

Howard County Board Minutes



HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 22, 2022

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 22nd of February 2022, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 16th day of February 2022, 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 Boehle called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Roll Call: Dave Boehle, Kathy Hirschman, AYE; Gary Rasmussen, Aye. Also Present is County Clerk Shawn Burkhardt. Absent is County Attorney Dave Schroeder. Chairman Boehle 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

County Road Discussion

Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen, and Dan Smydra were present to discuss Smydra's request to have a "Culvert Riser" installed for a county road ditch on Valley Road S. of 11th Avenue. The riser & other options were discussed. An Estimate for the riser was presented, the estimate was from last year, Chairman Boehle requested an updated estimate, as well more information on the cost to the county for labor & materials. The item is tabled to the next meeting.

Hamilton Communications – Pat Shaw

Pat Shaw, and Jim Ediger with Hamilton Communications gave an update on the status of Internet within the areas of Howard County that they offer coverage. They discussed grants to target Broadband expansion to rural areas. The Commissioners discussed future for expansion & utilization of grant money.

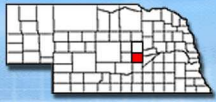
Public Hearing – Kip & Rachelle Lukasiewicz Administrative Subdivision

At 9:30 Motion was made by Hirschman and 2nd by Rasmussen to open the public Hearing Roll call All Ayes. The agenda item was tabled for later in the meeting

2023 Community – based Juvenile Services Aid Program

Connie Holmes with CNCAA reviewed with the board the 2022-2023 Grant. The total amount of the grant for next budget year is \$22075.00. This amount is to cover a portion of the cost for the schools in the county to have a school social worker & mileage for the counselors. Each of the schools has pledged to pay a portion as well.

Sick Leave – Ray Hurt



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Roads Forman Ray Hurt and Roads employee Chuck Beck were present to request to have sick leave paid out to employees upon separation / retirement for county employment. The board discussed the issue with no action taken.

Road's Resolution – County Bridge match – CBM P (4)

Highway superintendent Thomsen reviewed with the board the Resolution regarding the County Bridge match program. Motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Hirschman to approve Resolution 22-5. Roll call all ayes.

NDA Proposed Rules and Regulation change

Weed Superintendent Rob Schultz presented information regarding potential exemptions for political subdivisions to use invasive species for wastewater treatment facilities. Schultz is not in favor of the exemptions and presented the board with a letter to consider expressing the board opposition as well. Motion was made by Hirschman and 2nd by Rasmussen to sign the letter. Roll call all Ayes.

Royal Coachman Request – Marcus Paczosa

Representing the Royal Couchman Marcus Paczosa was present to request that the board close the County portion of Paul Street from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on 7-9-22 for the annual Royal Couchman drag races that are held in conjunction with the Grover Cleveland Alexander Days' celebration. Motion was made by Rasmussen and 2nd by Hirschman to approve the request. Roll Call all Ayes.

Tabled from earlier in meeting:

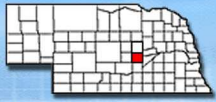
Public Hearing – Kip & Rachelle Lukasiewicz Administrative Subdivision

Planning & Zoning Administrator Cheri Klinginsmith was present and reviewed the request for the Kip & Rachelle Lukasiewicz Administrative Subdivision. Discussion was held regarding the title of the property as the vacated Subdivision was less acreage than the pending subdivision and with an absence of a clear title the subdivision was in question. At 10:52 Motion was made by Hirschman & 2nd by Rasmussen to close the public Hearing. Roll call all Ayes. Motion to approve the subdivision with the stipulation that a deed must be filed prior to the Subdivision being filed was made by Hirschman & 2nd by Rasmussen. Roll call all ayes.

Engineering study 11th & Jansen

Highway Superintendent Thomsen presented the Engineering study done on 11th Avenue and Jansen Road. Discussion was held about the options. The issue will be on next agenda for further discussion. Motion was made by Hirschman and 2nd by Rasmussen to approve the Engineering Study recommendations. Roll call all ayes.

Consent Agenda



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Motion was made by Hirschman and 2nd by Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022, meeting and payroll claims in the amount of \$239167.15 were audited, and checks drawn on their regular funds. Roll Call all Ayes

Mail

Howard County Extension submitted an Annual Report. The report was reviewed with no action taken.

Executive Session / personnel / possible action

At 11:14 Motion was made by Rasmussen and 2nd by Hirschman to go into Executive session / personnel / possible action. Roll call All Ayes. At 11:50 motion was made by Rasmussen 2nd to come out of executive session, with no action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Rasmussen, 2nd by Hirschman to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 Roll Call: All Ayes. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be March 8, 2022.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2022.

Dave Boehle

Howard County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Shawn Burkhardt

Howard County Clerk