

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

May 8, 2026

A Meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session on the 8th day of May, 2026, in the Boardroom, Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof on the 6th day of May, 2026. 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- Kathy Hirschman congratulated the 14 businesses in Howard County for 100% compliance during the alcohol compliance checks by the Nebraska State Patrol on Tuesday, April 28th.

County Road Discussion – Highway Superintendent, Janet Thomsen and Road Foreman, Jerry Thompson were present to discuss the following: Lukasiewicz discussed a few of the roads that are needing repairs. Also discussed was the mulcher and how to improve the power and speed.

Bridge 14th East of Sherman Rd.-Approve/Deny Contract with Oak Creek Engineering- Ms. Thomsen and Mr. Thompson discussed the options with the Commissioners. The contract with Oak Creek Engineering was reviewed. Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve the contract with Oak Creek Engineering and move forward on the project to install two 96" x 30' round culverts to replace the bridge and have the County install, and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

Approve/Deny Additional Rock Purchase- Following discussion and reviewing the budget, Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve the purchase an additional 500 ton of rock from Wilson Brothers and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

Hiring Additional Road Personnel-Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve advertising for an additional road worker and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Mail-

Letter from Howard County Zoning Administrator to Blase

Hamilton Monthly Report

Unfinished Business – None.

Approve/Deny Howard County Ag Society Request to use County Equipment for events at fairgrounds on June 20th and July 17-23rd-Urbanski made a motion to allow the Howard County Ag Society to use County equipment for the bull ride event on June 20th and during the County fair held on July 17-23rd and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

Region 3-FY2026-2027 Budget Request- Lukasiewicz made a motion to approve the budget request for Region 3 for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$17,066.68, and seconded by Urbanski. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

Region 3/Howard County EPC Agreement-A Letter of Agreement between the Regional Governing Board for Region 3 and Howard County was reviewed. Urbanski made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Lukasiewicz, Aye; Hirschman, Aye; and Urbanski, Aye.

Loup Central Landfill-Proportionate Member Contribution-The Commissioners received a letter from Loup Central Landfill regarding Howard County's portion of the Member Contribution being \$3,658.00. Urbanski made a motion to approve \$3,658.00 as presented and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

Sheriff's Department-Approve/Deny Sale of Canine Equipment-Urbanski made a motion to table the sale of the canine equipment until more information is received and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

Preventative Maintenance/Service Agreement with Powertech- The Commissioners reviewed the preventative maintenance/service with Powertech regarding the generator at the Communications Center and at the Tower on Wausa Road in the amount of \$1,242.00 annually to be split 50/50. Urbanski made a motion to approve the preventative maintenance service agreement as presented with Powertech and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye.

First Light FY2026-2027 Budget Request-Urbanski made a motion to approve the budget request in the amount of \$4,000.00 and seconded by Lukasiewicz. Roll Call: Urbanski, Aye; Lukasiewicz, Aye; and Hirschman, Aye.

Consent Agenda - The Board reviewed the claims dated 5/8/2026, and the Commissioner and meeting minutes dated 4/28/2026. The Board also reviewed the Clerk, District Court, and Sheriff Reports as presented. Motion was made by Lukasiewicz and seconded by Urbanski to approve the claims dated 5/8/2026, General \$132,288.21, Roads-\$62,572.68, 911 Emergency Management Fund-\$1,427.02, and SRT Law Enforcement Fund-\$1,140.00 for a total of \$197,427.91, meeting minutes dated 4/28/2026, and authorize Board Chair, Kathy Hirschman to sign the minutes, and approve reports received from the Clerk, District Court, Treasurer (unavailable), 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 9:57 a.m. Roll Call: Hirschman, Aye; Urbanski, Aye; and Lukasiewicz, Aye. Meeting Adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Howard County Board of Commissioners will be May 26, 2026.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2026.

Kathy Hirschman
Howard County Board Chair

ATTEST:
Brenda Klanecky
Howard County Clerk