

# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, day of November, 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](http://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.

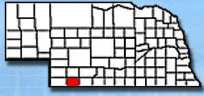
Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 agenda and approval of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor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

John Webster with Murphy Tractor met with the board.

Member McDonald to approve the following claims. Member Nichols 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 -----	\$12,589.72
Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 2,000.00
Clerk District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 69.00
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,187.68
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 191.29
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 48.40
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds -----	\$ 3,000.00
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 75.55
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,127.19
Hayes Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 19.00
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds -----	\$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 101.00
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, petty cash -----	\$ 300.00
Holiday Inn – Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 399.80
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 50.00
McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds -----	\$ 500.00
Midwest Connect, supply -----	\$ 50.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,301.12
NACCTFO Treasurer, dues -----	\$ 75.00
NACO, registrations -----	\$ 750.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 549.93



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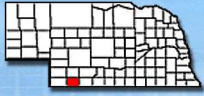
Paul A. Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 632.38
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 135.89
Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 231.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 18.57
Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 714.24
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,882.19
Dawn M. Siegfried, BOE – State v Leahy appeal -----	\$ 385.45
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 274.14
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,031.32
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 448.03
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
U of NE, equipment -----	\$ 38.00
US Bank, same -----	\$ 39.65
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 242.31
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,255.14
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 352.63
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract/reimb. cont. ed. -----	\$ 2,671.36

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,257.85
Babe’s Radiator Repair, repair -----	\$ 114.00
Bud’s Tire Repair, same -----	\$ 80.00
Carquest Auto Parts, same -----	\$ 51.39
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,657.15
Dan’s R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 178.58
Husker Steel, culverts -----	\$13,290.70
Inland Truck Repair, repair -----	\$ 165.16
Jay Bird Express, fuel -----	\$ 163.50
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 2,753.11
Mead Lumber, supply -----	\$ 18.45
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 518.09
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 4,271.77
R&W Repair, tires/fuel -----	\$ 1,022.00
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,514.84
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 5,916.00
Darrell Schutz, repair -----	\$ 560.00
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 36.74
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 270.92
US Bank, fuel -----	\$ 49.02
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 47.78
Village of Stratton, same -----	\$ 100.43
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 211.54

## **VISITOR’S PROMOTIONAL FUND:**

Valerie Paschall, travel expenses -----	\$ 745.90
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## **E911 PSC FUND:**

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 217.22
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 471.61

## **911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:**

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 64.89
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 140.87

Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting and discussion was held on parcel splits relating to property identification numbers 440076567 and 440076568.

NIRMA Contact Karen Wertz advised as to the NIRMA Assist Application for road safety items. Under Building Maintenance, Manager Karen Wertz advised as to the lack of storage within the courthouse. Discussion held on properties adjacent to the courthouse.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

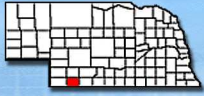
Chair McDonald opened the fair market value public hearing at 10:00 a.m., as published, on eight tracks of real estate within Hitchcock County. Attorney Garner advised as to procedures for setting fair market value and findings on real estate record searches on each tract. No patrons were present. Chair closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to set fair market value on Tract #1 described as Lots 5 & 6, Block 5, Original Town of Trenton, Hitchcock County, Nebraska at \$250.00. Member Wertz 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 set fair market value on Tract #2 described as a strip of land 4 rods wide, commencing at a point on the east section line of Section 28, T1N, R32W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, approximately 8 rods North of the SE Corner of the NE¼ of said Section 28, running thence in a southwesterly direction circling around bend in South Driftwood Creek to a point approximately 47 rods south of said SE corner of the NE¼ of said Section 28, containing 2.5 acres, more or less at \$500.00. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to set fair market value on Tract #3 described as a strip of land lying over and across the SE¼ of Section 28, T2N, R33W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of said Section 28; thence northerly on the East line of said Section 28, a distance of 2652.1 feet to the NE corner of the SE¼ of said Section 28; thence westerly on the North line of said SE¼, a distance of 46.1 feet; thence southerly 845.6 feet to a point, (said point being 45.4 feet westerly from said East line); thence continuing southerly 0°13' left, a distance of 1806.5 feet, to a point on the South line of said Section 28; thence easterly, on said South line, 37.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.596 acres, more or less, subject to 2.009 acres, more or less, of existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$100.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to set fair market value on Tract #4 described as a strip of land lying over and across the NE¼ of Section 28, T2N, R33W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, described as follows:



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Beginning at the NE corner of said Section 28; thence southerly on the East line of said Section 28, a distance of 2664.9 feet, to the SE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 28; thence westerly on the South line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , a distance of 46.1 feet; thence northerly a distance of 2664.9 feet, to a point on the North line of said Section 28, (said point being 48.5 feet westerly from said NE corner); thence easterly on said North line, 48.5 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 2.894 acres, more or less, subject to 2.019 acres, more or less, of existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$100.00. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

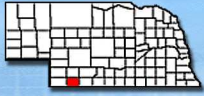
Member McDonald moved to set fair market value on Tract #5 described as a strip of land lying over and across the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, T2N, R33W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of said Section 27; thence southerly on the West line of said Section 27, a distance of 2664.9 feet, to the SW corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 27; thence easterly on the South line of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , a distance of 33.9 feet; thence northerly a distance of 2664.9 feet, to a point on the North line of said Section 27, (said point being 31.5 feet easterly from said NW corner); thence westerly on said North line, 31.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.000 acres, more or less, subject to 1.990 acres, more or less, of existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$100.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to set fair market value on Tract #6 described as a strip of land lying over and across the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, T2N, R33W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said Section 27; thence northerly on the West line of said Section 27, a distance of 2652.1 feet, to the NW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 27; thence easterly on the North line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , a distance of 33.9 feet; thence southerly a distance of 845.6 feet to a point, (said point being 34.6 feet easterly from said West line); thence continuing southerly 0°13' left, a distance of 1806.5 feet to a point on the South line of said Section 27; thence westerly on said South line 43.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.273 acres, more or less, subject to 2.009 acres, more or less, of existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$100.00. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to set fair market value on Tract #7 described as 13.32 acres of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, T1N, R34W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska as more particularly described in Surveyors Record Book #3, Page 46, in the Hitchcock County Register of Deeds Office, subject to existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$1,000.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to set fair market value on Tract #8 described as 3.13 acres located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, T2N, R34W, Hitchcock County, Nebraska as more particularly described in Surveyors Record Book #3, Page 46, in the Hitchcock County Register of Deeds Office, subject to existing occupied County Road Right-of-Way at \$300.00. Member McDonald seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

The public sale on the above described tracts will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. CT in the Community Room, Hitchcock County Courthouse, and will be published accordingly.



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Emergency Manager Brandon Myers and Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp joined the meeting and gave the Region 51 Emergency Management report covering the period 7-1-17 through 9-30-17.

Senator Dan Hughes joined the meeting and round table discussion was held on current issues and legislation effecting counties.

Rick Broshears with Nebraska Machinery presented winter machine inspections and discussed same with the board.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #17-17 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: Nichols, Wertz, 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 #17-17  
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO  
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Hitchcock County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §13-801 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

**WHEREAS**, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed those provided by standard insurance carriers; and

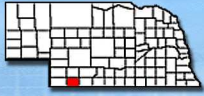
**WHEREAS**, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hitchcock County Board, hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and



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2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Wertz and seconded by member Nichols, the following members voted by roll call in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: None

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann

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Scott McDonald, Chairman

Board acknowledged surplus property affidavits from the Emergency Manager and County Clerk.

Attorney Garner advised as to tax year 2016 TERC hearings scheduled for November 16, 2017 in Lincoln.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1.00 from Vonage Tax Account and \$6.00 from Qwest Corp. for 911 surcharges, both credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund; \$97.44 from Central Crude for oil production, credited to the General Fund.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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: McDonald, Wertz, 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