

Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday June 18th, 2013. 10:00 am.

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday June 18th 2013 with Supervisor's Max Schultz, JD Schluntz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the June 4th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Metzger made the motion to accept minutes as written, 2nd by Hanna. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented the Board with claims. After Board review, motion made by JD Schluntz, 2nd by Dunse to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

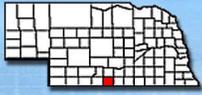
Bruce Beins, and Manuela Wolf from the Harlan County Hospital entered the meeting. Bruce introduced Manuela Wolf as the interim CEO. Discussion was held on funding for the Hospital for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The Board asked for some "concrete numbers" for the budget. Beins suggested a figure of one half a million dollars. The bond being \$ 438,955.00 and interest of \$ 60,197.50 Hanna asked how much the Hospital has in reserve, Beins suggested approximately \$700,000.00. The negative operating expense of approximately \$330,000.00 is from January 2013 to current. It was also discussed on invoking a separate levy for funding. Manuela and Bruce discussed the good news of signing a new Doctor. They will have a press release on Monday.

Art Johnsen, Veteran Service Officer entered the meeting to discuss (2) vacancies on his Board. Art presented the Board with the names of Jim Schippert, term being July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018, and Neil Collins, through June 2014. Short discussion held, motion made by M. Schultz, 2nd by JD Schluntz to approve both committee members. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Art also discussed the 2012 compensation and pension dollars for Harlan County. Supervisor Hanna commended Art for the job he does.

At 10:30 am Chairman Horwart opened the public hearing for zoning for the new 300 ft. Telecommunications Facility application. Ron Melbye, Zoning administrator, and Derek McGrew for Horvath Communications were present to answer questions. Tower would be located at South West corner of Road F and Highway 34. Short discussion was held. At 10:37 Chairman Horwart closed the public hearing. M. Schultz motioned to grant the application for the tower 2nd by Hanna. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson presented to the Board (2) ROW agreements for review and approval. Motion made by JD Schluntz, 2nd by M. Schultz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent and Road committee met and recommended Richard Carter to the Board as the new hire. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Dietz to approve Richard Carter as the new route employee. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor M. Schultz expressed concern with viewing route operators "grading against traffic". Tim will discuss it with the road employee's.

County Attorney came to the Board to discuss the (3) 2012 TERC appeals. Bryan would like to "confess judgment" on the (3) parcels dealing with decertification of irrigated acres. Motion made by M. Schluntz, 2nd by Dunse to approve "confess judgment" on the Ashe, Foster Creek Farms parcels. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion made



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by Dunse 2nd by M. Schultz to “confess judgment” on the JD Schluntz parcel. Roll call votes, Hanna, yes, Metzger-yes, Dietz, yes, Dunse, yes, JD Schluntz, abstain due to conflict of interest, M. Schultz-yes. Motion carried.

Bryan McQuay discussed with the Board changing the Deputy County Attorney work status to part-time instead of contract labor. This would allow Melanie to qualify for the retirement benefit but not the health insurance. County Board is pleased with the working relationship. Motion made by Hanna, 2nd by Dietz, to approve the contract status. Roll call votes, all ayes, motion carried.

Scott Durbin, Consulting Agent from the Harry A Koch Co, entered the meeting to discuss the process of taking bids, reviewing specs, for the Property and Casualty Insurance for Harlan County. The Board reviewed the current policy specs with Scott evaluating and recommending changes in the policy. County Board needs to review deductible, values, full coverage or just liability on various properties before the August meeting. Larry Pelan, Underwriting and Risk Manager from Nebraska Risk Management Association, Inc, and (NIRMA, Inc) also spoke to the Board. NIRMA requires a (3) year commitment, and has membership criteria. NIRMA insures 79 counties in Nebraska. Larry also provided to the Board a packet of information.

County Attorney also discussed the personnel manual and getting it printed for all the employees. Orleans Township letter will need further review.

Clerk presented the “Letter of Agreement” for the 2013-2014 Region 3 Services. Motion made by Dunse 2nd by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no public to address the Board, Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Next meetings will be July 2 at 1:00 p.m. and July 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Attest

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

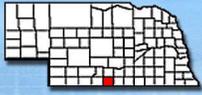
Doug Horwart, Chairman

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Claims

General Fund

Benjamin’s Landscaping, maint, \$405.78; Roger Benjamin, fees, \$1,031.40; Business World products, supplies, \$18.24; CEI Security, equip, \$5,533.03; Janet Dietz, meals, mileage, \$150.07; Harlan County Court, fees, \$51.00; Harlan County Extension, supplies, \$558.05; Harlan County Treas, postage, \$3500.00; Hays Pharmacy, supplies, \$10.45; Hogeland’s Market, supplies, \$ 16.43; Main Street Media, print, pub, \$252.67; Mobile binders, equip. \$2499.00; NACO, registration, assessor, \$100.00; Office Solutions, equip, \$4982.84; Person Law Office, fees, \$ 890.60; Pitney Bowes, ink, \$104.48; Pitney Bowes Global, \$207.00; Quality Inn & Suites, lodging, \$145.90; Reliable Pest control, services, \$120.00; Short Stop, fuel, \$67.68; State of Nebraska. data proc, \$168.00; Stenger Plumbing, remove & install new toilet, \$3,000.00 Harlan County Historical Society, 4th qtr, \$1,358.87.



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