



Howard County Board Minutes



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September 13, 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, September 13th 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 Brenda Klanecky. 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 7th day of September 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.

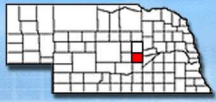
Public Comment

None.

County Road Discussion -Federal Aid through Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Annual Certification-Discussion was held regarding utilization of funds over the course of the fiscal year. The Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen indicated the County would be working on a couple of bridge projects. Thomsen also explained the differences between street funds and bridge funds and what each could be used for. Hirschman made a motion to approve the annual certification and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Culvert on 12th Avenue- Highway superintendent Janet Thomsen gave an update of work completed by the County on a culvert located on 12th Avenue and Kimball Road. They were cleaning out a beaver dam.

Wheel Loader Purchase Specs-County currently owns three wheel loaders and want to upgrade by trading one in on a used wheel loader. Commissioners discussed the specs for a wheel loader. Hirschman made a motion to approve the specs as discussed and Rasmussen



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seconded the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed. Bids will be opened at the October 11th meeting.

Power Tech Generator Service Agreement – Allen Wilshusen, Emergency Manager was present to discuss the two generators. One is located at the Communications Center in St. Paul and the other is located on Wausa Road. There are two contracts, one for each generator. The contracts are for \$600.00 per year, per tower for service twice a year on each tower. A Homeland Security Grant will cover the agreement on the Wausa Tower. The total cost will be \$1200.00 per year for both generators. Some repairs need to be made at the Wausa Tower site. Mr. Wilshusen will look into the matter. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the contracts as presented and Hirschman seconded the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-14-Remove Shawn Burkhardt and add Brenda Klanecky as signatory on the Howard County Clerk bank accounts. Motion was made by Hirschman and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2022-14 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

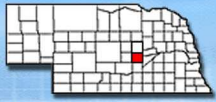
Resolution 2022-15-Remove Aimee Dixson and add Mykenna Sorgenfrei and Jan Jares as a signatory on the Howard County Treasurer bank accounts. Motion was made by Hirschman and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2022-15 as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

NACO BCBS termination letter-The original letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield was dated August 29, 2022 to terminate the health coverage. Chairman Boehle signed a new letter which added terminating the dental coverage which was the original intent. New termination letter was sent to Blue Cross Blue Shield to terminate all coverage.

County Roads – Kim Kenny-Ms. Kenny expressed her concerns to the Board of Commissioners regarding the condition of 4th Avenue. She showed a video on her phone of the road conditions. Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen will look into the condition of the road. Ms. Kenny also questioned the Board regarding the extension of guard rails at the river bridge south of Boelus.

Region 3 FY 2022-2023 County Match Request-Hirschman made a motion to approve the County Match of \$17,134.05 for fiscal year 2022-2023. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Helgoth / Mamot Complaint- Chuck and Shelly Helgoth were present to discuss drainage concerns in the area of Friend and Eagle roads. Highway Superintendent Janet Thomsen was



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also present for the discussion. Mr. and Mrs. Helgoth plan to attend the next meeting for an update on the drainage concerns.

County Government Day- Highway Superintendent-Janet Thomsen, Assessor-Neal Dethlefs, Treasurer-Jackie Synowski and Clerk-Brenda Klanecky were present for the discussion. The County Government Day will take place on October 17, 2022. Students from St. Paul, Elba and Centura will attend.

AKRS Lease-Update of previous contracts from 2010 and 2014. A delinquent amount of \$2400.00 has not been paid. The County will send a bill for this amount. Hirschman made a motion to approve the new agreement effective September 13, 2022, for five years in the amount of \$600.00 per year. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Courthouse Roofing- No new information received.

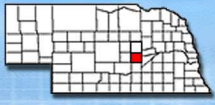
Svoboda Benefit Solutions Inc.- Chad and Kevin were present to discuss coverage which includes medical, live, vision, long term disability and dental insurance. They had another option to present to the Commissioners. The Commissioners decided to stay with the plan they had already approved. Employee meetings are set up for September 14 at three different times.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Hirschman to approve the Commissioners Meeting Minutes 8/23/22, Claims, August reports from the Treasurer and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hirschman, second by Boehle to adjourn the meeting at 11:33. Roll Call: All Ayes. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be September 27, 2022.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2022.



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Dave Boehle

Howard County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Brenda Klanecky

Howard County Clerk