



# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, day of January, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$36,134.37
Prior Service Payments -----	\$ 588.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 662.01
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 6,445.53
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 201.36
AS Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 245.75
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$26,978.65
Clerk Dist. Crt., adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 617.47
Community Hospital, blood alcohol tests -----	\$ 139.25
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, paint -----	\$ 31.50
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 47.78
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$11,168.10
Farmers State Bank, checks -----	\$ 47.50
League Builders Supply, grounds supply -----	\$ 15.99
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, Mental Health Board fees -----	\$ 300.00
Lindemeier, Gillett & Dawson, same -----	\$ 150.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 97.12
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 242.54
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 165.00
Midwest Mailing Solutions, supply -----	\$ 134.00



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NACO, registrations -----	\$ 160.00
NE Assoc. Co. Treasurer's, dues -----	\$ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,249.78
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Prairie State Comm., renewal fee -----	\$ 100.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 30.44
Tanya Roberts Connick, Mental Health Board fees -----	\$ 50.00
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 525.09
Stanard Appraisal Services, contract -----	\$ 2,450.00
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 73.20
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate care -----	\$ 24.19
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 344.66

### ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 4,073.72
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 490.93
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 794.91
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 43.92
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 6,870.11
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
DFR, Inc., service -----	\$ 14.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 725.00
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,072.49
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,364.35
League Builder's Supply, repair/tools -----	\$ 69.60
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 24.50
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 37.50
Miller & Assoc., bridge inspections -----	\$ 1,792.50
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, 4 <sup>th</sup> qtr. Return -----	\$ 299.93
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 88.92
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 2,721.04
Tri State Toxicology, DOT Drug Test -----	\$ 27.00

### INSTITUTION FUND:

Region II Services, 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr. Assessment -----	\$ 2,126.87
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### NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 776.39
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 123.03
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 661.16
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 207.87
William R. Hagemann, mileage -----	\$ 98.65
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 19.09



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## 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service ----- \$ 275.67

Member McDonald moved to approve the claim of RW Welding in the General Fund in the amount of \$157.95 and in the Road Fund in the amount of \$199.17 for tools. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald and Nichols. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann met with the board and presented the 2012 Activity Report, Noxious Weed Control Plan, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Noxious Weed Infestation Report, Budget Report, Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List, and the Budget Report. Superintendent advised as to the coming seasons plan for noxious weed control and how the drought has effected control efforts. Weed control in county road ditches was discussed.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to Execute Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Noxious Weed Control Plan, Budget Report and the Noxious Weed Infestation Report for 2012. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. Nichols, Wertz, McDonald. Motion carried.

Discussion held on a Budget System and Highway Software available through MIPS, Inc. (Multi-County Information & Programming Services), Technology Services Division of NACO. Clerk Pollmann advised as to conversations with Joe Power, MIPS Operations Manager. The Budget System brings together both the clerk's expenditures and the treasurer's revenue accounts to produce a nearly complete budget. The cost for this system is \$36.39 per month. The Highway Software tracks equipment and maintenance costs, and inventories. The cost for this software is \$97.86 per month. It was the consensus of the board to begin using the budget system software in May 2013.

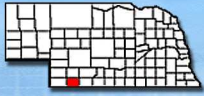
Hwy supt. Phil Dixon joined the meeting and presented a Bridge Inspection Contract. Attorney Garner joined the meeting and reviewed said contract. Discussion was held on liability issues relating to the contract. It was the consensus of the board to amend the Employment Contract for Highway Superintendent Services to include bridge inspection duties. This item will be placed on the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 agenda for further consideration.

Assessor McDonald provided information as to Assessment Software provided by MIPS/Multi-County Information & Programming Services and board reviewed the same.

Discussion was held on where to file road signage documentation. The original documentation will be filed at the courthouse with copies to be retained at each county shop location.

Paul Nichols advised as to inquiries regarding depositing of demolition materials on tracts of real property near Culbertson. Discussion was had regarding referring inquiries to the County's zoning administrator if outside any village jurisdiction or the village board of trustees if within the mile jurisdiction of villages.

Equipment Specialist Doug Garner met with the board regarding Cornlea Iron Auctions which is an on line auction company. Mr. Garner encouraged the county to consider this option should surplus equipment be offered for sale.



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Attorney Garner advised that he has spoken with a representative of the Nebraska Department of Roads and the NDOR is not interested in contracting for snow removal on Rec. Road 44B also known as the Trenton Dam Road.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1.00 from Vonnage for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund; \$237.81 from Southwest Public Power District, \$142.68 from the Village of Trenton, \$547.17 from Dundy County Stratton Schools, \$428.04 from Educational Service Unit #15, \$142.68 from the Village of Culbertson, \$285.36 from Nebraska Public Power District, \$927.41 from Middle Republican Natural Resources District, \$570.71 from Mid-Plains Community College, \$237.80 from Wauneta Palisade Schools, \$710.06 from Hitchcock County Schools, all for election expenses, all credited to the General Fund.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDonald, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk