

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

April 20th, 2020

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Community Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 20th day of April, 2020 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.

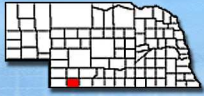
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the April 20th, 2020 Agenda and approval of the April 6th, 2020 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$47,908.52
Advanced Radiology of Grand Island, inmate medical -----	\$ 225.17
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,157.59
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 288.24
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,084.48
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$17,052.78
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 413.02
Capital Foot & Ankle PC, inmate medical -----	\$ 45.63
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$15,609.66
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 53.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 155.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/maint. contract -----	\$ 684.36
Election Systems & Software, ballots/layout/coding -----	\$ 655.20
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 949.72
Bree Fraizer, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
Suhr Enterprises Inc., supply -----	\$ 251.68
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 220.00
Todd Hovey, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
JD Skiles Co., repair -----	\$ 401.15
League Builders Supply, repair -----	\$ 480.09
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 34.10



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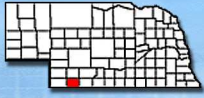


MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 63.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 242.65
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees/deductible funding -----	\$ 5,100.75
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,959.80
Mousel, Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 739.41
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,427.59
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Postage -----	\$ 500.00
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 197.94
Region II Services, 1/4 Assessment -----	\$ 1,374.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, Emergency Mgmt. contract -----	\$ 4,845.87
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,941.00
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 1,327.26
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 260.00
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate scripts. -----	\$ 58.14
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals -----	\$ 709.50
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 231.73
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,942.34
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 519.00
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 92.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 190.68
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 1,529.96
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 597.81
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 82.80
CED/American Electric, repair -----	\$ 29.98
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,485.91
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.50
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
Dragon Products LLC, repair -----	\$ 432.92
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 2,870.78
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 2,155.86
Jesse Mallett, gravel -----	\$ 5,518.88
League Builders Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 87.80
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 3.10
Mid American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.75
Ne Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 514.93
NE Machinery Co., blades -----	\$ 1,452.25
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,461.51
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 6,285.75
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel/repair -----	\$ 361.45
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 236.80
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 127.17
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:



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

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service ----- \$ 226.61
Frontier Communications, 911 trunk overflow chg. ----- \$ 27.01

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service ----- \$ 60.24
Frontier Communications, 911 trunk overflow chg. ----- \$ 7.18

Eric Kamler with Congressman Adrian Smith’s office joined the meeting via phone conference and offered an updates relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #20-9 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: 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 #20-09

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska (“COUNTY”), is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Treasurer manages an account into which is deposited “*Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income*” (i.e., Housing and Economic Development Program Income pertaining to the *Nebraska Affordable Housing Funds CDBG Grant* as implemented by COUNTY and administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (“NDED”) in 2012) to wit: **CDBG Housing Fund #2606**; and

WHEREAS, said funds are subject to federal CDBG rules and regulations notwithstanding that said funds are held in local account(s); and

WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2020, the **CDBG Housing Fund #2606** balance is **\$16,298.14**; and

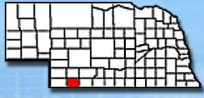
WHEREAS, Hitchcock County has received notice from the NDED that COUNTY must (a) take immediate action to keep said funds from being deemed held in an idle account, or (b) repay all such CDBG funds to the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board has diligently reviewed the process(es) required to repurpose these locally held CDBG funds in order to possibly redirect them to address locally-identified community betterment projects, and has determined that the time, effort and expense involved therewith does not justify pursuing said process(es) further at this time; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate risk and liability to the COUNTY, the Hitchcock County Board believes it to be in the best interests of COUNTY to immediately repay all such CDBG funds to the State of Nebraska.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Treasurer is authorized and directed to immediately cause all funds (including accrued interest) currently held in **CDBG Housing Fund #2606** to be repaid to the State of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2020.



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ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting and provided a Contract for Property Appraisal Services by and between the County and Tax Valuation, Inc. for appraisal services on commercial properties. County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Attorney Garner advised as to said contract.

Building Maintenance Manager/NIRMA Contact Karen Wertz advised as estimates relating to the courthouse door project and repair estimates on the Culbertson Road Shop roof.

Member McDonald moved to enter into a Contract For Property Appraisal Services with Tax Valuation, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 for commercial appraisal services. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Joining the meeting were Treasurer Drain and Assessor Riggs.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 4th, 2020 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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk