the Clerk's office to a secure location. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Boehler to approve the revised quote of \$61,920 received from CK Technologies. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request by the County Attorney to paint in her office. It was decided to leave it as is currently. Further discussion was held on other issues that need attention in and outside the Courthouse.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board with a Driveway permit #DR2024-1 from Chris Schluntz (P Road) and two ROW permits #ROW2024-1 from Frontier Communications, #ROW2024-2 from Pinpoint. Burgeson then provided updates on road matters including asphalt surfacing, offering road employees overtime, spraying weeds in ditches, Dept. of Ag report, status on the sale of the dump truck currently listed on Purple Wave and a request for the purchase of a 2024 Chevy diesel 1 Ton fleet pickup at State bid of \$59,533.00. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the purchase of the 2024 Chevy diesel 1 Ton pickup at State bid of \$59,533. Seconded by Imm. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Imm-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ron Imm submitted, at the beginning of this meeting, his resignation as Supervisor for District 6 since he is no longer residing in the district. Ron was thanked for his time, input and efforts while serving on the County Board of Supervisors. Discussion was held. The vacancy to fulfill Imm's remaining term will be advertised accordingly.

Public Forum: *Citizens present. No comments.*

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

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

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CLAIMS: GENERAL: Chris Becker-Mileage \$257.28; Melodie Bellamy- Mileage \$178.35; Mickayla Blender-Ext. Mileage \$114.57; Bob Barker Co-Jail Supplies \$53.73; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Clerk of District Court-Harlan County-Court costs \$72.00; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$1710.35; Durable Service-Tower ac repairs \$1163.70; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1643.34; Electronic Systems-Fire Alarm inspection \$166.20; First National Bank CC-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$2034.39; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$43.95; Kim Fouts-Clean car \$185.00; Fur & Leather Creations-Sheriff Uniforms \$12.00; Tana Fye Henry, Attorney-Court appointed attorney \$1083.37; Government Forms & Supplies \$108.50; Graham Tire Co-Sheriff Vehicle Service/Tires \$1312.32; Gray Law Firm-Court Appointed Attorney \$506.00; Harlan County Court-court costs \$118.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$1185.00; Harlan County Journal-publications \$449.21; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$26.62; Dawn Herick-Mileage \$30.15; Hogeland Market-Supplies Supplies Sheriff \$281.79; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 & Sheriff Computer Consult \$716.00; Johnson Controls-Heater repairs \$1680.00; Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith-Court Appt Attorney \$534.75; Lakeview K-Lawn Service-snow removal Nov 23-Jan 24 \$1500.00; Main Street Variety-Ext. supplies \$10.43; Mid-American Benefits-

Insurance \$284.00; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1460.03; NACEB-Ext. Dues \$100.00; NACO-Dues \$450.00; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$529.90; NE State Patrol-Safety Equipment \$295.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$357.50; Platte County Sheriff's Office-Service Fees \$40.20; Quadiant Leasing USA-Postage/Maintenance Agreement \$500.88; Quill-office supplies/supplies \$326.54; Republican Valley Animal Center-Stray dog \$52.50; Stanard Appraisal Services-Contract Reappraisals \$18,884.00; DAS State Accounting-data processing & Sheriff Teletype Service \$888.35; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$437.83; Trustworthy Hardware-Clerk Supplies \$15.86; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$212.22; Tyler Technologies-Veteran Office Equipment \$449.00; University of Nebraska-Ext ShoWorks renewal \$175.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln-Ext Spring Conf Registration \$200.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln-Ext Office Equipment \$2526.90; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.93; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.64; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1879.73 (General Fund Total: \$48,520.01).

ROAD FUND: Alma Auto Parts-Shop Tools \$146.11; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Supplies/products \$869.86; Barco Municipal Products-Signs/bolts \$8686.00; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$8906.64; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1725.82; City of Alma-Trash service \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel/additives \$2807.60; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Supplies \$374.95; Franklin County Chronicle-Job ads \$103.20; Harlan County Journal-advertising \$74.85; Hireright Solutions-Drug & Alcohol Testing \$301.15; Holdrege Auto Parts-Chainsaw parts \$42.71; Intellicom-computer repair \$3609.50; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Midwest Service & Sales-chains \$3937.50; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; Murphy Tractor & Equipment-Equip repair \$22,382.91; NACO-Central District Meeting \$55.00; NE Assn County HWY Superintendents-Dues/summer meeting \$160.00; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair \$26.66; NE Rural Radio Assn-Job ads \$350.00; NE Weed Control Assn-Spring Training \$150.00; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$12,090.17; Platte Valley Communications-Equip Repair \$270.29; Reliable Pest Control-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tires/tire repair \$1150.36; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$2753.65; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$132.13; The Trader-Advertising \$170.00; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$466.37; Verizon-Phone Service \$132.02; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00 (Road Fund Total: \$72,692.11). **HIGHWAY STREET FUND:** Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$94,254.48. **HIGHWAY BRIDGE FUND:** Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$40,072.32. **REAPPRAISAL FUND:** Appraisers fee \$13,000.00. **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** City of Holdrege-911 \$347.34 **Grand Total: \$268,886.26**

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
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From April 16th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Chris Schluntz; Max Schultz; Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; and Janice Miller-Boston present. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; Treasurer, Sandy Artz; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Schluntz 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. Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had all had a chance to review the claims. Discussion was held. Boehler left the meeting. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Clements to approve the claims as submitted. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Schluntz asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the April 2nd, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Schultz to approve the minutes from April 2nd, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-abstain; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Becker-Purchase of new pickup. Sheriff Becker handled this prior to the meeting.

Public Transit – Supervisor Clements provided an update on behalf of the Transit Committee. There have been continued discussions with a possible source to provide public transit services and details are currently being researched. There is a possible alternative source also. The County Board will continue with efforts in the search for viable transit services.

At 10:32 a.m., Bash made a motion to go into Closed Session for potential litigation due to an error discovered by the State Auditors. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Those in attendance during the closed session were the County Board of Supervisors and the Deputy County Attorney. All the others in the room were asked to exit. At 10:53 a.m., the closed session ended and the regular meeting reconvened. Chairman Schluntz announced that there will be a press release addressing the potential litigation related to the error discovered by the State Auditors issue and if everything goes as it should, claims and a resolution pursuant to this matter should be presented at the next board meeting.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board. There were no driveway or right-of-way permits. Burgeson presented the final paperwork, for signatures, in regard to the 2024 Structure Replacement projects that have been completed. The Chairman and Clerk signed as indicated. Burgeson provided updates on the sale of the Mack dump truck, status on the septic issue at his office and that he still has three road department openings. Discussion was held on purchasing a new Caterpillar road grader. Burgeson will gather more details to bring to the Board at the next meeting.

Clerk Burgeson advised the Board of different documents that she included in their packets for their information.

Clerk Burgeson also presented, for the Board's consideration, an additional proposal for the County auditor services for the fiscal year ending 2024. Discussion was held.

Clements provided a building and grounds committee update regarding the Courthouse roof inspection for storm damage, turning on of the lawn sprinklers, installation date of the new office

counters, an upcoming meeting regarding the south Courthouse entrance doors and the status of advertising for a Courthouse maintenance position. Discussions were held.

Public Forum: *Citizens were present. No comments.*

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-absent; Bash-yes; Miller-Boston-yes; Schluntz-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Schluntz adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held May 7th, 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: Jeff Artz-Planning & Zoning Mileage \$5.00; At-Scene LLC-iCrimeFigher subscription; Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home-Transport \$797.50; Cindy Boehler-Refund overpayment filing fee \$2.14; Kelsi Bose-Planning & Zoning Mileage \$13.40; Buffalo County Sheriff-Sheriff Fees \$21.36; DaLynn Burgeson-office supplies \$19.86; Business World-County Attorney office equipment & engraved door signs \$1373.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$926.00; Clerk of District Court-Harlan County Court costs \$36.00; DeWald, Deaver-Court appointed attorney \$2455.51; Diamond Exterminating-Service/Treatment \$150.00; Eakes-Office Supplies \$1853.72; Election Systems & Software-Election Supplies \$6962.05; First National Bank CC-Supplies, Postal Supplies, Office Equipment, \$2719.93; Anna Fisher-Extension mileage \$108.75; Tana Fye Henry-Court appointed attorney fees \$690.88; Gray Law Firm-Court appointed attorney fees \$460.00; Harlan County Court-court costs \$34.00; Harlan County Health Systems-Jail Meals \$1042.50; Harlan County Journal-publications \$812.85; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff Fees \$18.50; Harlan County Treasurer-Inter Fund Transfer to Road Department \$125,000.00; Hays Pharmacy-Jail Medical \$43.58; Dawn Herick-Mileage \$23.72; Hogeland Market-Extension supplies \$77.45/Sheriff supplies \$274.11/Building & Grounds supplies \$35.45; Doug Horwart-Planning & Zoning mileage \$10.05; Instakey Security Systems-Keys \$40.32; Intellicom-Microsoft 365 subscription \$24.00; Johnson Controls-Boiler repairs \$2010.90; Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith-Court appointed attorney fees \$207.00; Midwest Special Services-Prisoner transport \$331.15; MIPS Inc.-Data Processing, \$1485.88; NE Clerks of District Court Assn-2024 Summer Workshop registration \$75.00; NE Emergency Services-2024 NESCA membership dues \$15.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-Blood tests \$105.00; NE Safety & Fire Equipment-Extinguisher labor \$82.00; NE Public Power District-Utilities \$466.86; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmate \$815.06; Pitney Bowes-Postal Machine rental \$97.86; Platte Valley Communications-Installation light bars; Quill-Court office supplies \$320.72/ Misc-office supplies \$991.15; Region III Behavioral Health Services-FY2023-2024 County tax match \$2015.42; Rose Plumbing-Labor \$312.50; S&W Auto Parts-supplies \$11.98; Robert Schmidt- Refund overpayment filing fee \$2.14; DAS State Accounting-Sheriff Teletype Service \$537.60; Thomas Stewart-Court appointed attorney fees \$718.63; Tripe Motor CO-Sheriff vehicle service \$536.47; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies \$17.38; Twin Valleys Public Power District-Utilities \$100.57; Urbom Law Office-Court appointed attorney fees \$345.30; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones \$242.93; Viaero Wireless-Cell Phones \$108.64; Vyve Broadband-Phone Service, Internet, Data Processing \$1879.73; Doug Winz-Planning & Zoning mileage \$25.46; Brandon Wright-Planning & Zoning mileage \$10.72 (General Fund Total: \$163,693.28).

ROAD FUND: B.H. Hesemann Shop-Supplies \$12.25; Barco Municipal Products-Sign stands \$198.00; Bosselman Energy Inc.-Fuel \$1036.43; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1130.46; Central States Aggregate- Rock \$2711.02; CHI Agri Service-Propane \$1004.09; City of Alma-Trash service \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel/additives \$372.40; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Equipment Blades-Equipment/freight \$8024.00; First National Bank-Supplies \$32.95; GWorks-Annual Subscription \$3544.00; Harlan County Journal-advertising \$74.85; Harlan County Treasurer-Title fee \$15.00; Hogeland Market-supplies \$69.53; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Help wanted ads \$200.00; Hunter's B&C-Batteries \$620.00; Huntley Service-Supplies/Fuel \$615.15; M.J. Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop supplies \$59.70; Michael Todd Industrial Supply-Supplies/signs

\$2105.46; MIPS Inc-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Equip Repair \$8561.49; Neumeyer Excavating-Snow/tree removal \$9262.50; NIRMA-Safety supplies \$260.00; Paddington Service-Fuel \$72.85; Paulsen Inc-Gravel/rock \$9434.24; Quill Corp.-Office supplies \$483.82; Rudy's Tire Alma-Tires/tire repair \$702.76; S&W Auto Parts-Tool & Shop Supplies \$814.08; Sappa Valley Farm & Auto-Fuel \$333.84; Sid Dillon Chevrolet-2024 Chevy Silverado Pickup \$59,538.00; The Trader-Advertising \$170.00; Titan Machinery-Grader blades \$1929.00; Tripe Motor-Parts/labor \$397.26; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$444.91; Van Diest Supply-Noxious Weed chemicals \$2449.30; Verizon-Phone Service \$27.16; Village of Republican City-Utilities \$35.00 (Road Fund Total: \$117,258.16).

HIGHWAY STREET FUND: Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$112,991.76.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE FUND: Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$54,793.17.

ROAD/BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUND: Leising Inc-2024 Structure Replacements \$4469.57.

911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Holdrege-911 \$345.35.

SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND: Tiger Commissary-Inmate commissary \$179.34.

Grand Total: \$453,730.63

HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
And BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
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**

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

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

At 9:31 a.m., Vice Chairman Boehler called the meeting to order, announced that there is a copy of the Open Meetings Act posted at the south end of the room and will be followed by the Board and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held June 4th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items and 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Vice Chairman

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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

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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 Flasnack-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.

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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**

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From July 16th, 2024**

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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
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
From **JULY 30, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met for a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 30th, 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 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 and will be followed by the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Burgeson provided a copy of the 2024-2025 budget expense worksheets that were completed and submitted for the Board's review. The Board held a discussion regarding a percentage pay increase for County employees and officials referencing the 2024 COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). The Board agreed and set a 4% cost of living increase for employees and officials for the 2024-2025 budget year.

At 10:00 a.m., Robert Dunaway, CPA, joined the meeting and came before the Board regarding the 2024-2025 Budget. Information about budget processes, deadlines, tentative dates for continued workshops and the budget hearing were discussed. Dunaway left the meeting and the Board then began to review and discuss each budget expense worksheet as presented.

At 12:30 p.m., Chairman Boehler recessed the meeting for lunch. At 1:30 p.m., the Board reconvened and continued reviewing and discussing the budget worksheets. Discussion on changing payroll from monthly to bi-monthly was held and tabled to research and gather further information.

Public Forum: No public comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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; Viero 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
BUDGET HEARING & BUDGET SUMMARY
MINUTES
From September 17th, 2024**

The Budget Hearing of the Harlan County Board of Supervisor's was held on the 17th day of September 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Harlan County Journal on September 12, 2024, and the Holdrege Daily Citizen newspapers.

Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; Max Schultz; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston were present. Supervisor Mike Clements was absent. Others present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson, Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson and a member of the public.

The budget hearing was opened at 1:07 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

CPA, Robert Dunaway made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Schnuerle to close the budget hearing. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The budget hearing was closed at 1:55 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bash and seconded by Schnuerle to adjourn the budget hearing. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From **September 17th, 2024**

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At 9:31a.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 Schnuerle to approve the claims 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.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the September 3rd, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. There was one correction noted on page 2, paragraph beginning with Deputy Clerk... Roll call votes: Miller-Boston was not *absent*, her roll call vote was *yes*. A motion was made by Bash to approve the minutes from September 3rd, 2024, as presented with the correction to the roll call vote of Miller-Boston from absent to yes. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Artz joined the meeting, came before the Board and provided the Board with a printout of 2022 unpaid taxes as of March 4, 2024. Artz explained the report and requested authority from the Board to start the tax foreclosure process on the properties as listed. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash granting authority to Treasurer Artz to proceed with the tax foreclosure process on the 2022 properties with unpaid taxes. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided the Board with a tentative schedule from the Railroad for the F Road bridge project, updates on road equipment, upcoming bridge inspections, gravel maps, status of gravel deliveries, and current crew projects. Burgeson also provided that he recently sprayed noxious weeds along the river, found a few other spots to be sprayed and will be sending letters to landowners with noxious weeds.

Wes Baxter and Marlys Baxter joined the meeting, introduced themselves and asked to address the Board regarding tall weeds on G Road that are causing a sight issue. Discussion was held. Hwy Superintendent Burgeson will look into the situation. The Baxter's were thanked for coming and remained sitting in the public seating.

Marvin Planning Consultants, Contract for Services for Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Regulations. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder advised that both her and County Attorney Bellamy reviewed the contract and did not find any legal issues with the contract. Planning and Zoning Committee members Bash and Schnuerle both provided details about the contract. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schnuerle to accept and approve the Contract of Services as presented by Marvin Planning Consultants. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning moratorium resolutions for wind turbine and solar farms were provided to the Board for their review and consideration. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided an explanation regarding the different resolutions. Discussion was held regarding the proposed length of the moratoriums being 6 months versus two years as with specific language of the resolutions. Planning and Zoning Committee members Bash and Schnuerle provided information from the planning commission meeting that they attended in which a two-year term for the moratorium was discussed and

agreed upon. This agenda item was tabled to allow time to return the resolution being considered for an amendment to the length of the moratorium. Citizen Wes Baxter asked to address the Board again. Mr. Baxter expressed his gratitude to the Board for all that they do and provided his thoughts on the moratorium resolution that the Board was considering. After further discussion, a motion was made by Scott to accept and approve Resolution #2024-15 presented by the Planning Commission for a two-year term moratorium with the amendment to Page 2, first paragraph, where it states “that the said *one (1) year* moratorium” as this should be amended to state a “*two (2) year* moratorium” to be consistent with the first page, paragraph 10, in which it states “a two (2) year moratorium”. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder provided an update on the union contract that has been submitted to the union for consideration and acceptance to conclude negotiations. Discussion was held on the length of contract being proposed as a three-year term versus a one-year term as favored by Schnuerle. The County is now awaiting a response from the Union.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided an update on the letter drafted to be sent to the Senior Center regarding the transfer of the transit vehicles specifically the one owned by the County and the one owned by the Senior Center.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the Courthouse sidewalk ADA compliance and the 2024-Duncan Theis Change Order Request #1 submitted to add handicap ramps and extra concrete. This matter was tabled until the next board meeting to allow time for an updated plan and an itemized bid.

At 11:45 a.m., the meeting was recessed for lunch by Chairman Boehler..

At 12:47 p.m. Chairman Boehler reconvened the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a County surplus policy and the cleaning out of the old supervisor’s room for the transit services office. The County Attorney will prepare a surplus policy and arrangements will be made to clean out the room.

Discussion was held on recording Board meetings.

County Inventories for 2024. A motion to accept and approve the Harlan County Tourism 2024 Inventory was made by Miller-Boston. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds committee update was provided by Scott. The maintenance position has been filled and Bryan Crowder will be starting October 1, 2024. The current Courthouse custodian’s last day will be September 30, 2024. Two Courthouse keys will be returned by the Contractor from phase one of the renovations and further discussion was held regarding funding available for the change order submitted for the sidewalk handicap ramps and extra concrete. Boehler provided an update on damage that happened to the Lady Liberty statue upon it being removed from its location and the tentative plan to take it to Omaha to be completely restored and returned to the Southside of the Courthouse.

CPA, Robert Dunaway joined the meeting. At 1:06 p.m. Chairman Boehler adjourned the regular meeting to open the **Harlan County Budget Hearing and Budget Summary** as published. (*See separate minutes*)

The County Board of Supervisors returned to the regular meeting with Chairman Boehler opening said meeting at 1:57 p.m. A motion was made by Schultz to approve Resolution #2024-16 approving the adoption of the Harlan County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-no; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The Notice of the Harlan County Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request did not get published as submitted and therefore, will be rescheduled to October 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Notice will be published accordingly in the Harlan County Journal and Holdrege Daily Citizen.

Transit Services. Chairman Boehler provided a status update in which Harlan County Health Systems appears to have what they need except for a transit phone in the Courthouse and ownership of the transit vehicles. The County will transfer the County owned transit vehicle and purchase to transfer the Goeshen bus from the Senior Center. Harlan County Health Systems, if desired, shall purchase a

third transit vehicle directly from the Senior Center. The County's IT service provider shall assist in getting a landline phone for the transit services office.

County IT services. Schnuerle provided an update on behalf of the IT service committee, explained the proposals received from each vendor with comparisons of provided services and costing and made the committee's recommendation to the Board to accept the proposal from Applied Connective for the County's preferred IT service provider. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schnuerle to accept, approve and engage with Applied Connective as the County's IT service provider. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided, for the Boards information, an Investment Portfolio Pledged Securities report dated 8/31/2024 from the First State Bank, the new Budget Billing letter from the City of Alma, registration information for the upcoming NIRMA conference October 24 & 25th, 2024, a new Business Service Order received from Vyve, an update on installation of new hardware to the Courthouse South entrance doors by CEI and an update on the County Court, community room and hallway air conditioning as provided by Johnson Controls. Discussions were held.

Public Forum: No citizen comments during this time.

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-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held October 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for consent agenda items, 10:00 a.m. for business agenda items, and 1:00 p.m. for a Harlan County Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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CLAIMS:

GENERAL: Aliese Bowman-Supplies \$8.76; Melodie Bellamy-Mileage \$73.70; Mickayla Blender-Mileage \$32.16 and Meals \$16.14; Bob barker Co-Supplies \$105.72; Business World- Office Supplies \$63.15; Dianne Calkins-Supplies \$36.00; CHS-Fuel \$86.00; Communications Engineering Inc-Computer Consultation \$100.00; Custom Cage-Vehicle Equipment \$1590.00; Daake Law Office-Attorney Fee \$414.00; Dept of Correctional Services-Medical \$178.28; Dewald Deaver Law-Attorney Fees \$505.55; Eakes Office Solutions-Office Supplies \$130.72; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$2113.85; Anna Fisher-Mileage \$165.49 and Meals \$20.00; Kim Fouts-Mileage \$136.68; Franklin County Chronicle-Publishing \$83.40; Tana Fye Henry Law-Attorney Fees \$724.30; Pat George- Mileage \$254.49 and Meals \$63.69; Graham Tire Co-Tires \$664.00; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$88.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$795.00 and Transit Costs \$30,000.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$735.90; Hays Pharmacy-Medical \$39.33; Hogeland Market- Supplies \$209.27; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$117.80; Intellicom-Internet Service \$766.25; Klein, Brewster, Brandt Law-Attorney Fees \$23.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$1448.91; NE Public Health Environmental Lab-Court Costs \$67.20; NPPD-Electricity \$1,066.57; Pitney Bowes Global-Postal Services \$97.86; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment Repair \$4132.78; Quadient Leasing-Maintenance Agreement \$500.88; Quill-Office Supplies \$493.98; Republican Valley Animal Center-Miscellaneous \$49.50; Rose Plumbing-Repairs \$757.51; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$537.60; Those Blasted Signs-Vehicle Equipment \$575.00; TNT Tracy Weak-Lawn Maintenance \$600.00; Tripe Motor-Car Repair \$799.35; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$137.76; UNL Haskell Ag Lab-Dues \$115.00; Urbom Law Office-Attorney Fees \$683.55; Verizon Wireless-Phone \$243.01; Viaero-Phone \$107.14; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$3308.18; Whites Auto Glass-Car Repair \$45.00; 911 Custom-Uniforms/Equipment \$5431.00; General Claims Total \$61,574.41.

ROAD: Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$103.83; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Repair \$20.70; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$3406.06; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1648.67; CHS-Repairs \$36.00; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel/DEF \$3960.50; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; First National Bank-Office Supplies \$43.98; Garrett Tires-Tires \$3470.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$169.80; Hogeland Market-Office Supplies \$52.44; Huntley Service-Fuel \$136.80; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; Main Street Variety-Shop Supplies

\$24.77; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NACO-Dues \$50.00; NMC Exchange-Repairs \$10,587.36; Overton Sand & Gravel-Gravel \$6757.73; Paulsens-Gravel \$38,196.25; Platte Valley Communications-Repairs \$315.34; Quill-Office Supplies \$80.54; Reliable Pest Control Services-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudys Tire-Tires \$339.59; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$218.67; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$124.31; Tripe Motor-Repair \$50.00; Twin Valley PPD-Lights \$268.18; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.06; Road Claims Total \$70,878.24.

ROAD EQUIPMENT SINKING: NMC Exchange-Motor Grader \$348,200.00.

TOURISM: Nebraska Rural Radio Association-Advertising \$305.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA): Duncan Theis Construction-Exterior Renovations \$177,865.20.

E911- City of Holdrege-Emergency Maintenance \$311.63.

CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL: \$659,134.48

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
From October 1st, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, October 1st, 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; County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy; Deputy County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder; Assessor, Kim Fouts 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.

The Board reviewed claims. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Bash to approve the claims 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.

Chairman Boehler asked the Board if they had reviewed the Minutes from the September 17th, 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 regular meeting minutes from September 17th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Scott. 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 September 17th, 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 Bash to approve the minutes from the special hearing held on September 17th, 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.

Mary Robison joined the meeting, introduced herself, gave her address and explained her reason for coming before the Board. Discussion was held upon her request to have the speed limit reduced for the mile of gravel road going by her property on 713 Road. The Board agreed and directed Highway Superintendent Burgeson to request and proceed with an engineering study and report back to the Board.

County Attorney Bellamy, Deputy County Attorney Schroeder and Highway Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board with an update on the union contract negotiations. A motion was made at 10:15 a.m. by Clements to go into executive session to discuss the union contract negotiations. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The County Board, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, County Attorney and Deputy County Attorney were present. At 11:06 a.m., a motion was made by Clements to exit the executive session. Seconded by Bash. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the lack of lighting after dark on the west side of the Courthouse, including the entrance to the Sheriff's Department, as presented by County Attorney Bellamy. The building and grounds committee will address this issue.

Discussion was held on Courthouse sidewalk ADA compliance. County Attorney Bellamy provided an update. Discussion was held on the 2024-Duncan Theis Change Order Request #1 as presented to add additional handicap ramps and extra concrete. A motion was made by Clements to approve and accept the Duncan Theis Change Order Request #1 dated August 23, 2024, with the exterior project surplus contingency funds in the amount of \$7146.00, as provided by Ryan Stearns, being applied towards the change order balance. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-no; Schultz-no; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-no. 4 yes / 3 no. Motion carried. A brief discussion was held regarding concerns expressed about the south entrance new steps, ramp and railing. Due to the step issue not being on the agenda, discussion to be held later.

County Attorney Bellamy provided an update on the public transit vehicles after speaking with Bonnie at the Senior Center. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Clements to have the hospital be responsible for purchasing, directly from the Senior Center if they choose to have a third transit vehicle, the 2019 van with 34K miles for \$3690, to take possession of the County owned 2022 van from the Senior Center to transfer to the hospital and for the County to purchase the Goshen bus from the Senior Center for \$5990 to transfer to the hospital all for the public transit. 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 Attorney Bellamy presented the Board with a County Surplus Policy for consideration. After discussion, a motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the surplus policy as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The building and grounds committee and maintenance will be responsible for courthouse surplus.

County IT services. Updates were provided by Schnuerle and Clerk Burgeson.

At 12:08 p.m., Chairman Boehler recessed the meeting for lunch.

At 1:01 p.m., Chairman Boehler reconvened the meeting. Supervisors Schnuerle and Schultz were absent.

At 1:02 p.m., Chairman Boehler adjourned the regular meeting and opened the **Harlan County Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request** as published. (*See separate minutes*)

The County Board of Supervisors returned to the regular meeting with Chairman Boehler opening said meeting at 1:06 p.m. A motion was made by Bash to approve Resolution #2024-17 setting the final tax request for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-absent; Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Burgeson provided an update on the south entrance doors that have been upgraded to electronically unlock and lock for courthouse business hours. If entry to the courthouse is needed prior to or after business hours, entry must be made through the Sheriff's office, west entrance of the courthouse. Maintenance work orders were discussed.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson provided the Board with updates on completed bridge inspections, operators grading, mowing, ditch cleanouts, driveway projects and a status on road equipment.

Chairman Boehler announced that Tim Burgeson would be getting recognized with an award at the upcoming NIRMA conference and the Board thanked him for his services and for representing Harlan County.

Building and Grounds Committee. Clements provided that railing on the east side of the south entrance steps would be temporarily placed tomorrow, Wednesday, October 2nd, until the permanent railings are installed, that the committee members would be meeting with Ryan Stearns, and that currently Stearns is advertising for bids to replace the courthouse upper windows that are leaking. Discussion was held on filling the vacant custodian position for courthouse cleaning. An ad will be placed in the Journal.

Public Forum: No citizen comments during this time.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-absent; Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held October 15, 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: Payroll \$73,219.01 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$266.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$11,879.55; Jeff Artz-Planning Commission mileage \$5.00; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$21,843.46; Government Forms & Supplies-Mortgage Books \$336.18; Harlan County Treasurer Cash- Office supplies \$10.99; Medica-Insurance \$13,332.62 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$336.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3229.66; Justin Pape-Planning Commission mileage \$21.44; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Dan Stoelting-Planning Commission mileage \$5.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1483.79; Jeremy VanBoening-Planning Commission mileage \$17.42; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00; Doug Winz-Planning Commission mileage \$25.46. **General Fund total:** \$135,046.97. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$31,389.55 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4933.98; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$375.74; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$9846.30; Medica-Insurance \$7326.40 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1000.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$1430.85; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$58,849.48. **COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT SINKING FUND:** TL Sunds-Courthouse Remodel \$42,740.41. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00 /Claims: ByWay 136 Heritage Highway - Advertising \$575.00. **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:** Duncan Theis Construction-Courthouse exterior project \$208,184.80. **Grand total: \$446,596.66**

**HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST
MINUTES
From October 1st, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's held a special hearing to set final tax request on the 1st day of October 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE. Notice of the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was published in the Harlan County Journal on September 26, 2024, and the Holdrege Daily Citizen newspapers.

Supervisors Mike Clements; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston were present. Supervisors Joe Schnuerle and Max Schultz were absent. Others present were Clerk DaLynn Burgeson, County Attorney Melodie Bellamy, and Highway & Weed Superintendent Tim Burgeson.

The special hearing was opened at 1:02 p.m. Copies of the notice of special hearing to set final tax request were available to the taxpayers which included the following: Operating Budget, Property Tax Request, Valuation, Tax Rate and Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation.

Clerk Burgeson provided a brief explanation on behalf of CPA, Robert Dunaway.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the setting of the final tax request. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Clements to close the special hearing. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-absent; Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The special hearing was closed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bash and seconded by Scott to adjourn the special hearing. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-absent; Schultz-absent; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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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:

GENERAL: Payroll \$77,772.54 / Claims: American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$288.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,613.48; DaLynn Burgeson-Mileage/Budget Prep \$946.50; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Trisha Crist-Court costs \$15.45; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$23,163.50; Harlan County Senior Center-Center & Transit \$10,676.14; Harlan County Treasurer Cash- County Vehicle Title \$10.00; Medica-Insurance \$13,964.06 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Ron Melbye-Office Supplies \$161.55; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3493.12; Justin Pape-Planning Commission mileage \$21.44; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1529.91; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00. **General Fund total:** \$153,669.64. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$32,185.44 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-

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
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
From **November 6th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's held a public hearing on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, in the Community Room of the Harlan County Courthouse in Alma, NE, as advertised, with Supervisor's Joe Schnuerle; Cindy Boehler; Jeff Bash; George Scott and Janice Miller-Boston present. Supervisor's Max Schultz and Mike Clements were absent. Also, present were Clerk, DaLynn Burgeson; County Attorney, Melodie Bellamy; Zoning Administrator, Ron Melbye; and Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson.

At 1:03 p.m., Chairman Boehler opened the public hearing. County Attorney Bellamy provided an explanation for the public hearing and announced the planning and zoning board chairman and members in attendance. The public hearing is to review and consider the wind energy generation setbacks, escrow amount, and permit fees that the planning and zoning commission board approved at the Harlan County Planning Commission meetings held on July 15th, 2024, and August 26th, 2024. Bellamy provided that the new Harlan County Zoning and Comprehensive (Comp) Plan was in progress and that on November 4th, 2024, a planning and zoning board meeting was held in which the Comp Plan being the foundation of what everything is based on shall be first priority, and then other County ordinances and policies will be reviewed.

Planning & Zoning Board Chairman, Jeremy VanBoening, came before the Board and explained that more information has been gathered since the July 15th and August 26th meetings and advised the Board of Supervisors that the approved setbacks, escrow amount and permit fees as recommended should not be adopted at this time. County Attorney Bellamy asked the public in attendance if there was anyone that would like to comment and that was in favor of the recommendations submitted from the July 15th and August 26th meetings. There were no public comments.

Jeremy VanBoening provided the planning and zoning board's tentative timeline for completing the updated Harlan County Comp Plan and other policies and goals while Marvin Planning is working on the County zoning policies and Comp Plan. Data gathering and surveys may be sent out to residents of Harlan County by Marvin Planning regarding the County planning and zoning policies. County residents are being encouraged to get involved, participate in the data research and surveys.

Policy and procedures between the planning and zoning board and county board will be reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Bash to reject the planning and zoning board recommendations for wind energy generation setbacks, escrow amount and permit fees as presented from the July 15th, 2024, and August 26th, 2024 meetings. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

The floor was again opened to the public for comments. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Bash to close the public hearing. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-absent; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 1:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ DaLynn Burgeson, County Clerk

/s/ Cindy Boehler, Chairman

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HARLAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

From **November 19th, 2024**

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, November 19th, 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 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 9:32 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, Delinquent Tax Listings and Pledged Securities Reports.

The Board reviewed and discussed claims. A motion was made by Clements 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 November 6th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. A motion was made by Scott to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 6th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Miller-Boston. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-abstain; 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 November 6th, 2024, public hearing and called for any additions or corrections. A motion was made by Bash to approve the public hearing minutes from November 6th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-abstain; Clements-abstain; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Devin Obrien and Sheldon Mausbach from Bristol Windows came before the Board, introduced themselves and explained they were here for questions and to provide further information pursuant to the bid proposal submitted on October 29th, 2024, for the courthouse upper window replacement project. Mr. Obrien provided details regarding the window type, materials, workmanship and design. Sketch drawings were provided for the Board to view as with documentation showing other commercial building client references, a bank letter and bid bond check. After questions and discussions held, the board tabled this matter to allow time to consider the information presented.

April Einspahr and Bryon Guthrie appeared on behalf of Harlan County Health Systems, DBA Harlan County Public Transit. Discussion was held regarding the transit requirements for ADA compatible signage for the office located in the Courthouse and the requirements for transferring ownership of the transit vehicles. The signage will be addressed in the upcoming Safety committee meeting this Thursday. Upon conferring with Deputy County Attorney Schroeder and County Attorney Bellamy via phone, a motion was made by Clements to sign the vehicle titles today to transfer ownership. 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 County Attorney Schroeder provided an explanation for the Memorandum of Understanding Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid for the Tri-County Juvenile Services (Kearney, Phelps, and Harlan counties) and the Kearney, Phelps, Harlan Comprehensive Youth Services Plan for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, presented for the Board to act on. County Attorney Bellamy was present via the phone and provided further information. A motion was made by Bash to approve the Kearney, Phelps, Harlan Comprehensive Youth Services Plan for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, 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.

A motion was then made by Bash to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid for the Tri-County Juvenile Services (Kearney, Phelps, and Harlan counties). Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided an update on the planning and zoning commission board and County board processes in which Schnuerle, Bash and County Attorney Bellamy will meet to further discuss.

County Attorney Bellamy and Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided an update on the status of the union contract negotiations. The County is awaiting a written response from the president of the Nebraska Public Employees Local 251.

Building and grounds committee update was provided by Clements. The Courthouse keys from the Courthouse interior renovations contractor have not been returned. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder will prepare a letter. Architect Ryan Stearns is currently working on pricing for Courthouse exterior lighting and costing to add handrails along the steps and new ramp on the south side of the Courthouse. Further discussion was held regarding safety options for the new steps and the Courthouse upper window replacement project. The above matters were tabled until the next board meeting.

Chairman Boehler recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. for an hour lunch.

At 1:12 p.m., Chairman Boehler reconvened the meeting. *Supervisor Clements left the meeting.*

Highway & Weed Superintendent, Tim Burgeson came before the Board and presented a Preliminary Services Agreement for the BNSF and Harlan County F Road bridge project. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve the Preliminary Services Agreement as presented. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson provided an Engineering Agreement between Miller and Associates Consulting and Harlan County for the road department office's septic system. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Schnuerle to approve and enter into the Engineering Agreement with Miller and Associates. Seconded by Schultz. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson provided updates on equipment, attachments, road crew, projects, and gravel status. A noxious weed update was provided also.

Supervisor Schnuerle brought questions and citizen concerns to the Board pursuant to the results of the election in which the Village of Huntley received the majority votes by ballot to unincorporate Huntley. Discussions were held. Deputy County Attorney Schroeder provided an overview of the statutory requirements and deadlines for the unincorporating of Huntley and will contact the village attorney to discuss this matter.

