



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma Ne

10:00 a.m. April 21<sup>st</sup> 2015

The Harlan County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 with Supervisors Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Max Schultz, J.D. Schluntz and Gary Dunse. Absent was Traci Dietz. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, and Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson. Cathy House from Main Street Media and Sue Lans from Harlan County Hospital were also in attendance. County Clerk took all proceeding while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted on the wall and will be followed by the Board.

Minutes from the April 7th, 2015 were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to approve as submitted. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented several claims for approval. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to approve. Roll call votes all ayes. Motion carried.

Sue Lans from Harlan County Hospital joined the meeting. Sue brought last month's financial statement and the 2013 and 2014 audited financial statements for the Board.

County Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson brought to the Board (1) Right of Way User Agreements. Board reviewed ROW for Swanson. Motion made by Dunse 2<sup>nd</sup> by JD Schluntz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Lance Harter from Oak Creek Engineering joined the meeting. Lance provided the Board with an estimated cost and completion schedule for the Stamford Bridge. Discussion followed. Road Committee met and completed route operator interviews. Road Superintendent would like to recommend hiring James Cavanaugh from Ragan. Motion made by Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to approve the hire. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent discussed with the Board DNR water holding permits.

Discussion moved to the Personnel Manual/Gaming and Social Media updates. Employees from the Harlan County Treasurer's Office, Diane Grotfelt, Sandy Artz, Assessor's Office, Kim Wessels, and Michelle Dake joined the meeting. Clerk had provided the updates prior to the meeting. Chairman Horwart called for any input. Discussion led to Elected Officials running their own office. County Board would like to designate a smoking area, implement no card playing/gaming (during breaks/down time and or lunch) and a social media policy (Facebook) during office working hours. Discussion was held on having a fair policy for all offices and not to micro-manage offices. County Board has fielded public complaints, and would like to adopt office policies for all employees to be treated fairly. County Treasurer and Assessor would like complaints brought to their office. County Attorney spoke of needing policies for all offices to follow. Nothing was decided at this time.

Harlan County Treasurer brought in a Tax refund for approval. (tax list # 1248) This was a correction from the Assessor's office. Motion made by JD. Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Schultz to pay. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor JD Schluntz brought to the board Resolution 2015-4 (training and attending conferences with in the last (2) months of holding office.) This would require the office holder to pay for this at their own expense and not with county funds. A complete copy is available in the Clerk's Office. Motion made by JD. Schluntz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dunse to



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approve. Roll call votes, #6 Dietz-absent, #1 JD. Schluntz=yes, #2 M. Schultz=yes, #3 Hanna=no, # 4 Metzger=no, # 7 Dunse=yes, and #5 Horwart=no. Tied vote, motion failed.

County Attorney brought to the Board Resolution 2015-3. (defining the Veterans Service Officer wage and hours.) Motion made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on paying for training sessions.

Max Schultz would like to invite Senator Hughes to attend a future Board meeting.

With no one from the public to address the Board, Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 11:43 am. May 2015 Board meetings will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. & May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Attest

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

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## CLAIMS

### General Fund

Anderson, Klein, Swan, & Brewster, Ct. Atty. fees, \$760.00; Daake Law Office, Ct. Atty. fees, \$285.00; Dier, Osborn & Cox, Ct. Atty. fees, \$1,009.10; Janet Dietz, mileage, \$63.25; Diane Grotfelt, mileage, \$57.50; Main Street Media, publ. \$212.80; NACT, regist. fees, \$125.00; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, regist. \$575.00; Person, Dewald, Deaver, Ct. Atty. fees, \$1,781.50; Shell Fleet Plus, fuel, \$59.61;Twin Valley Public Power, utilities, \$102.71;

### Road Fund

Jeff's Electric, labor/parts, \$1,363.70; State of Nebraska-Dept of Labor, unemply. \$2,480.00; T & F Sand & Gravel, gravel. \$6,098.44;