

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 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 December, 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.

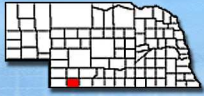
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the December 16th, 2019 agenda; Approval of the December 2nd, 2019 meeting minutes. Member McDonald 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 approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$49,202.18
AFLAC, suppl. ins.-----	\$ 1,157.59
Ameritas Life Ins. Corp., vision ins. -----	\$ 294.22
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 936.63
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$14,053.83
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane -----	\$ 869.59
Capital Business Systems, Inc., lease -----	\$ 28.00
Colonial Life & Accident Inc., suppl. ins -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 st Bank, FICA.OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,116.43
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 53.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies -----	\$ 780.34
Farmers Coop, fuel/repair -----	\$ 1,151.42
Government Forms & Supplies, supply -----	\$ 441.47
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 136.00
Holt Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 8.44
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 34.10
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 63.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 259.84
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees-----	\$ 100.75
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,959.80
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 205.52
NACO, dues -----	\$ 1,208.02



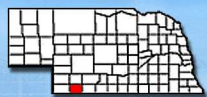
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NACo, dues -----	\$ 450.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,526.23
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental -----	\$ 90.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,314.95
Schmick's Market, supply -----	\$ 581.72
Snell Services, repair -----	\$ 664.47
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 736.68
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate prescript. -----	\$ 35.79
US Bank, transcripts -----	\$ 4.00
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 283.66
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,319.68
DLL Enterprises, surveillance equip. -----	\$ 4,528.50
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 458.79
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 325.96

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,774.98
Steve Adams, repair -----	\$ 235.00
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., propane -----	\$ 770.90
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 11.16
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, tools-----	\$ 39.43
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,075.95
Dan's R. Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.00
Phillip Dixon, Highway Supt. Contract -----	\$ 900.00
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 628.34
Imperial Parts City, repair -----	\$ 209.39
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 8,016.46
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 3.10
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 811.38
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.75
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 425.75
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 3,185.39
Plains Equipment Group, repair -----	\$ 206.72
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 2,216.52
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,279.30
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 84.50
Sensel Welding & Repair, repair -----	\$ 376.57
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 24.99
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 140.93
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 47.16
Village of Trenton, utility-----	\$ 134.86
Weathercraft Co., repair -----	\$ 3,177.00



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HIGHWAY BUYBACK FUND:

Ace Irrigation, culvert ----- \$ 6,252.80

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service ----- \$ 227.53

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, serrvice ----- \$ 60.48

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #19-22 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 #2019-22

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock, State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", is a duly organized political subdivision, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of COUNTY to have an attorney identified and available to consult with and otherwise provide legal services to COUNTY and the State of Nebraska in such case(s) or other matters whenever D. Eugene Garner, the Hitchcock County Attorney, is unavailable; and

WHEREAS, **Paul M. Wood** is a duly licensed practicing attorney having substantial experience in providing legal services relating to county matters, criminal prosecutions, juvenile proceedings and child support enforcement, and he has agreed to provide legal services to and for COUNTY on a case by case basis whenever D. Eugene Garner is unavailable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Paul M. Wood** is hereby designated and appointed as *Special Acting Hitchcock County Attorney* whenever D. Eugene Garner, the Hitchcock County Attorney, is unavailable, and accordingly, COUNTY's elected officials and employees are hereby authorized to contact, consult with and retain said **Paul M. Wood** on a per case basis as necessary, to represent the County and/or State of Nebraska whenever said D. Eugene Garner is unavailable, and said **Paul M. Wood** shall submit his claim to the Hitchcock County Clerk for the services he provides pursuant to this Resolution.

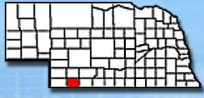
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th day of December, 2019.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Paul A. Nichols, Scott McDonald, Ronald L. Wertz

ABSTAINING: None.

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.



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Paul A. Nichols, Chairman
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

(SEAL)

Member Wertz moved to authorize and direct county attorney to execute the renewal of the sub-award agreement between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Child Support Enforcement) and Hitchcock County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain, Assessor Terra Riggs and Extension Educator Kimberly Cook joined the meeting. Discussion held on the court house closing policy.

Sheriff D. Bryan Leggott joined the meeting. Sheriff vehicle bids for a new 2020 model year, quad cab pickup were opened as published at 11:00 a.m. One bid was received from Janssen Chrysler of North Platte. Member Wertz moved to not accept any bids presented. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved that in the event of courthouse closings, at the call of the County Board of Commissioners Chair or Vice Chair, for any reason, including but not limited to inclement weather, power losses or natural disasters, employees shall not be compensated during such period of closure but may utilize accrued vacation or personal leave. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried. That section of the employee handbook entitled "Courthouse Closings" is hereby amended accordingly effective immediately.

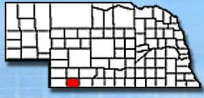
2018/2019 Audit responses were reviewed. Treasurer Jackie Drain was present. Motion by Wertz to direct Chair to sign Schedule of Responses for the 2018/2019 audit. The motion was seconded by McDonald and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried. Clerk to forward said responses to Donald D. Wilson CPA for submission with the finalized 2018/2019 audit filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:16 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, January 6th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz 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:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk



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