

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

September 10, 2024

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 10th day of September, 2024, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 4th day of September, 2024. 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. A proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's office.

Chairman Hirschman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call: Gary Rasmussen, Aye; Kathy Hirschman, Aye; and Jessie Urbanski, Absent. Also, present is County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky. Urbanski joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Hirschman 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 was present to discuss a contract with Jon Kuck. After review, the Commissioners agreed to a change to shorten the contract to twelve months. Ms. Thomsen will revise and bring before the Commissioners at the September 24, 2024 meeting. Ms. Thomsen presented a list to the Commissioners of the top ten road projects. The list as well as several other roads were discussed including work to be done, priority, time frames and erosion control.

Mail –

Emergency Manager Correspondence
Donation from Hornady for the Canine (K-9) Fund
Emails regarding Historic Tax Credits-Howard County
Correspondence from NIRMA
Legislative Updates-NACO
Health Insurance Renewal Miscellaneous Documents

Unfinished Business – None.

Port of Franssen-Scott Franssen-Admin. Subdivision- Present was the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith. Ms. Klinginsmith presented the Port of Franssen Administrative Subdivision to the Board. Urbanski made a motion to approve the Port of Franssen Administrative Subdivision and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Gorecki Subdivision-Michael Gorecki-Admin. Subdivision –Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith was present to discuss the Gorecki Administrative Subdivision with the Board. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Gorecki Administrative Subdivision and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Lumen Fiber Optic Update-The Clerk received an update from Doug Cramer who has been working with Lumen regarding fiber optic for the courthouse. Lumen is now requesting \$35,000.00 up front from the County to install the fiber optic to the courthouse. Mr. Cramer canceled installing the fiber optic to the courthouse.

Resignation of Evelyn Dvorak from the Tourism Board -The Howard County Tourism Committee, at their June 3, 2024, meeting, accepted the resignation of Evelyn Dvorak with regrets. Urbanski made a motion to accept the resignation of Evelyn Dvorak from the Howard County Tourism Committee with regrets and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. It was noted that Mrs. Dvorak was one of the individuals who started the Howard County Tourism Committee. The County would like to thank her for her service in starting the Tourism Committee as well as serving on the Committee for twenty-five years.

Appoint Roger Goettsche to Tourism Board -Urbanski made a motion to appoint Roger Goettsche to replace Evelyn Dvorak on the Howard County Tourism Committee and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Real Estate Inventory- The Board reviewed the real estate inventory of all the County properties. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the real estate inventory as presented with one correction and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Roads Maintenance Building -Janet Thomsen and Kathy Hirschman provided updates to the Board. The Road Committee met out at the site on September 4, 2024. They are moving the building further to the north than what was noted on the plans. Howard Greeley Public Power has been contacted and working with the Committee. An application for a building permit has been picked up from the City of St. Paul as the location of the building is within the one-mile jurisdiction of the City of St. Paul.

Budget-The Board discussed the budget. Ms. Hirschman had spoken with the accountant. The Budget Hearing may need to be moved to September 30, 2024. Urbanski made a motion to approve a Budget Hearing meeting on September 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. if needed, and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

ARPA Funds- Reviewed previous expenditures paid out of the ARPA Fund. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

Consent Agenda - The Board reviewed the claims dated 9/10/2024, the minutes dated 8/27/2024, Clerk, District Court, Treasurer and Sheriff Reports. Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the claims dated 9/10/2024, General-\$92,648.20, Roads-\$96,549.49, Tourism Promotion Fund-\$900.00, ROD Preservation & Modernization-\$6,125.00, Hwy Safety Fees/Stop Fund-\$1,625.80, Canine Fund-\$2,800.00, and 911 Emergency Management Fund-\$832.23, for a total of \$211,348.44, minutes dated 8/27/2024, and the Clerk, District Court, Treasurer and Sheriff Reports. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Urbanski to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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 September 24, 2024.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2024.

Kathy Hirschman

Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Klanecky

Howard County Clerk