

## HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

December 10, 2024

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 8:40 a.m. Roll Call: Gary Rasmussen, Aye; Kathy Hirschman, Aye; and Jessie Urbanski, Aye. Also, present is County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky.

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 the following: gravel is being hauled by full-time employees. Ms. Thomsen provided the Commissioners with a new list of road projects the Roads Department will be working on. The next project will be on Twin Forks Lane to work on ditches for drainage. The Roads Department is readying equipment for snow. Also discussed was the new mulcher purchased and trying it out before spring.

**County Roads Building Update**-All of the I Beams have been delivered, footings poured and the exterior doors have been delivered.

**Mail** –

Correspondence from Sonderup Trust Fund

ARPA Funds Calculations

Correspondence from Citizens Bank & Trust

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**Celeste Penner-5 Year Community Plan** –Celeste Heavilin Penner was present to discuss and go through the 5 Year Community Plan. Hirschman stated she would like to thank the members of the coalition, Connie Holmes and Celeste Heavilin Penner, Sheriff Mike Hoff, Emergency Manager, Allen Wilshusen and County Clerk, Brenda Klanecky for their input to the 5 Year Community Plan. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the 5 Year Community Plan as presented and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the Plan and seconded by Urbanski. Roll call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Crime Commission Grant Application FY2025-26**-Celeste Heavilin Penner presented the Crime Commission Grant Application for FY 2025-26. The amount to be requested is \$36,485.00. Urbanski made a motion to approve the Crime Commission Grant Application for FY2025-26 in the amount of \$36,485.00, as presented and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the application and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Hirschman left the meeting to attend another meeting at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Urbanski took over leading the meeting.

**Interlocal Agreement (Tower Usage Agreement)** –The Board reviewed an agreement prepared by Region 26. Region 26 and Howard County are the parties to the agreement. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Interlocal Tower Usage Agreement between Region 26 and Howard County as presented and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the agreement and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Absent; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Capital I Industries-Change in Claim Amount-** A claim in the amount of \$47,700.00, was previously approved on November 12, 2024, and was mailed to Canada. On November 15, 2024, the Canadian Postal Service went on strike. Capital I Industries contacted the Roads Department regarding the check. They requested the payment be made electronically. They agreed that the \$50.00 wire fee could be deducted from the \$47,700.00 original balance. On December 8, 2024, the Roads Department received an email from Capital I Industries stating they are not responsible for the \$50.00 wire fee and that the County would need to pay the \$50.00 wire fee plus the original claim amount of \$47,700.00. Urbanski made a motion to approve paying the \$50.00 wire fee along with the claim amount of \$47,700.00 for the mulcher and seconded by Rasmussen. Roll call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Absent; and Urbanski, Aye.

**Consent Agenda** - The Board reviewed the claims dated 12/10/2024, and the minutes dated 11/26/2024, and Clerk, District Court Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff Reports. Motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Urbanski to approve the claims dated 12/10/2024, General-\$93,854.30, Roads-\$89,200.47, Tourism Improvement Fund-\$5,000.00, Tourism Promotion Fund-\$3,000.00, ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund-\$17.41, Canine Fund-\$580.00, Covid American Rescue Plan-\$244,314.73, Inheritance Tax Fund- \$65,847.27, and 911 Emergency Management Fund-\$838.25, less the amount of a previously approved Claims in the amount of \$48,417.13, for a total of \$502,652.43, minutes dated 11/26/2024, and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the minutes, and Clerk, District Court Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff Reports. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Absent; 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 10:05 a.m. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Aye; Hirschman, Absent; and Urbanski, Aye. Meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be December 26, 2024.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2024.

Kathy Hirschman  
Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST: Brenda Klanecky  
Howard County Clerk