

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 16th, 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 16th, day of September, 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.

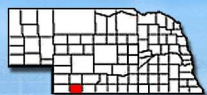
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the September 16th, 2019 agenda; Approval of the September 3rd, 2019 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz 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 -----	\$48,745.37
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,157.59
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 294.22
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 908.02
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$13,726.81
Burke & Pribbeno LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,191.38
Capital Business Systems, equip. lease -----	\$ 28.00
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$15,989.92
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 175.98
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,341.72
Lindemeier Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 3,553.45
D. Eugene Garner, atty. fee foreclosures -----	\$ 149.00
Pamela Hamilton, mileage -----	\$ 180.96
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 202.00
Hutch’s Heating & AC Service, repair -----	\$19,250.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 34.10
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 70.00
Jennifer McCarter, deposition services -----	\$ 251.55
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 100.75
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, budget preparation -----	\$ 2,750.00



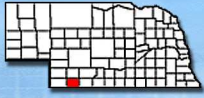
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MIPS, Inc., data process -----	\$ 1,959.80
Dorisa Morris, deposition services -----	\$ 233.75
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,491.38
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate care -----	\$ 80.00
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,214.01
Terra Riggs, reimb. fuel/meals -----	\$ 83.81
Patricia Rippen, meals -----	\$ 43.56
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 727.39
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 71.30
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 28.37
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script -----	\$ 70.98
Village of Trenton, utility-----	\$ 2,754.50
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Paul A. Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 293.48

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,846.76
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 571.39
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 92.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 172.16
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 711.28
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel/chemical supply -----	\$11,477.74
Brad's Sand & Gravel, armor coat gravel -----	\$ 6,025.15
C&K Dist., repair/supply -----	\$ 83.05
Colonial Life & Accident Inc., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,812.27
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
EIA, LLC, gravel -----	\$ 7,891.45
Farmers Coop, fuel/weighing -----	\$16,077.81
Hagan Transport LLC, repair -----	\$ 853.66
Ramsey Harders, repair -----	\$ 38.77
Jay Bird Express, repair -----	\$ 15.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, road & armor coat gravel -----	\$ 6,801.28
League Builders Supply, repair -----	\$ 14.94
Low Down Farm, gravel -----	\$ 7,615.20
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 3.10
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 383.56
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.75
NE Dept. Transportation, asphalt millings -----	\$ 4,820.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 560.23
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 7,443.56
R&W Repair, tires/fuel -----	\$ 691.50
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,600.24
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 60.17
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 378.38
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.10



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Village of Trenton, utility ----- \$ 136.32

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ----- \$ 127.78

Assessor Terra Riggs updated the board on agricultural land classifications and the effect on County valuations.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #19-13 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 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 #19-13

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;

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 16th day of September, 2019.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

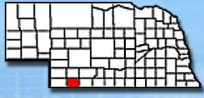
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

Member Wertz offered Resolution #19-14 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: Nichols, McDonald, 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:



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RESOLUTION NO. 19-14

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock is the owner and holder of one (1) certificate of Tax Sale, to wit: County Tax Sale Certificate #CO 61-0016 on a parcel 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 16th day of September, 2019.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

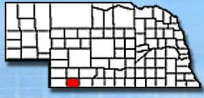
Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed regarding the bridge replacement project on structure C004402305P. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair opened the 2019/2020 Budget Hearing on the Hitchcock County budget at 11:30 a.m. as published. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA was present and offered a brief synopsis on the 2019/2020 budget document.

Also present was Dennis Egle. Discussion was held on the additional 1% increase in restricted funds authority, fiscal year end fund balances, and Road Fund gravel allocations for the current fiscal year.

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.

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



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position. No comments were offered. Chair asked for any further comments or questions. There were none. Chair closed the public hearing at 12:12 p.m. this date.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #19-15 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 #19-15
Hitchcock County
Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 16th day of September, 2019.

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, 2019, to June 30, 2020, 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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

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 16th, day of September 2019.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

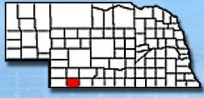
Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Chair opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2019/2020 County budget at 12:14 p.m. Chair asked for those in favor of the proposed final request. No comments were offered. Chair asked for those in opposition of the final tax request. No comments were offered. Chair asked for any comments from a



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neutral position on the final tax request. No comments were offered. Chair asked for any further comments or questions. There were none. Chair closed the public hearing at 12:16 p.m. this date.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #19-16 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, 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 #19-16

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 19-16

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the Hitchcock County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the County of Hitchcock, resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$1,962,500.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -1%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.240002 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The County of Hitchcock proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.270346 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of County of Hitchcock will be lower than the 2018-2019 budget by 19%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Wertz to adopt Resolution #19-16.

Voting yes were Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols and Scott McDonald.

Voting no: None.

Abstaining: None

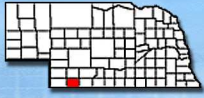
Absent: None

Dated this 16th day of September 2019.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:



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Margaret M. Pollmann

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1,854.00 from NIRMA for property damage, \$150.08 to General Fund and \$1,703.92 to Road Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 7th, 2019 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk