

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 18th, 2017

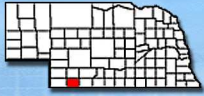
A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 18th, day of September, 2017. Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ron 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. 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 Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the September 18th, 2017 agenda and approval of the September 5th, 2017 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$47,484.30
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,444.84
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 223.88
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 999.95
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$13,275.16
Richard Calkins, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 4,175.29
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 243.92
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,014.24
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 1,517.09
DAS State Accounting, data process. costs -----	\$ 226.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment -----	\$ 534.57
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,109.53
Goodwin Siegfried, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 250.00
Blair Hartman, mileage -----	\$ 191.66
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 104.25
Todd Hovey, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
JA Automotive & Repair, repair -----	\$ 77.07
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 58.80
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 266.97
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 11.93
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 112.50
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, budget assistance -----	\$ 2,500.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. costs -----	\$ 1,979.36
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,299.97



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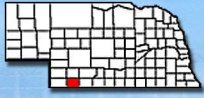
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul A. Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 494.35
NSA/POAN Conference, registration -----	\$ 250.00
Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 185.60
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,277.50
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 430.98
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 420.24
Spectra Assoc., Inc., supply -----	\$ 153.95
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 187.36
West Central District Assoc., registrations -----	\$ 150.00
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,139.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 511.93
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 47.44
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 152.65
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 1,824.13
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel -----	\$ 3,951.46
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 20.67
Carquest, repair -----	\$ 26.50
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,844.50
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/bridge inspect. -----	\$ 3,200.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 8.40
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 7,564.49
Larry Hubl, reimb. tools -----	\$ 53.89
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 43.33
Jay Bird Express, fuel -----	\$ 237.90
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 6,936.01
League Builders Supply, supply/tools -----	\$ 249.30
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 48.60
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 15.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 351.63
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades -----	\$ 5,425.66
NE Peterbuilt, repair -----	\$ 89.82
Plains Equipment Group, same -----	\$ 155.32
Quality Urgent Care, DOT Testing -----	\$ 86.00
R&W Repair, repair/fuel -----	\$ 765.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,105.16
Schamel's Auto Supply, supply -----	\$ 101.16
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 85.01
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 483.70
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 47.31

RELIEF FUND:

Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 43.76
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Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed bridges C004415705, CO004405505, and C004413410, the Build Nebraska Project, Recreation Road 44B, and various other bridge projects.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute an Agreement for Professional Services by and between Hitchcock County and Oak Creek Engineering for engineering services on bridge replacement on structures C004415705, CO004405505, and C004413410. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp advised as to voting members to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region and requested the board consider appointing Emergency Manager Brandon Myers as voting member and himself as alternate voting member to said agency.

Member McDonald moved to appoint Brandon Myers, Region 51 Emergency Management Director, as the voting member to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region and Kyle Clapp, Region 51 Emergency Management Deputy Director, as the alternate voting member to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the Southwest Planning, Exercise and Training Region. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

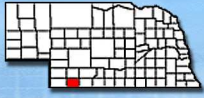
Chair McDonald executed the "Hitchcock County Nebraska, County Board Record of Appointment relating to the above.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Great Plains Energy for a secondary electric line to Horinek #1 in Section 26, Township 1, Range 33 in Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Great Plains Energy for a secondary electric line to Kasten 4-25 in Section 26, Township 1, Range 33 in Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve using \$2,124.00 owner occupied funds for 17-HO-33086 Community Development Block Grant for Trenton as matching funds. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair McDonald opened the public hearing on the 2017/2018 Hitchcock County budget at 10:45 a.m. as published. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller CPA was present and offered a brief synopsis of the 2017/2018 budget document. Discussion was held on the additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority. The use of Inheritance Tax funds is crucial to the implementation of the budget and allows for the reduction of property taxes, purchase of capital items, and the payment of unforeseen expenses. These goals are accomplished by transferring \$300,000 to the General Fund to reduce the property tax request, designating \$200,000 for the purchase of a motor grader, and \$123,226.00 to cover emergency items that may occur.



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Chair asked for those in favor of the proposed budget. No comments were offered. Chair asked for those in opposition of the proposed budget. No comments were offered. Chair asked for any comments from a neutral position. No comments were offered. Chair asked for any further comments or questions. There were none. Chair closed the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. this date.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #17-12 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #17-12

Hitchcock County Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 18th day of September, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Hitchcock County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 18th, day of September 2017.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

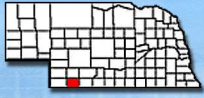
Scott McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Member Wertz offered Resolution #17-13 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



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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 #17-13

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the County of Hitchcock passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and;

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Hitchcock that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Hitchcock, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2017-2018 property tax request be set at \$1,703,864.00
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to October 15, 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th, day of September, 2017.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

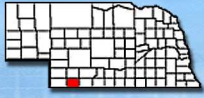
SEAL

Member Wertz moved to solicit informal propane quotes for the October 2nd, 2017 meeting. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Exempt Property Publication was reviewed by the board and executed by Chair McDonald.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1,015.23 from Lincoln County for Emergency Management Reimbursement, credited to the General Fund.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:21 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 2nd, 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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.



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ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk