



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

March 20th, 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 Tuesday, the 20th, day of March, 2017. Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the March 20th, 2017 agenda and approval of the March 6th, 2017 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$41,898.64
Acme Printing Co., supply -----	\$ 151.91
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,272.85
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 223.88
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,095.99
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$17,137.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 619.79
Richard Calkins, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,814.71
Capital Business Systems, lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk Dist. Ct., adv. costs -----	\$ 108.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 331.87
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$14,326.54
CVSOAN, registration -----	\$ 250.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 226.48
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 503.42
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 782.29
Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel, coroner costs -----	\$ 472.00
Hitchcock Co. Treas., petty cash -----	\$ 100.00
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 40.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 71.79
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 201.70
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 127.50
Midwest Special Services, prisoner transport -----	\$ 390.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,840.84



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New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 147.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 6,603.83
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 1,387.13
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 757.87
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate medical -----	\$ 76.39
Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage -----	\$ 294.00
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 124.66
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
7-D Lockshop, repair -----	\$ 161.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,477.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 571.86
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 47.44
B&&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 152.65
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 7,355.81
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 716.10
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 153.08
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,269.29
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 825.00
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 5,092.14
Jay Bird Express, same -----	\$ 615.23
League Builders Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 158.22
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 16.18
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 37.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 246.32
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades -----	\$ 8,047.64
NE Truck Center, repair -----	\$ 520.20
Plains Equipment Group, tools -----	\$ 32.00
Powerplan John Deere Financial, repair -----	\$ 3,633.72
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,040.36
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 42.32

E-911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 191.11
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 89.94
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Patrons joining the meeting at between 9:00a.m. and 9:30 a.m. were Norma Sitzman, Jacqueline Rippen, Hope Strong, John and Deborah Walters, Rich Hampton, and Bob Brown. Chair McDonald asked Mr. Walters if he wished to move his 10:30 a.m. agenda item up and he was agreeable. Mr. Walters inquired as to what the board was looking for in an Assessor, specifically qualifications and character. Member Nichols advised as to necessary requirements for the position and that only one applicant continued to be interested in the position. Chair McDonald advised that the Board had been waiting for a contract from the Property Assessment Division and that said contact was received late Friday.



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Member Nichols moved to appoint Terra Riggs as Hitchcock County Assessor effective March 20th, 2017. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

County Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Bill Neely with Great Plains Communications met with the board regarding use of the Courthouse Community Room for cable television cutover operations for one week, May 15th through May 19th. Board advised as to the \$50 per day room charge. Mr. Neely will advise Great Plains of the charge and will be in contact with building maintenance supervisor, Karen Wertz.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon met with the board and advised as to the Bridge Management Program Agreement, Corp of Engineers permitting on federal aid projects Trenton SE and Palisade SE and the right of way for Trenton SE.

Member Wertz moved to enter into and direct Chair to execute the First Concord Administrative Agreement for Section 125 Premium Only Plan (with cash in lieu). Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chris Williamson and Francis Friehe joined the meeting and inquired as to the Assessor appointment and Chair McDonald advised as to the same.

Mr. Hampton inquired of the County Attorney where his private practice office is located and whether he pays rent for office space in the courthouse. County Attorney Garner indicated that his private practice office address is the same as his home address and that he does not pay office rent to Hitchcock County.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$15.09 from UNL for color copies, \$67.52 from Central Crude for oil production, both credited to the General Fund; \$361.11 from Sandhill Welding for metal products, credited to the Road Fund and \$1.00 from Vonage Tax Account for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:48 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 3rd, 2017 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk