

Howard County Board Minutes



HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

April 26, 2022

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 26th of April 2022, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 20th day of April 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

Hilary Maricle with Nebraska Extension gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the efforts being made to fill the educator vacancy for Howard County Extension office.

County Road Discussion

Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen was present to discuss County Roads. Thomsen introduced to the board Myron Oseaka who is a new Roads employee, Oseaka will be working out of the Dannebrog shop. Thomsen discussed a culvert riser that has been requested to be installed by Cory Townsend. The cost of this riser is estimated to be less than \$500.00. Thomsen reported that Townsend offered to cover the cost of the riser, with the installation to be handled by the County Roads Department. Rasmussen remarked that the County Roads are in good shape.

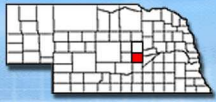
Mail

Mail was reviewed from NACO regarding health & dental insurance renewals that are coming up, and a Thank You note was received from the dispatchers for being recognized during the National Telecommunicators week.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Discussion – St Paul City recycling trailer cost- Chairman Dave Boehle presented information about the City of St. Paul's recycling trailer. The trailer has sections for plastics, paper, and aluminum cans. Boehle would like to look at possible ways to assist the city to ensure the service continues to be available. Options discussed were financial cost sharing or having a county employee – either roads department or Courthouse maintenance employees use a county truck to haul the trailer to Broken Bow twice a month. Later in the meeting St Paul City Utilities Superintendent Matt Helzer, and City office employee Laura Berthelson were present to discuss the situation. Helzer explained that the city has been averaging 4 trips a month to Broken



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Bow and that is a 4-hour trip there & back. The options to assist were reviewed with Helzer, and Berthelson. The Commissioners asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for May 13, 2022

Community Based Juvenile Services Grant Award

Livewell sent a Subgrant Award for board review which was reviewed. Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve the Award. Roll Call; All ayes.

Review Reports and requirements Summary from Nebraska Dept. of Ag.

Weeds Superintendent Rob Schultz reviewed the reports with the board. Schultz is working on Seven open files in Howard County. Schultz reported that most are cooperating, one case was noted as not being cooperative and may require further options to get compliance. Commissioner Hirschman commented on cedar trees being an issue. Schultz remarked that while they may pose a problem, they are native vegetation and that would not be something that could be controlled by the Department. Motion was made to approve and sing the report as presented by Rasmussen, second by Hirschman. Roll Call; All Ayes.

NAISMA Conference – November 7-10

Weed Superintendent Schultz informed the board of his intention to attend a national conference in Florida in November. Schultz is asking for half of the registration fee of \$600 be available in the budget for FY 22-23 for Howard County to cover. The board will include the requested amount in the budget considerations for FY 22-23.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to approve the minutes of the April 4, 22, April 12, 2022, and April 14, 2022, Minutes with corrections noted, and payroll and payroll claims in the amount of \$265922.44 which were audited, and checks drawn on their regular funds. Roll Call; all Ayes

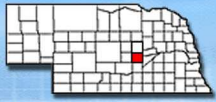
Executive Session / personnel / possible action

At 10:05 motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to go into Executive session / personnel / possible action. Roll call All Ayes. At 10:33 motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to come out of executive session, with the action taken to allow Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen to place an advertisement for a seasonal temporary part-time employee. Roll Call; All Ayes.

Executive Session / personnel / possible action

At 10:48 motion was made by Rasmussen and second by Hirschman to go into executive session / personnel / possible action. Roll call All Ayes. At 11:13 motion was made by Hirschman and second by Rasmussen to come out of executive session, with action taken to offer the Emergency Management position to Allen Wilshusen. Roll Call; All Ayes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hirschman, second by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 Roll Call, All ayes. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be May 13, 2022.



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Dated this 26th day of April 2022.

Dave Boehle

Howard County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Shawn Burkhardt

Howard County Clerk