



# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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 20<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2018 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](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.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: Approval of the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes and approval of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting agenda. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair executed a surplus property affidavit on road department property and board acknowledged receipt of the same. Gordon Gessleman joined the meeting and discussion held regarding sale of said property on his annual consignment auction to be held March 21<sup>st</sup>. Board acknowledged receipt of a surplus property affidavit of Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann.

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 -----	\$48,829.32
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,444.84
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 223.88
Axon Enterprise, Inc., law enf. supply -----	\$ 1,529.00
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 940.33
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$11,540.64
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane -----	\$ 677.90
Capital Business Systems, equipment lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk, Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 33.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 243.92
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$15,731.47
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 172.15
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 53.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 226.48
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 6.55
Dundy Co. Sheriff, teletype service, 2017 -----	\$ 2,688.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/service agree. -----	\$ 1,354.68



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Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 826.51
Fastenal Industrial, supply -----	\$ 40.34
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 25.26
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 84.00
William Hagemann, mileage -----	\$ 304.11
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 49.00
Mailfinance, postage meter lease -----	\$ 225.00
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 23.60
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 213.10
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees-----	\$ 1,090.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,120.12
NE Co. Court Assn., dues -----	\$ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,308.97
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Prairie States Comm., repair -----	\$ 159.75
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 50.48
Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 336.38
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,065.26
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 579.53
Scoop Media LLC, subscriptions -----	\$ 30.00
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,764.80
The Thompson Co., supply -----	\$ 226.28
Volz, Inc., repair -----	\$ 133.84
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,517.83
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 511.93
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 47.44
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 121.64
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 956.87
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/supply -----	\$ 1,311.73
C&K Distributors, supply/tools -----	\$ 157.67
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,493.24
Farmers Coop, fuel/supply -----	\$ 324.21
Jay Bird Express, fuel -----	\$ 138.68
League Builder's Supply, supply -----	\$ 40.10
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel -----	\$ 3,794.40
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 2,713.35
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 342.80
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 1,723.38
Plains Equipment Group, same -----	\$ 45.84
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 86.00
R&W Repair, repair/fuel -----	\$ 666.35
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,080.41
Schamel's Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 141.32



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Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 188.75
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 47.16

### E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service-----	\$ 217.35
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### 911 Emergency Services Fund:

CenturyLink, service-----	\$ 64.92
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Member McDonald moved to approve the claim of RW Welding in the Road fund for repair in the amount of \$625.78. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald and Nichols. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent Gary Dicenta joined the meeting and formally notified the Board that he is resigning his position with Miller and Associates Consulting Engineers, PC effective February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 thus leaving a vacancy in the County Surveyor position under the Memorandum of Understanding for Appointment of County Surveyor by and between the County and Miller and Associates. Also present Tyson Bardsley and Brian Langenberg. Mr. Dicenta requested the Board appoint Brian Langenberg with Miller and Associates for the remainder of the term of County Surveyor which ends January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Member McDonald moved to accept the resignation of Gary Dicenta as County Surveyor effective February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Member Wertz 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 appoint Brian Langenberg as County Surveyor for the remainder of the term which expires January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Member Wertz seconded the motion 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 Memorandum of Understanding for Appointment of Hitchcock County Surveyor. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Hitchcock County – Hayes County Interlocal Agreement – County Bridge Match Program on Structures C004415705 and C004300300. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Blue Cross Blue Shield Amendment of application for Group Contract for plan year 3-1-18 through 2-28-19. 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 direct Chair to execute the Mid-American Benefits, Inc. Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for plan year 3-1-18 through 2-28-19. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.



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Dennis Maggart joined the meeting via phone conference and discussion was held on the “Cash In Lieu” of option offered to employees.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #18-6 and moved for its’ adoption. Member McDonald 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 #18-6**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, wish to make a conditional Cash-In Lieu lieu of group medical insurance option available to the elected officials and employees of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, after careful review of options available to the elected officials and employees of Hitchcock County, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners hereby elect to provide conditional Cash-In-Lieu of group medical insurance policy option to the elected officials and employees of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, those elected officials and employees of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, wishing to participate in the Conditional Cash-In-Lieu option to group medical insurance policy, after presenting notice of Proof of Coverage and submitting an Affidavit of Other Coverage to the Board of Commissioners, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, be eligible for said conditional Cash-In-Lieu of group medical insurance policy as follows:

Monthly Cash Option:

- Single \$350.00
- Family \$550.00

for the plan year commencing March 1, 2018. The Board shall establish said amount(s) each plan year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT** the Conditional Cash-In-Lieu option be offered to those elected officials and Hitchcock County employees wishing to participate according to the above requirements. Said payment shall be added to monthly wages and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly.

This policy will go into effect on March 1, 2018.

Passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2018.

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Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

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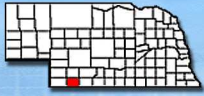
Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

*SEAL*

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None



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Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting and advised as to Legislative Resolution #266 and discussion was held on the same. It was the consensus of the Board to support Senator Hughes' Legislative Resolution 266. Assessor Riggs advised as to projected agricultural land values and the need for a complete review of all rural residential properties.

Treasurer was in receipt of \$7.50 from NE Techology & Telecom for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund and \$305.72 from Farmers Coop for patronage dividends \$183.43 credited to the Road Fund and \$122.29 credited to the General Fund.

Discussion held on the County's personnel policy.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDonald, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk