

Howard County Board Minutes



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Howard COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 9, 2022, St. Paul, Nebraska

The Howard County Board of Commissioners of Howard County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 8:40 A.M. on Tuesday, August 9th, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in St. Paul, Nebraska.

Chairman Boehle called the meeting to order, and Commissioners present for roll call were Dave Boehle, Kathy Hirschman, and Gary Rasmussen. 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. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in The Phonograph Herald on the 3rd day of August, 2022, and the convened meeting was open to the public. The agenda was posted on the Howard County website ; and 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.

Public Comment-None.

County Road Discussion-Engineering study 7th and Denton Rd. Motion was made by Hirschman to have Janet Thomsen conduct an engineering study for 7th and Denton Road. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

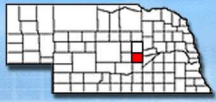
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Unfinished Business

NE DOT-Resolution/Annual Certification of Program Compliance-Hirschman made a motion to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

P & Z Complaint resolution/County Surveyor findings-County Surveyor, Tim Aitken, presented maps from the NRD showing the drainage in the area. Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning and Zoning Administrator presented that the Planning and Zoning Board has closed the complaint.

Public Hearing-Franc1 Subdivision-Notice of the Public Hearing was posted at Heritage Bank, Citizens Bank and Trust, Homestead Bank and the St. Paul Post Office. Hirschman made a motion to open the public hearing of the Franc1 Subdivision at 9:30 a.m. Rasmussen seconded.



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Ayes: All. Public hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Klinginsmith presented the planning and zoning findings. Rasmussen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. Hirschman seconded the motion. Hearing closed at 9:40 a.m. Hirschman made a motion to approve the Francl Subdivision as presented and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Francl Subdivision is approved.

Insurance Buy Out-Sean Wysocki and Mike Hoff presented information regarding increasing the insurance buy out amount. After reviewing a comparison from other counties. Hirschman made a motion to increase the buy out amount to \$375.00 and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Congressman Adrian Smith's office update-Mr. Jerad Reimers representing Congressman Smith's office was present to give an update on current activities and 3rd District issues.

Public Hearing-CUP Schmidt-Hirschman made a motion to open the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Public hearing opened at 10:15 a.m. Ms. Schmidt was unable to attend the hearing. Hirschman made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Public hearing closed at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

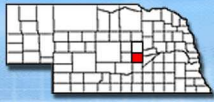
Access to River Bridge on Wausa RD-Janet Thomsen with the Roads Department gave an update and showed pictures of the bridge embankment deterioration. Motion was made by Hirschman and seconded by Rasmussen to have the Roads Department install the extension to the bridge's guard rail. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Tree Trimming-Village of Farwell-The Village of Farwell met with the Board regarding a drainage issue on Pryor Street. The Village was looking for aid from the County to help with tree removal. The County owns land in part of the affected area. The County will look into the issue and develop a plan of action.

Clean Up Day-Village of Farwell-The Village of Farwell met with the Board seeking to secure County employee volunteers and equipment (loader and dump truck) for a clean-up day this fall. Hirschman moved and Rasmussen seconded a motion for the County to provide the Village of Farwell with equipment and that County employees be allowed to volunteer to operate the same pending the signing of a liability waiver. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Inventories-The Board reviewed inventory updates from various County offices.

Budget-The budget was reviewed to see if any changes needed to be made.



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Executive Session-Land Negotiation-Hirschman made a motion to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. to discuss land negotiations and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Hirschman made a motion to come out of executive session at 12:15 p.m. and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Board came out of executive session at 12:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session/Personnel/Possible Action-Hirschman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 12:20 p.m. and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Hirschman made a motion to come out of executive session at 12:50 p.m. and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Board came out of executive session at 12:50 p.m. No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA-

BOE Minutes from 7/12/22 continued to 7/22/22, Budget hearing Minutes 7/13/22 & 7/14/22, Commissioners Meeting Minutes 7/26/22, Claims, and July reports from Treasurer and County Clerk. Hirschman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

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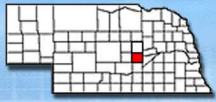
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Hirschman to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Ayes: All. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be August 23, 2022.

Dated this 9th day of August 2022

Dave Boehle

Howard County Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Howard County Clerk

The minutes of this meeting were not available from the previous Clerk, who presided at the August 9, 2022, meeting and have been re-constructed.