



# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
September 17<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 Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioner 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 9:00 a.m.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: Approval of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes and approval of the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting agenda. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Robert Seybold advised as to noxious weed issues and inquired if notices had been sent by the weed superintendent on particular parcels of property. Board advised that the issue would be checked into. Mr. Seybold requested to be on the October 1, 2018 agenda.

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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$53,165.49
Acme Printing Co., early voting envelopes -----	\$ 1,094.06
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,412.54
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 270.22
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 940.33
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$13,592.86
Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 2,000.00
Bud’s Tire Repair, repair -----	\$ 15.00
Capital Business Systems, lease -----	\$ 28.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 243.92
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,041.07
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 163.25
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 121.72
Cornhusker State Industries, supply -----	\$ 249.00
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds -----	\$ 3,000.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 1,028.97
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,427.24



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Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 78.67
Goodwin Siegfried, LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 200.00
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds -----	\$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 269.00
ICS, supply -----	\$ 123.49
JA Automotive & Repair, repair -----	\$ 62.44
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 31.00
McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds -----	\$ 500.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 233.26
Menards-North Platte, supply -----	\$ 77.14
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 90.00
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, budget assistance -----	\$ 2,700.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,007.80
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 917.96
NE County Court Assoc., dues -----	\$ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,567.07
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul A. Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 257.24
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 10.15
Prairie Plains CASA, budgeted funds -----	\$ 3,000.00
Prairie States Communications, software -----	\$17,575.81
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 173.61
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,694.06
Schimick's Market, supply -----	\$ 569.76
Schroeder and Schroeder PC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,775.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 727.24
Shredding Solutions, service -----	\$ 75.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 18.27
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 31.24
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
US Bank, supply -----	\$ 129.44
West Central District/McPherson Co. Treas., registrations -----	\$ 105.00
West Central NE Development Dist., dues -----	\$ 2,730.00
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Nebraska.gov., transcripts -----	\$ 8.00

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,097.38
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 638.29
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., life ins. -----	\$ 69.96
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 172.16
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 684.11
Bosselman Energy, Inc., def -----	\$ 36.96
Bud's Tire Repair, repair -----	\$ 17.00
Colonial Life & Accident, life ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,219.22
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 563.94



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Imperial Parts City, tools/repair -----	\$ 372.14
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 82.49
Jay Bird Express, def -----	\$ 40.00
Kugler Co., repair -----	\$ 231.75
League Builders Supply, same -----	\$ 7.35
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 3.10
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 145.80
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 450.96
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 58.64
Powerplan JD Financial, same -----	\$ 1,930.04
Prairie States Comm., same -----	\$ 150.00
R&W Repair, fuel -----	\$ 319.45
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,260.76
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 138.28
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/def/supply -----	\$ 64.50
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.74

Member McDonald moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Roger Hubl for an underground water line in the SE ¼ of Section 21-1-34. Member Wertz 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 and executed by Chair McDonald.

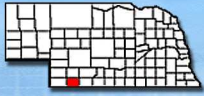
The 2018 Building and Grounds and Road District #1, #2, and #3 inventories were acknowledge by the board.

Member Wertz moved to designate Emergency Manager Brandon Myers as Hitchcock County’s representative on the steering committee relating to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan program. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner and Assessor Riggs joined the meeting. Discussion held on the recent Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Decision and Order.

Chair opened the 2018/2019 Budget Hearing on the 2018/2019 Hitchcock County budget at 11:00 a.m. as published. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA was present and offered a brief synopsis of the 2018/2019 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 \$300,000.00 to the General Fund and \$300,000.00 to the Road Fund to reduce the property tax request and \$231,250.00 for the purchase of a motor grader.

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 11:05 a.m. this date.



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Member Wertz offered Resolution #18-17 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 #18-17**

Hitchcock County  
Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

**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, 2018, to June 30, 2019, 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, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of September 2018.

**VOTING FOR THE MOTION:** McDonald, Nichols and Wertz

**VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION:** None

**ABSTAINING:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Scott McDonald, Chairman

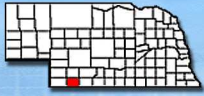
ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Member McDonald offered Resolution #18-18 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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. 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 #18-18**



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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 2018-2019 property tax request be set at \$1,742,224.00.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to October 15, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup>, day of September, 2018.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Treasurer Linda Cook advised as to county tax sales certificates.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #18-19 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, McDonald, 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 #18-19**

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Treasurer that certain parcels of real estate in the County of Hitchcock, State of Nebraska, on which taxes are delinquent were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in such county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA;





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Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809 the County Treasurer shall issue Tax Sale Certificates to the County upon such parcel(s) of real estate upon which there are delinquent taxes.

This resolution rescinds any and all former resolutions of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

Member McDonald offered Resolution #18-20 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, McDonald, 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 NO. 18-20

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hitchcock is the owner and holder of fourteen (14) certificates of Tax Sale, to wit: County Tax Sale Certificate #33-15, #34-15, #37-15, #38-15, #50-15, #40-15, #41-15, #42-15, #43-15, #45-15, #14-20, #14-21, #44-15, and #52-15 on parcels of real estate, issued to the County of Hitchcock for all delinquent regular taxes thereof, and which, having been regularly advertised and offered for sale at tax sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders, was sold to the County of Hitchcock and a Certificate of Tax Sale issued thereon under provisions of *NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTES, §77-1809*; and

**WHEREAS**, time for redemption has elapsed since the issuance of such respective certificate of tax sale and by reason thereof the right of redemption of the owner or claimant of such respective tract has expired;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hitchcock County Attorney be, and he is hereby directed as promptly under the circumstances as it is reasonably possible to do, to institute action to foreclose the lien on all taxes delinquent, whether regular or special, on all real estate within Hitchcock County, Nebraska, which, having been heretofore advertised and offered for sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders were sold to the County of Hitchcock, and Certificates of Tax Sale issued thereon.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None



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Absent: None

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Scott McDonald, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Treasurer was in receipt of \$1,047.21 from Lincoln County for emergency management fees, credited to the General Fund and \$2.00 from Hughes Network Systems for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 1<sup>st</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: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDonald, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk