

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 1st, 2016

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 Monday, the 1st day of February, 2016 commencing at 9:30 o’clock a.m. Present were Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Paul Nichols, County Clerk Margaret Pollmann and County Attorney D. Eugene Garner. Chair Scott McDonald was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County’s website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the 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. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of February 1st, 2016 agenda; 2. Approval of the January 19th, 2016 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting and advised as to supplemental agreements for environmental service on the Trenton SE and Palisade SE bridge projects. Attorney Garner reviewed and advised as to the same. Discussion was held on two billings from Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers PC on these projects totaling \$6,026.70 relating to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Attorney Garner advised that inquiry should be made to the Nebraska Department of Roads relating to the proposed supplemental agreements and the billing from Miller and Associates Consulting Engineers. It was the consensus of the board that clarification was necessary and Attorney Garner shall inquire as to the same. These agreements will be placed on the February 16th, 2016 meeting agenda.

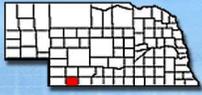
Veteran’s Service Officer Barry Corder and Veteran’s Service Committee Members Bob Brown, Wilbert “Wag” Wagner joined the meeting. VSO Corder advised that the Veteran’s Service Committee had met just prior to this board meeting and that it was the consensus of said committee to pursue hiring Hitchcock County’s own Service Officer rather than sharing/cooperating with another county. The Board directed Clerk to proceed with advertising for the position. The Veteran’s Service Committee will interview applicants and provide their recommendation to the Board at its’ March 7th, 2016 meeting.

Extension Educators Nancy Frecks and Kimberly Cook gave Southwest 3’s 2015 Annual report and advised as to current programs. Board acknowledged appointment of 2016 Extension Board Members, those being Natalie Thiessen, Kara McLain, Steve Kollmorgen and Cindy McCollam.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,346.38
Marlene Bedore, mileage -----	\$ 218.70
Board of Adjustment 1-21-16 per diem/mileage -----	\$ 75.78
Capital Business Systems Inc., lease -----	\$ 149.00



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Capital Business Systems, Inc., lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 35.00
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,414.74
Eisenhart & Farquhar, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 695.20
Goodwin & Siegfried, same -----	\$ 20.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,115.80
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,399.93
Matthew Bender & Co., law library -----	\$ 120.93
Mid American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 302.94
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 251.28
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 145.00
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental -----	\$ 80.00
Phillips Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 210.00
Planning Commission 2-21-16 per diem/mileage-----	\$ 144.54
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 500.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 246.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 37.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,196.86
Andrea Richard, planning commission secretary/mileage -----	\$ 48.46
RR Donnelley, supply -----	\$ 848.01
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 201.91
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 35.56
Ashley K. Spahn, court appt., counsel -----	\$ 2,746.69
Top Office Products, supply/lease -----	\$ 761.99
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.81
Walmart, supply/repair -----	\$ 497.64
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 2,000.00

ROAD FUND:

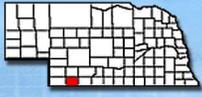
Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,844.94
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,809.85
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Glass Pros, repair -----	\$ 90.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 180.22
Hayes Co. Treasurer, hwy. supt. registration -----	\$ 60.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 350.78
Midwest Service & Sales, signs -----	\$ 181.69
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 187.52
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 887.33
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 116.88
Western Tire Co., repair -----	\$ 246.30

E911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 218.19
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 477.73

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 61.54
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 134.75



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Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann provided his annual report consisting of Activity Report, Budget Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Weed Infestation Report and Invasive Plant Watch List. With the impending weather, the board requested that Mr. Hagemann continue to assist with snow removal at the courthouse and stated they were appreciative of past assistance.

Member Wertz moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation as 11:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried. Those present were Commissioners Nichols and Wertz and County Attorney Garner.

Member Wertz moved to come out of executive session at 11:55 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated February 1st, 2016 from Property Tax Administrator Ruth Sorensen.

Discussion held on courthouse internet and email services.

Discussion held regarding mower tractors.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$13.00 from Centurytel Inc. for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund and \$67.18 from Central Crude for oil production, credited to the General Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Ron Wertz, Vice Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk