

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

July 6th, 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 6th day of July, 2020 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Vice Chair Ron Wertz and Commissioner Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Paul Nichols was absent. 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.

Vice Chair Wertz 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 July 6th, 2020 Agenda and approval of the June 15th, 2020 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald and Wertz. Nichols, Absent. 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 and Wertz. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$14,230.74
Capital Business Systems, Inc., lease -----	\$ 28.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,349.83
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 109.50
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 51.37
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip./maint. -----	\$ 2,568.17
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 33.98
Glass Express, courthouse building doors -----	\$ 1,620.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,100.62
Pamela Hamilton, mileage -----	\$ 82.80
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 51.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 7.00
McCook Dailey Gazette, publications -----	\$ 312.40
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 29.60
Mid-American Research, supply -----	\$ 142.95
Midwest Connect, supply -----	\$ 210.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,018.80
NE Dept. Correctional Services, inmate medical -----	\$ 2,735.21
NE Public Health Environmental Lab, blood tests -----	\$ 105.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 660.36
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental services -----	\$ 180.00



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Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 500.00
Redfield Direct LLC, supply -----	\$ 356.54
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,099.27
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 342.73
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 2,804.77
Walmart Community, repair/supply -----	\$ 270.21
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$13,624.59
Ace Irrigation, culverts -----	\$ 3,067.20
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,241.82
Phillip Dixon, Hwy. Supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
EIA, LLC, grave -----	\$ 2,219.49
Eco Guard, building repair -----	\$10,672.00
Frenchman Valley Coop, repair -----	\$ 23.79
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 254.49
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 898.80
League Builders Supply, fence supply -----	\$ 136.72
NE Dept. Rev., motor fuels, tax return -----	\$ 684.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 704.68
O'Brien Electric, Inc., repair -----	\$ 1,550.24
Odiss Enterprises LLC, repair -----	\$ 322.00
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,025.45
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 34.78
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 51.40
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 103.88
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 135.80

ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM:

Ace Irrigation, culverts -----	\$30,705.00
Norfolk Contracting, C004402305P replacement -----	\$82,726.51

REGISTER O DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 130.97
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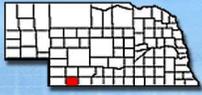
E911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 488.49
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 34.81
BRIN, network connection -----	\$ 2,280.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 154.26
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 10.99
NRIN, network connection -----	\$ 720.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.



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A public hearing was opened a 10:00 a.m. to consider an amendment to Hitchcock County, Nebraska's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines Reuse Plan, ceasing any future owner-occupied housing rehabilitation activities and the return of program income funds held by Hitchcock County to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. County Treasurer Jackie Drain joined the meeting. No additional parties were present and no written communications were received for consideration.

Vice Chair asked for comments in favor of amending the reuse plan so as to discontinue the program and return program income and recapture funds to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Vice Chair asked for comments against. Vice Chair asked for comments from a neutral position. Vice Chair Wertz moved to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and McDonald. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #20-13 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 and Wertz. Nichols, Absent. 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 20-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTING AMENDEMENT OF ITS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS PROGRAM TO DISCONTINUE THE HOUSING PROGRAM AND CEASING ANY HOUSING TYPE ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", is a duly organized county, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska, and as such is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for small cities community development block grant program; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has conducted a public hearing concerning amending its current CDBG Reuse Plan to discontinue the program and return program income and recapture funds to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("NDED"); and

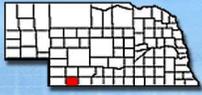
WHEREAS, COUNTY has considered all citizen input, testimony and comments on community development and housing needs provided at said public hearing, and there being no objection to discontinuing the program, and now finds it appropriate to amend its current CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Funds Program so as to discontinue the housing program and return the program income and recapture funds to NDED accordingly.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners that COUNTY's current CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Funds Program be amended so as to discontinue the program and return program income and recapture funds to NDED, and COUNTY will adhere to the amended CDBG Reuse Plan as approved by NDED, and all program income and recapture funds held or received by COUNTY in relation to its current CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Funds Program shall be returned to NDED accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairman be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all documents or other memoranda necessary between Hitchcock County and NDED so as to effect acceptance of said amendment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the current housing program guidelines continue to be in full force and effect as to any and all currently existing projects and loans.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of July, 2020.



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Ron Wertz, Vice Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz and McDonald

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Nichols

Member McDonald offered Resolution #20-14 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 and McDonald. Nichols, Absent. 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 #20-14

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

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is advised that the Relief Fund #1500 and the Solid Waste Fund #0101 (Clerk's fund descriptions)/Relief Fund #1500 and County Sinking Trash Fund #0101 (Treasurer's fund descriptions), are no longer required to be a separate fund within COUNTY fiscal operations; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is desirous of transferring any and all remaining balances in Treasurer's Fund #1500, the Relief Fund and #0101 the County Sinking Trash Fund to Fund #100, the Hitchcock County General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Board is desirous of establishing a Relief Fund and Solid Waste Fund line item in the Miscellaneous General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer the current balances and any future collections in the Treasurer's Relief Fund #1500 and in the Treasurer's County Sinking Trash Fund #0101, into the Hitchcock County General Fund #100 and to close Funds #1500 and #0101; and

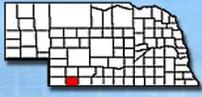
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners shall establish Relief and Solid Waste line items within the County Miscellaneous General Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th, day of July, 2020.

Wertz, Vice Chair

Ron

ATTEST:



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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz and McDonald

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Nichols

Member McDonald moved to direct Vice Chair to execute a sworn statement in proof of loss and settlement agreement with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) regarding damage resulting from the August 13, 2019 storm. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and McDonald. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Vice Chair to execute a letter to National Insurance Services relating to cancellation of life coverages as said coverages have moved back to the Nebraska Association of County Official's pool effective March 1, 2020. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion. Wertz and McDonald. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

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

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner \$22,550.00; County Clerk \$51,250.00; Chief Deputy Clerk \$36,340.16; Deputy Clerk \$32,623.36; County Attorney \$51,250.00; County Sheriff \$61,500.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff \$47,283.56; Deputy Sheriff's \$44,596.76; County Treasurer \$51,250.00; County Assessor \$51,250.00; Chief Deputy Assessor \$34,222.48; Extension Office Manager \$30,237.04; Veteran's Service Officer \$21,721.44; NIRMA Contact Person \$1,028.42.

HOURLY WAGES

Attorney Legal Assistant \$18.93; Treasurer Clerical \$16.02/ \$15.65; Assessor Clerical Part Time \$13.25; Road Maintenance \$16.50/\$19.81; Part Time Road Maintenance \$12.00/\$16.00; Janitorial \$17.22; Weed Superintendent \$16.83; Dispatcher Jailer \$16.91/ 17.26; Permanent Part Time Dispatcher Jailer \$16.59; Part Time Dispatcher Jailer \$15.98; Zoning Administrator \$19.30; Planning Commission Secretary \$11.83.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$1,089 from Vrbas Auction Service for the sale of surplus supply inventory and the same was credited to the Road Fund.

The Sheriff's Second Quarter 2020 Report was on file.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 20th, 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: Wertz and McDonald. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Ron Wertz, Vice Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk