



# Howard County Board Minutes



## HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 11, 2022

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, a proof of publication filed in the clerk's office. Copies of the agenda were posted in the courthouse, mailed to each Commissioner, and kept current and available to the public at the Clerk's office.

Chairman Hirschman called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Roll Call: Dave Boehle, AYE; Gary Rasmussen, Aye; Kathy Hirschman, AYE. Also Present is County Clerk Shawn Burkhardt. Chairman Hirschman also stated to those in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and indicated the location of such Copy in the room where the meeting is being held.

### Public Comment

No public Comment

### Road Discussion

Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen was present to present to discuss mail that she received – a Thank you from Gary Smith. Also Discussed were Oak Creek bridge inspections, Gravel & Hauling Bids, flat bed railcars (the Feasibility of using for bridges), an Inquiry regarding a culvert, removing a strip of asphalt on Kimball road in the spring, and product hauling on Denton Rd.

### Mail

Correspondence was received from NIRMA regarding Law Enforcement Training, the training is free and provides continuing education hours to Law Enforcement. Also received was information about a webinar on Jan 13 about Conservation easements, property taxes, and Duties of the County. Information was received regarding The Cool Network an Online learning opportunity for all County Elected Officials. An invitation the NACO County Board Chair workshop in Kearney was reviewed. And received was a Thank you to the Board from Bev Sack.

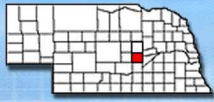
### Unfinished Business

None

## REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

County Clerk Shawn Burkhardt acting as Chairman Sine dine asked for nominations for the Board Chairman for the year 2022. Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to nominate Dave Boehle. Roll Call was done, and Dave Boehle was elected Chairman. Chairman Boehle then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Boehle to nominate Kathy Hirschman. Roll Call was done, and Kathy Hirschman was elected Vice -Chairman.

### Treasurer Resolutions



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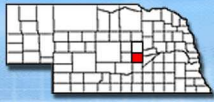
County Treasurer Jackie Synowski presented Two (2) resolutions to the board for their approval. Resolution 2022-1 which allows the treasurer to deposit in any bank in excess of the capital stock and surplus of the bank, secured by pledges and assets for the bank. Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2022-1 as presented Roll Call: All Ayes. Resolution 2022-1 is on file in the Clerk's office for review. Resolution 2022-2 gives the Treasurer the authority to invest funds in excess of current needs. Motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Boehle to approve Resolution 2022-2 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Resolution 2022-2 is on file in the Clerk's office for review. County Treasurer Synowski also presented the semi-annual report for the board to review.

## County Appointments

The County Board went through the list of appointments of Committees as followed:

### HOWARD COUNTY APPOINTMENTS - 2022

Region III Governing Board	Dave Boehle
Mid Plains Center for Mental Health	Dave Boehle
Midland Area for the Aging	Kathy Hirschman
Central NE Action Community Partnership	Gary Rasmussen
Mid NE Individual Services	Dave Boehle
County Health Board	Dr. Chris Tomhave
	Sheriff Tom Busch
	Clerk Shawn Burkhardt
Central Community College	Kathy Hirschman
Loup Central Regional Landfill	Kathy Hirschman
ADA Advisory Board	Kathy Hirschman
Central NE Joint Housing Authority	Gary Rasmussen
Grievance Committee	All County Commissioners
Planning & Zoning	Ron Kulwicki (22)
	Terry Spilinek (22)
	Randy Kauk (22)
	Dave Sack (23)
	Jeff Christensen (23)
	Ken Kozisek (24)



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## Board of Adjustment

Jack Reimers (24)

Daryl Anderson (24)

Chris Kosmicki (23)

Rose Dixson (23)

Janet Thomsen (23)

Mike Nelson (22)

Chad Donscheski (23) - Alternate

Terry Spilinek (24)

Glen Killion (22)

## **HOWARD COUNTY APPOINTMENTS - 2022** (Continued)

## Safety Committee

Ron Tubbs

Jessica Hancock

Kay Placke

Lisa Johnson

Dave Boehle

Aimee Dixon

Pat Koperski

Janet Thomsen

Shawn Burkhardt

Tom Busch

Melissa Paxton

Jennifer Ostendorf

Cariena Birchard

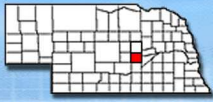
## Tourism & Lodging Committee

Sheila Horak (25)

Evelyn Dvorak

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Judy Dugan (25)

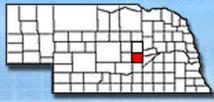


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	Beth Cummings (25)
City/County Communications	Kathy Hirschman
	Dave Boehle (alternate)
Extension Board	Denise Rathman
	Justin Wells
	Kathy Gorecki
Hospital Board	Carol Schroeder
	Harriett Steenson
	Dan Nielsen
	Dave Brehm
	Mike Nelson
GIS Steering Committee	Dave Boehle
	Neal Dethlefs
	Tim Aitken
	Shawn Burkhardt
Loup Basin Health Dept. Representative	Gary Rasmussen
St. Paul Senior Center, Inc. Board	Gary Rasmussen
Crime Commission Grant Board	Tom Busch
	Dave Schroeder
	Shawn Burkhardt
	Kathy Hirschman
Building Committee	Dave Boehle
	Shawn Burkhardt
South Central Economic Development Rep.	Mike Coghlan
Loup Basin RCD Board	Gary Rasmussen
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Dave Boehle

## **Payroll Designation**



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The board reviewed the current policy regarding pay dates. Motion was made by Hirschman & Second by Boehle to keep the current policy of paying payroll on the last working day of the month. Roll Call: all Ayes

## County Engineer

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve Oak Creek as the County Engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes

## Fair Labor Law

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that the County abides by the Fair Labor Law. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## Bank Depositories

Bank Depositories for the County are as follows:

Boelus State Bank	Boelus, NE.	Homestead
Bank	St. Paul, NE.	Citizens Bank & Trust
St. Paul, NE.		Heritage Bank
Paul, NE.	NPAIT	St. Lincoln, NE.

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that the five (5) banks are approved as listed. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## County Medical Provider

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that all doctors at the Howard County Medical Center are named as Official County Doctors. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## County Paper

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that the Phonograph-Herald is named the Official County Paper. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## Contractors

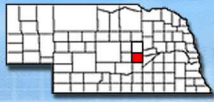
Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that all contractors will file their proof of liability insurance with the County Clerk's Office for any County work to be done. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## County Burial

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen that the County will pay \$750.00 for both burial and cremations and will be buried only in the County lots. Roll Call: All Ayes.

## Fuel Providers

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve the following fuel providers for the County. Roll Call: Boehle, Aye; Rasmussen, ABSTAIN; Hirschman, Aye. Agricultural Services



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Boelus, NE. Aurora Coop  
Dannebrog, NE. Aurora Coop  
Paul, NE. Casey's General Store St. Paul, NE.  
Charlie's Station of Elba LLC Elba, NE.  
Jim's Truck Stop St. Paul, NE.  
K&B Kwik Stop St. Paul, NE.  
Pump & Pantry St. Libory, NE. Pump  
& Pantry St. Paul, NE.

**Gravel Providers**

Motion was made by Boehle and second by Rasmussen to approve the following gravel providers for the County. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Central Sand and Gravel Grand Island, NE.  
Hooker Bros. Sand and Gravel Grand Island, NE.  
Island Land Handlers Inc. Grand Island, NE.  
Sand and Gravel Elba, NE. Liberty  
Aggregate Inc. Gibbon, NE. Mid-Nebraska  
Elba, NE. Tri County Sand and Gravel Inc.  
NE. Ulrich Gravel Inc. Ord,

## **County Holidays**

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve the following County Holidays. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
President's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day After Thanksgiving  
December 23 & 26 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
January 2 for New Year's Day

## **Compact Track Loader Bids**

Motion was made by Hirschman & Second by Boehle to accept the Bid for a Bobcat T740t4 at a cost of \$69837. Roll Call Boehle Aye, Hirschman Aye, Rasmussen Nay.

## **National Opioid Litigation Settlement**

Discussion was held regarding the Settlement & it will be on next agenda.

## **Update Weed Department**

Howard County Weed Superintendent Rob Schultz gave an update on the status of weed control in Howard County, & presented Resolution 22-3 which delegates the authority to handle the weed control & enforcement in Howard





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**County to the Weed Superintendent. Motion was made by Hirschman & second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution. Roll Call: All Ayes**

## **Executive Session/Employee Evaluations/Possible Action**

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Boehle to go into executive session at 10:55 a.m. to discuss employee evaluations. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Motion was made by Hirschman second by Boehle to come out of executive session with no action taken. Roll Call All Ayes.**

## **Public Hearing- Multi Lot Subdivision Dirt Road Developments**

Prior to the opening of the public hearing a statement was made by Commissioner Hirschman regarding a possible conflict of interest as such Hirschman will be abstaining from any discussion on the Public hearing. At 11:15 a.m. motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Boehle to open the Public Hearing. Roll Call: Boehle Aye, Hirschman Abstain, Rasmussen Aye. Planning & Zoning Administrator Cheri Klinginsmith presented the application & answered questions. Motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Boehle & second by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Boehle Aye, Hirschman Abstain, Rasmussen Aye. Motion was made to approve the Multi-Lot Subdivision Dirt Road Developments, second by Rasmussen Roll Call: Boehle Aye, Hirschman Abstain, Rasmussen Aye.

## **Dan Bhurman Property**

Planning & Zoning Administrator Klinginsmith gave an update about the action taken to date on the Property owned by Dan Bhurman. The case has been turned over to the County Attorney for further action.

## **County Appointments.**

**Motion was made to approve the County Appointments of Janet Thomsen Road Superintendent, Ron Tubbs Emergency Manager, And Cheri Klinginsmith Planning & Zoning Administrator. Roll Call: All Ayes.**

## **Consent Agenda**

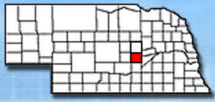
Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims in the amount of \$171204.29 and the minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting along with reports from the Treasurer, District Court, Sheriff and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes. The claims were audited, and checks drawn on their regular funds and a list can be found at the end of the minutes.

## **Executive Session/Employee Evaluations/Possible Action**

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to go into executive session at 11:45 a.m. to discuss employee evaluations. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Motion was made by Hirschman second by Rasmussen to come out of executive session with Bohle appointed to review the employee evaluations. Roll Call All Ayes.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Boehle to adjourn. Roll Call: All Ayes.**



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**Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022**

**Dave Boehle Chairman  
Howard County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

**Shawn Burkhardt  
Howard County Clerk**