



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 6th, 2017

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 6th day of February, 2017 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz, 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. 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.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: approval of the February 6th, 2017 agenda and approval of the January 16th, 2017 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$12,205.77
Antelope Co. Court, transcript -----	\$ 4.05
Bosselman Energy Inc., propane -----	\$ 1,542.51
Capital Business Systems, lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 36.00
Coast to Coast Computer Products, supply -----	\$ 269.99
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,957.38
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 193.23
Culbertson Auto Body, repair -----	\$ 140.00
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, bldg. repair -----	\$ 43.80
Fastenal Industrial & Const. Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 108.48
Board of Adjustment per diem/mileage -----	\$ 115.64
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 78.40
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,114.84
Hitchcock Co. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 185.00
Planning Commission per diem/mileage -----	\$ 109.22
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 10.00
Mid American Chemical, supply -----	\$ 484.27
Midwest Connect, supply -----	\$ 195.00
MIPS, Inc., data process -----	\$ 60.25
NE Dept. Ag., subscription -----	\$ 90.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 502.55



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NE Weed Control Assoc., registration -----	\$ 245.00
Postage -----	\$ 1,500.00
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 242.95
Red Willow Co. Clerk Dist. Ct., transcript -----	\$ 7.50
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 83.88
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,817.63
Dawn Siegfried, deposition -----	\$ 271.80
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 35.49
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,127.80
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 171.95
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 241.99
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,440.91
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 268.99
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 274.99
Ryan Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 2,000.00
Rebecca Woody, witness/mileage fee -----	\$ 44.61

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,190.18
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/fuel -----	\$ 839.16
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,149.07
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 308.76
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 175.41
Inland Truck Parts, repair -----	\$ 1,143.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 404.20
NE Dept. Roads, asphalt millings -----	\$ 558.00
Newman Traffic Signs, signs -----	\$ 5,699.00
Powerplan, JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 143.50
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,344.34
Sensel Welding & Repair, repair -----	\$ 63.20
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 77.87
Stratton Electric, repair -----	\$ 121.50
Titan Machinery, same -----	\$ 454.67
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 42.11
Village of Stratton, same -----	\$ 126.62
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 143.07
Western Tire Co., repair -----	\$ 57.50

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm, service -----	\$ 416.49
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 195.99
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County Attorney Garner joined the meeting.



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Highway Superintendent Phil Dixon joined the meeting. Discussion was held on Project Program Agreement BL 1171 documents and the Interlocal Agreement by and between Hayes County and Hitchcock County relating to the County Bridge Program. County Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #17-5 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL 1711

Hitchcock County
Resolution 17-5

Whereas: Hitchcock County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Hitchcock County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Hitchcock County and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County that:

Scott McDonald, Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Hitchcock County (*Board of Commissioners*) and the NDOR.

Hitchcock County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOR Project Number: STWD-CBMP(1)
NDOR Control Number: 00974
NDOR Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2017 at Trenton, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County

Scott McDonald

Ronald Wertz

Paul Nichols

Board/Council Member Wertz moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Nichols seconded the motion. Roll Call: 3 – Yes 0 – No 0 Abstained 0 – Absent Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.



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Attest:

Signature County Clerk

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to sign the County Bridge Matching Program, Program Agreement relating to Project No. STWD-CBMP(1) by and between the County and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Hayes County regarding the County Bridge Program and to direct Chair to execute the same. The motion was seconded by Nichols and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Local Political Subdivision Acquisition Contracts relating to Project BRO 7044 (27), Trenton Southeast. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Due to the large number of patrons joining the meeting, Chair McDonald advised that the meeting would be moved to the Community Room at 10:15 a.m. this date and notice was posted of the same.

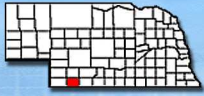
The board was informed by the group that they wished to speak under public comment. Patrons present although not identifying themselves specifically were: Gordon Gessleman, Art Skinner, Francis Friehe, Duane Dinnel, Ted Rippen, Marlene Bedore, Clint Schafer, Brian Schafer, Joylyn Ross, Norma Sitzman, Victoria Bauer, John Walters, Hope Strong, Elaine Schleeman and Bill Hoyt. Patrons Cinda Jensen and Shane Rippen identified themselves to the Board. Acting Assessor Pat Albro was also present. Chair McDonald advised that the agenda item "Assessment Function" would continue to be included on the agenda. Discussion was held on various issues relating to the Assessment function in Hitchcock County which included but was not limited to: Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division assistance, appointment of a new assessor, reinstatement of former Assessor Bedore, recent TERC appeal cases/decisions relating to CREP valuations in Chase County, and the November 2016 recall election. Attorney Garner advised that pursuant to Nebraska statute, because of the recall election results, Mrs. Bedore cannot be appointed to fill the position of Hitchcock County Assessor for the remainder of this term.

The meeting moved back to the Commissioner's Room.

Ted Rippen met with the board regarding the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way submitted by Justin Baker representing Valley Pro Irrigation. Mr. Rippen advised as to the location of the requested right of way, that being in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 3, Range 31 and the nature of the occupation.

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way requested by Valley Pro Irrigation for an underground electric utility line in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20-3-31. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair McDonald executed surplus property affidavits on a 2003 Crown Victoria 4 Door Sedan and a 1978 Ford F 150 Styleside pickup and board acknowledged receipt of the same. Board will discuss the manner in



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which these vehicles, along with the 2010 Dodge Charger will be offered for sale at the February 21st, 2017 meeting.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the “Letter of Understanding” by and between Tonniges and Associates and the County for 2016, 2017 and 2018 County audit services in the amount of \$7,076 annually. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plans. Deputy County Clerk Linda Kerchal advised as to her findings relating to Mid American Benefits administering cafeteria plans. Attorney Garner advised as to a required amendment. An employee buyout program was discussed. Attorney Garner advised that an amendment was necessary to the County’s current Section 125 Cafeteria Plan to allow a “cash in lieu of” option.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Blue Cross Blue Shield Amendment of Application for Group Contract for plan year 3-1-17 to 2-28-18. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Mid-American Benefits, Inc. – Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for plan year 3-1-17 to 2-28-18. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Nancy Frecks joined the meeting. Courthouse networking was discussed. Mrs. Frecks and Clerk Pollmann will work on obtaining a quote for this project.

The Board was in receipt of Andrea Richards’ letter of resignation as Planning Commission Recording Secretary.

Member McDonald moved to appoint Margaret Pollmann as recording secretary for the Hitchcock County Planning Commission. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald.

The Board was in receipt of the following Weed Superintendent Reports: Activity, Noxious Weed Control Plan, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Noxious Weed Infestation Report and Budget Report.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$7.50 from NE Technology, \$8.00 from Centurytel, and \$1.00 from Vonage Tax account, all for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund; \$239.01 from the Village of Trenton, \$106.22 from the Village of Palisade, \$106.22 from the Village of Stratton, and \$106.25 from McCook Public Schools, all for election expense reimbursement; \$1,198.61 from Phelps County and \$1,015.23 from Lincoln County, both for Emergency Management reimbursement; \$47.91 from Central Crude for oil production, and \$50.00 from Board of Ed. Lands and Funds for room rental, all credited to the General Fund.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz 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:

Scott McDonald, Chair



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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk