

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

July 25, 2023

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 25th day of July, 2023, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 19th day of July 2023, a proof of publication filed in the Clerk's office. Copies of the agenda were posted in the courthouse, delivered 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: Gary Rasmussen, Aye; Kathy Hirschman, Aye; and Jessie Urbanski, Aye. Also present is County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky.

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- None.

County Road Discussion- Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen updated the Board on bridges that would qualify for the Bridge Match grant and that the application will be due in December. The status on the bridge being replaced at 12th and Wausa Rd. with culverts was discussed. The culverts should be delivered in August. Also discussed were Denton Road and a tree to be removed by the St. Libory Pump and Pantry.

Mail – Zelle Intel; Phishing Simulation Report-COR

Unfinished Business –None.

County Burial –Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the application for the County Burial of Jean Paxton. Payment of \$750.00 will be paid to Jacobsen Greenway & Dietz Funeral Home. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Union Contract-Dispatch Differential Shift Change – Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Union Contract to increase the shift differential amounts for Dispatch an additional \$1.00 as outlined in the addendum and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Executive Session – Rasmussen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 9:16 a.m. and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Hirschman stated the Board was going into Executive Session at 9:16 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. Present in Executive Session were Rasmussen, Hirschman, Urbanski, County Attorney, Dave Schroeder, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith and County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky. Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. No action taken.

Medica Health Insurance Renewal-Chad Svoboda and Kevin From – Chad Svoboda and Kevin From of Svoboda Benefit Solutions were present to discuss the health insurance renewal with the Board. There will be a 19% increase in premium effective October 1, 2023. Urbanski made a motion to approve the

Medica renewal quote with the 19% increase with the employee and employer percentages remaining the same and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Rasmussen Mechanical Quotes –Two quotes were received, one to repair and one to replace the heating/cooling unit located in the front of the courtroom from Rasmussen Mechanical. Urbanski made a motion to approve Quote 2303451 to replace the coil in the heating and cooling unit in the amount of \$3,292.00 and Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Brian Cox-Nebraska Extension –Brian Cox was present to discuss the Interlocal Agreement between the Nebraska Extension and Howard County. This is a five-year term with no change to the current funding. Urbanski made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services between the Nebraska Extension and Howard County and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Mr. Cox will email a copy for Hirschman to sign and will provide the Clerk with a fully signed copy.

3 Year Plan-Assessor's Office – Assessor, Neal Dethlefs presented the Howard County Assessor's Three-Year Plan to the Board.

Fire Chiefs-911 Signage- Several individuals from the County were present to discuss 911 Signage. Representatives from the County Fire Departments were: Mark Wilson, Pat Koperski, Terry Webb, Josh Webb, Devin Wilkins and Wayne Reimers. Allen Wilshusen, Emergency Manager, Janet Thomsen, Highway Superintendent, and Cherrie Klinginsmith, Planning and Zoning Administrator were also present. Many items were discussed. Lack of 911 address signs, use of Digger's Hotline, requiring a 911 address for all structures, example, grain bin only locations, enforcement, grants, sign companies, waivers and a resolution for Planning and Zoning. Ms. Klinginsmith will place this item on Planning and Zoning's August 16th agenda. Urbanski made a motion to table the 911 signage until further information is obtained and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Resolution 2023-19-Deficit Appropriations - Rasmussen made a motion to approve Resolution# 2023-19 to appropriate additional funds to the Sheriff's budget-\$8,804.62 and to the Extension's Budget-\$91.85 for the fiscal year, 2022-2023 from the unused funds in the County Miscellaneous account of the General Fund Budget and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Budget- The budget workshops will begin July 25, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and continue on July 27, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. It was decided to add a third date of August 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Commissioners Meeting Minutes for 7/11/2023, Payroll and Claims: General-\$211,251.70, Roads-\$66,269.21 for a total of \$277,520.91 and the Sheriff's Report. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be August 8, 2023.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2023.

Kathy Hirschman
Howard County Commissioners

ATTEST: Brenda Klanecky
 Howard County Clerk