

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

November 12, 2025

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 12th day of November, 2025, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 5th day of November, 2025. Copies of the agenda were posted in the courthouse, emailed 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: Kirt Lukasiewicz, 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- Mr. Lukasiewicz suggested doing an employee evaluation on a current employee. This was not on the agenda and will be placed on a future agenda.

County Road Discussion – Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen was present to discuss the following: Current repairs on Road's Department equipment and gravel.

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Hamilton Monthly Report
NACO Annual Conference Agenda-Draft

Unfinished Business – None.

Open Sealed Bids on Dozer-Road's Dept- The sealed bids were received and opened from the following:

Travis Hedman-	2007 Cat D6KXL-5582 Hours- \$78,000.00
NMC Cat-	2020 Cat D5K2LGP-1325 Hours- \$132,500.00
Murphy Tractor (2 bids)-	2023 John Deere 650P-1456 Hours- \$170,000.00
	2017 John Deere 650K-5628 Hours- \$89,000.00

Colt Shafer with Murphy Tractor was present along with Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen during the bid opening. After much discussion, Lukasiewicz made a motion to deny all

of the sealed bids for a dozer and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. The consensus was leasing a dozer for a month at a time and combining projects that would require the use of a dozer would be fiscally more feasible than purchasing a dozer. Ms. Thomsen will contact all of the bidders.

Vacate 5 Over U Subdivision-Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cherri Klinginsmith, was present to discuss a single lot subdivision application which was approved by the Commissioners on May 13, 2025. The applicants failed to record the plat with the Register of Deeds within 90 days. Lukasiewicz made a motion to vacate the 5 Over U Subdivision and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Road Building- Well and Septic Quotes-Possible Action-Jon Kuck and Janet Thomsen were present for this agenda item. The Commissioners received estimates to drill a well and the plumbing to the building as well as install the septic tank and plumbing to the building. Estimates were received from Mid Plains Construction Co. - \$69,800.00 for a 6 inch well and septic, Hansen Well Service & Drilling for a 6 inch well-\$28,326.56 (this does not include the septic tank and installation) and Hansen Well Service & Drilling for a 4 inch well-\$18,245.54 plus Jon's Plumbing for septic tank and installation)-\$19,520.95 for a total of \$37,766.49. Another well drilling company was contacted and was not interested in the project. Discussion ensued whether there was a need for a 6 inch well versus a 4 inch well. It was decided that a 4 inch well would be sufficient. Urbanski made a motion to approve the estimate received from Hansen Well Service & Drilling/Jon's Plumbing for a 4 inch well in the amount of \$37,766.49, (sales tax was removed), and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Rasmussen Mechanical Proposal on Repairs-Urbanski made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,983.00 from Rasmussen Mechanical to replace two butterfly valves for the boilers as presented and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Open Sealed Bids on Surplus Cars-Sheriff's Dept.-The Commissioners reviewed the sealed bids for Sheriff's vehicles described as a silver 2017 Dodge Charger and a gray 2013 Dodge Charger. One bid was received on each vehicle. Austen Friedrichsen sent in sealed bids on both vehicles. The 2013 Dodge Charger-\$600.00 and 2017 Dodge Charger-\$200.00. Urbanski made a motion to accept the bids as received and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye. The buyer will be notified.

Executive Session-Land Negotiation- All of the Commissioners were present to discuss land negotiations. Urbanski made a motion to go into executive session regarding land negotiations at 8:42 a.m. and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and

Urbanski, Aye. Urbanski made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:50 a.m. and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye. No action taken.

Executive Session-Employee Evaluation/Personnel- All of the Commissioners and Janet Thomsen were present. Urbanski made a motion to go into executive session regarding employee evaluation/personnel at 10:29 a.m. and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Urbanski made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:27 a.m. and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye. No action taken.

Consent Agenda - The Board reviewed the claims dated 11/12/2025, and the Commissioner Meeting minutes dated 10/28/2025. The Board also reviewed the Clerk, District Court, Treasurer, and Sheriff's Reports. Motion was made by Lukasiewicz and seconded by Urbanski to approve the claims dated 11/12/2025, General \$78,183.61, Roads-\$148,297.54, Tourism Improvement Fund-\$950.00, 911, Emergency Management Fund-\$3,316.69, and SRT Law Enforcement Fund-\$469.90 for a total of \$231,217.74, minus claim number 25110064 to Platte Valley WMA in the amount of \$1,000.00 (this claim will be pulled until more information is obtained), meeting minutes dated 10/28/2025, and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the minutes, and reports received from the Clerk, District Court, Treasurer and Sheriff. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Urbanski and seconded by Lukasiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be November 25, 2025.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2025.

Kathy Hirschman
Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Klanecky
Howard County Clerk