IT Committee did not have any updates. The committee will meet to review the Pinpoint internet/fiber proposal and Applied Connective proposals for Courthouse phone system and will report back to the County Board.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that was included in their packets and discussion was held regarding the Courthouse closing for inclement weather. The Safety committee will further discuss the closing of the Courthouse due to inclement weather at the Safety meeting this Thursday.

The Board tabled any action on the bid proposals submitted by Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows for the Courthouse upper window replacement project.

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

Public Forum: No 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-absent; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Chairman Boehler adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 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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GENERAL: Applied Connective Tech-IT Services \$7932.72; Melodie Bellamy-Mileage/dues \$263.01; Business World-Office Supplies \$256.09; Dianne Calkins-Jail Supplies \$8.96; Capital City Transfer Services-Coroner Transport/mileage \$664.00; City of Alma-Utilities \$890.00; Combined Public Communications-Jail supplies \$400.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance/phone/mileage \$223.99; Crowne Plaza-Clerk Conference Lodging \$247.90; CVSOAN-Veteran Dues \$100.00; Daake Law Office-Court appt'd attorney \$149.50; Dewald, Deaver Law-Court appt'd attorney \$1146.32; Dr Jesse Neal Dental-Inmate Dental \$133.90; Duncan Theis-Courthouse remodel \$48,203.50; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake-Court appt'd attorney \$1225.00; Eakes Office Solutions-Supplies \$1831.40; Election Systems & Software-General Election expenses \$4467.38; First National Bank-Office Supplies/Fuel/Meals/Postal Services \$4405.95; Franklin Chronicle-publishing \$104.25; Tana Fye Henry Law-Court app'd Attorney Fees \$1868.55; Galls-Sheriff Uniforms \$126.89; Graham Tire-Sheriff vehicle tires \$306.16; Gray Law Firm-Court appt'd attorney \$667.00; Harlan County Court-Court Costs \$215.00; Harlan County Health Systems- Prisoner Meals \$780.00/Transit 18,044.00; Harlan County Journal- Publishing \$1064.65; Harlan County Sheriff-Sheriff's fees \$115.20; Hays Pharmacy-Inmate Medical \$39.04; Kevin Heft-Right of Way \$665.50; Hogeland Market- Extension Supplies \$25.30, Sheriff-Jail Supplies \$132.89; Holdrege Daily Citizen-Publishing \$187.50; Dennis Hruska-custodian mileage \$7.23; Intellicom-IT Services \$72.25; Jeff's Electric-Electrical \$712.00; Johnson Controls-Boiler Repairs \$5892.35; Kearney County Treasurer-TriCounty JV services \$2000.00; Klein, Brewster, Brandt Law-Court appt'd Attorney Fees \$723.50; Main Street Variety-supplies \$93.43; Marvin Planning Consultants-Planning/Zoning Contractual services \$4350.00; Mid-American Benefits-Insurance \$168.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$1448.91; NACO-Meeting dues/JPH postcards \$2363.62; NAPA Auto Parts-Supplies \$9.93; Nebraska Public Power District-Utilities \$664.46; Nebraska Sheriff's Association-Dues \$175.00; Phelps County Sheriff-Safekeeping of Inmates \$55.00; Platte Valley Communications-Equipment Repair \$2193.99; Quill-Office Supplies \$1764.91; Region III Behavioral Health Services-Mental Health Services \$2005.38; Republican Valley Animal Center-Stray cat boarding \$40.50; Das State Accounting-Teletype Service \$537.60; Thomas S. Stewart Attorney-Court appt'd Attorney fees \$290.75; Those Blasted Signs-Sheriff Vehicle graphics \$170.00; TNT Tracy Weak-Lawn Maintenance \$100.00; Tripe Motor-Sheriff Vehicle \$6318.87; Trustworthy Hardware-Maintenance/Extension supplies \$129.87; Twin Valleys Public Power-Utilities \$239.40; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services-Predator control \$346.75; Verizon Wireless-Phone \$243.32; Viaero-Phone \$107.00; Vyve Broadband-Phones and Internet \$2676.41; Kelly Winz-Right of Way \$665.50; 136 Auto Body-Sheriff Vehicle repair \$830.00; General Claims Total \$134,267.48.

ROAD: Alma Auto Parts-Supplies \$10.05; B.H. Hesemann Shop-Nuts & Bolts \$69.84; Bear Frame & Alignment-Equipment repair \$8994.75; Black Island Material LLC-Gravel & Rock \$13,755.04; Bosselman Energy-Fuel \$8759.65; Bosselman Enterprises-Fuel \$1699.33; City of Alma- Garbage \$64.50; Cooperative Producers-Fuel \$818.75; Jim Dietz-Retirement \$25.00; Garrett Tires-Grader tires \$5603.60; Harlan County Journal-publishing \$134.13; Hogeland Market-Supplies \$78.06; Jim's OK Tire Store-Grader Tires \$8407.00; Lacial Equipment-Grader blades \$2995.74; Landmark Implement-Parts/repairs \$4393.10; M.J Lubeck-Rent \$300.00; MIPS-Data Processing \$127.16; NMC Exchange-Repairs \$14,625.73; Nebraska Weed Control Assoc.-Annual Dues \$235.00; Overhead Door-Building repairs \$478.50; Paulsen Inc-Gravel \$40,558.17; Reliable Pest Control Services-Pest Control \$265.00; Rudy's Tire-supplies \$1289.10; S&W Auto Parts-Supplies \$5035.72; Sappa Valley Farm and Auto-Fuel \$181.45; Titan Machinery-Parts/repairs \$4569.00; Tripe Motor-Equipment Repair \$577.69; Trustworthy Hardware-Supplies 20.98; Twin Valley PPD-Utilities \$268.24; Verizon-Cell phone \$66.08; Village of Republican City-Water \$35.00; Road Claims Total \$124,441.36. **TOURISM-** Nebraska Rural Radio Assoc.-Media/advertising \$1320.00; Orleans Hotel-Applefest entertainment \$1400.00. **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND-** Duncan Theis Construction – Courthouse exterior project \$47,913.05. **E911-** City of Holdrege-Emergency Maintenance \$402.71. **HOSPITAL BOND FUND-** First State Bank-Interest/wire fee \$2165.00. **CLAIMS GRAND TOTAL:** \$311,909.60

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

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday, December 3rd, 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 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, Account Trial Balance Listing, and Delinquent Tax Listings.

The Board reviewed claims and discussed the transfer of funds by Resolution for said claims. A motion was made by Clements to approve Resolution #2024-20 transferring \$300,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund. 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 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 November 19th, 2024, regular Board meeting and called for any additions or corrections. With none, a motion was made by Miller-Boston to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 19th, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-abstain; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried.

Public Transit. Bryon Guthrie came before the Board and introduced Stacy Reed who will be working part-time for public transit. An update was provided regarding training in progress, transit vehicles, an upcoming meeting with Nebraska Department of Transportation and continued progress towards the start date for public transit services.

Jesse Langley came before the Board, on behalf of Ryan Melton, to provide a predator control update. Langley provided a summary of calls and what predators were included. Contact numbers were provided for Harlan County residents to call for predator control services: Ryan Melton 308-920-1061 or Jesse Langley 308-962-4683.

Deputy County Attorney Schroeder came before the Board regarding union contract negotiations. A motion was made by Bash at 10:38 a.m. to go into executive session to discuss the union contract negotiations. Seconded by Clements. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. The Supervisors, Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney remained in the room for the session. A motion was made by Bash to exit the executive session. 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.*

Highway & Weed Superintendent Burgeson came before the Board for action on the purchase of a new payloader and motor grader. Information and Sourcewell pricing were presented for the payloader. Discussion was held. Supervisor Schnuerle recommended that the County purchase the Case payloader with the agreement that payment would be made after the first of the year. A motion was made by Schultz to buy the 721 payloader for \$244,000 to be paid after the first of the year. Seconded by Schnuerle. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-abstain. Motion carried. Burgeson presented information and pricing for a new motor grader. Discussion was held. The matter was tabled until after the first of the year. Burgeson then provided an employee update.

Supervisor Schnuerle provided that, in regard to Huntley, Nebraska, unincorporating, he will be attending the Huntley board meeting on December 11th, 2024, and will provide an update to the County Board.

An IT committee update was provided by Schnuerle, Boehler and Clerk Burgeson. Discussion was held on related subjects. Further research is needed so this matter was tabled.

Supervisor Scott provided a safety committee update which included that a representative from our insurance company, NIRMA, came to the most recent safety committee meeting and there are things from that meeting that the safety committee will be addressing as with continued efforts for safety, policies and procedures.

Clerk Burgeson provided the Board with information that was included in their packets and discussion was held regarding the process for the Courthouse closing for inclement weather. An Investment Portfolio Pledged Securities Report as of 11/30/2024 was provided for the Boards information. Discussion was held regarding issuing a credit card for maintenance and the credit card limit. The Board agreed and advised the Clerk to get maintenance a credit card with a limit of \$1000.

Bid proposals submitted by Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows for the Courthouse upper window replacement project that was previously tabled were brought before the Board for action to be taken. Discussion was held regarding the bid specifications and funding for the project. A motion was made by Bash to approve and accept the bid submitted by Bristol Windows for \$83,000. Seconded by Scott. Roll call votes: Schnuerle-yes; Schultz-yes; Clements-yes; Boehler-yes; Bash-yes; Scott-yes; Miller-Boston-yes. Motion carried. Clerk to notify Duncan Theis and Bristol Windows of the Board's decision.

Building and grounds committee update was provided by Clements. Discussion was held regarding pricing received on additional hand railings for the Southside of the Courthouse. Further options and code requirements will be researched. Courthouse exterior lighting was discussed. An electrician is scheduled to provide options and pricing.

Highway and Weed Superintendent Burgeson provided an update on information he just received from Miller and Associates regarding the septic system at his office location. Discussion was held and this matter was tabled to research further options and get information.

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

Public Forum: No comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bash to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, 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: Payroll \$78,984.70 / Claims: Adams County Clerk-2024-25 District 10 Probation \$2012.40; American Family Life \$435.05; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$266.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Retirement \$12,965.33; Jane Blum-Election work \$156.00; Bob Barker Company-Jail Supplies \$180.40; Wanda Brugh-Election work \$24.00; Community Bank-Payroll Deduction HSA \$1480.00; Bryan Crowder-Maintenance Cell phone \$45.00; Daake Law Office-Public Defender Salary \$4375.00; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$24,147.39; Joyce Flasnack-Election work \$156.00; Pat George- Mileage \$133.73; Marvin Planning Consultants-Planning & Zoning-Comp Plan \$1900.00; Medica-Insurance \$13,332.62 & Medica-Insurance Employee deduction \$1600.00; Pam Meisenbach-Election work \$270.00; Ron Melbye-Mileage \$81.74; James Miller-Election work \$156.00; NACo-Membership Dues \$450.00; NACVSO-Veteran Service Officer Dues \$50.00; NE Department of Revenue-payroll deductions \$3643.98; Bonnie Nurnberg-Election work \$270.00; Darcie Porter-Phone allowance \$45.00; Elizabeth Schroder-Election work \$156.00; State Accounting DAS-Data

Processing/Equip. rent \$350.75; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$1525.37; Cheri Waggoner-Election work \$24.00; Whitney Schroeder-Child Support Enforcement Salary \$1100.00; Connie Wolfe-Election work \$147.00. **General Fund total:** \$150,283.40. **ROAD FUND:** Payroll \$30,014.09 / Claims: American Family Life \$848.44; Ameritas Life Insurance-Vision \$195.76; Ameritas Life Insurance-Retirement \$4943.08; Community Bank-payroll deductions \$565.00; Credit Management Services-Garnishment \$389.45; First State Bank-payroll deductions \$9867.97; Landmark Implement-Equip Lease \$9250.00; 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 \$1430.99; NE Public Employees Local 251-Union Dues \$275.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-premiums \$662.46. **Road Fund total:** \$68,192.14. **TOURISM:** Jordann Dunlay-Admin Salary \$1200.00. Harlan County Treasurer-Transfer Inheritance Fund to General Fund \$300,000.00 **Grand total: \$519,675.54**

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; Viero-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