

## HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

October 22, 2024

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 22nd day of October, 2024, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 16th day of October, 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, Aye. Also, present is County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky.

**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** – None.

**Extension Update** – Doug Anderson was unable to meet with the Board today and is re-scheduled for the next meeting.

**Mail** –

NIRMA Denial Letter Max Mageria

Update from Rich Greene-Historic Tax Credits

Surplus Vehicle to Weed Dept.

EMPG Grant-Emergency Manager

NACO Conference in December

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**Public Hearing-Daniel & Shannon Bergman-Conditional Use Permit**- Rasmussen made a motion to open the public hearing for the conditional use permit application for Daniel and Shannon Bergman at 9:15 a.m. and seconded by Urbanski. Roll call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith was present to discuss the conditional use permit application. The conditional use permit is to allow one or two RV's to be used as living quarters during the construction of their home for up to three years. The Planning and Zoning Board approved two RV's for up to one year while the home is being built by a roll call vote of 5-2. The Board questioned if a building permit was applied for, (the building permit would not be approved until the conditional use permit is approved) and if they approved the conditional use permit, when would it expire?

Klinginsmith stated if the conditional use permit was approved today, the permit would expire October 22, 2025. A third RV was on the property and it has been removed. An outhouse on the property is

permitted. The Bergman's could renew the permit. Rasmussen made a motion to close public hearing at 9:24 a.m. and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Daniel and Shannon Bergman to allow two RV's to be used as living quarters for up to one year while the home is being built and seconded by Hirschman. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Appoint Replacement Safety Committee Position** – Rasmussen made a motion to approve Alexandria Ferebee to replace Cariena Birchard on the Safety Committee and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Resolution 2024-20 Correct Tax Levy Amounts**- Urbanski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-20 to correct the tax levy amounts previously approved in Resolution 2024-19 and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Resolution 2024-21-Transfer Bridge Buyback Funds**- Urbanski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-21 authorizing the Clerk and Treasurer to transfer \$495,532.06 from the General Fund to the Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Resolution 2024-22-Transfer Street Buyback Funds** – Rasmussen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 authorizing the Clerk and Treasurer to Transfer \$232,637.59 from the General Fund to the Highway Street Buyback Program Fund and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Resolution 2024-23-Transfer General Fund to Road Fund If Needed** – Urbanski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 to transfer up to \$450,000.00 to the Roads Fund if needed and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**County Roads Building** –Chairman Hirschman stated that the Building Committee had met and had two change orders on the new building. The first change order was to change from a seamless roof to a tack down roof. The cost savings is \$16,400.00. The second change order is to change the overhead doors from chain and hoist to electric doors for an additional cost of \$16,308.00. The changes amounted to a small decrease.

**Resolution 2024-24- First Concord Agreement**- Urbanski made a motion to table the First Concord Agreement and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Resolution 2024-25-Year End Certification County Hwy. Supt.**— Urbanski made a motion to approve 2024-25 Year End Certification of County Hwy Superintendent, Janet Thomsen as Resolution 2024-25. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Consent Agenda** - The Board reviewed the payroll and claims dated 10/22/2024, and the minutes dated 10/8/2024. Motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the payroll and claims dated 10/22/2024, General-\$238,958.90 Roads-\$74,780.50, and Covid American Rescue Plan-\$127,181.41 for a total of \$440,920.81, (a claim in the amount of \$255,575.00 to Norfolk Contracting was approved at the October 8, 2024, meeting), and minutes dated 10/8/2024. 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 9:38 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 November 12, 2024.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Kathy Hirschman  
Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST: Brenda Klanecky  
Howard County Clerk