



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

July 1st, 2019

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 1st, day of July, 2019 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the July 1st, 2019 agenda; Approval of the June 17th, 2019 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

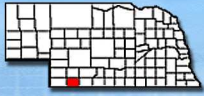
Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,315.28
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,510.91
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 24.20
Lindemeier Law Office, Ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,525.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,182.93
Hampton Inn, lodging -----	\$ 294.00
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 10.80
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 295.59
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement contrib. -----	\$ 1,322.05
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 340.43
State of NE Election Division, supply -----	\$ 10.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,958.80
West Central NE Dev. Dist., dues -----	\$ 2,730.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,280.94
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,836.06
Fastenal Industrial & Const. Supply, repair/supply/tools -----	\$ 47.46
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 251.91
NE Dept. Revenue – Motor fuels, fuel tax return -----	\$ 763.00
NE Dept. Rev., state -----	\$ 374.74
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,471.47



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SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 34.78
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 110.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 128.34
JT Rocks, bridge removal -----	\$ 3,990.00

E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 391.50
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 152.25
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Anthony Bishop inquired as to wages due and insurance.

Jim Bowen, Project Coordinator, Southwest Weed Management and Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann joined the meeting. Mr. Bowen advised as to program offerings and efforts to control invasive species in Southwest Nebraska. Further Mr. Bowen advised as to the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project for 2019-2020 and asked for a letter of support to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to obtain grant funding. Extensive discussion held on pooling resources and it's affect on the weed superintendents' county responsibilities.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute a letter of support addressed to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture regarding funding for Southwest Weed Management's participation in Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project for 2019-2020. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

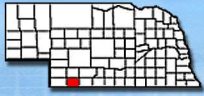
Craig Softley, Hayes County Economic Development Coordinator met with the board to discuss Community Development Block Grant programs through Rural Economic Development of the United State Department of Agriculture.

Senator Dan Hughes joined the meeting and offered a legislative update. Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting and discussion was held on CREP valuations and Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) past decisions regarding the same. Economic development was also discussed.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #19-10 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: 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 #19-10

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Hitchcock County, Nebraska; and



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WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Hitchcock County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Hitchcock County, and the villages in Hitchcock County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Hitchcock County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2019 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previously approved Hitchcock County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that the Hitchcock County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of July 2019.

Board of Commissioners, Hitchcock County, Nebraska

Paul Nichols, Chair

Ron Wertz, Vice Chair

Scott McDonald, Member

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

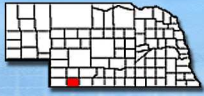
It was the consensus of the board to solicit informal quotes for professional annual audit services in accordance with NEB. REV. STAT. §23-1608.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-122 et seq. Hitchcock County job titles and current salaries are being published.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner \$22,275.00; County Clerk \$50,625.00; Chief Deputy Clerk \$35,430.16; Deputy Clerk \$31,249.40; County Attorney \$50,625.00; County Sheriff \$60,750.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff \$46,243.63; Deputy Sheriff's \$43,556.87; County Treasurer \$50,625.00; County Assessor \$50,625.00; Chief Deputy Assessor \$33,149.96; Extension Office Manager \$29,327.08; Veteran's Service Officer \$14,067.87; NIRMA Contact Person \$1,003.36.

HOURLY WAGES



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Attorney Legal Assistant \$18.43; Treasurer Clerical \$15.15 / \$15.77; Assessor Clerical Part Time \$13.07; Road Maintenance \$16.91/ \$19.31; Part Time Road Maintenance \$12.00 / \$16.00; Janitorial \$16.72; Weed Superintendent \$16.33; Dispatcher Jailer \$16.09 / \$16.70; Permanent Part Time Dispatcher Jailer \$16.09; Part Time Dispatcher Jailer \$15.48; Zoning Administrator \$18.80; Planning Commission Secretary \$11.33.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$80.00 from NACO for registration reimbursement, credited to the General Fund.

The fiscal year end (June 30, 2018) Audit (Financial Report) was on file.

The Sheriff's Second Quarter 2019 Report was on file.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 15th, 2019 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, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk