



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 21st, 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 21st, day of December, 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 Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the December 21st, 2020 agenda; Approval of the December 7th, 2020 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, 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: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$52,632.27
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,021.81
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,179.82
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$17,882.56
Capital Business Systems, lease -----	\$ 28.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,282.30
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 60.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/service contract -----	\$ 1,252.05
Lindemeier Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 325.00
Sur Enterprises, supply -----	\$ 1,878.37
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 315.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,126.76
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment, uniform supply -----	\$ 137.89
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 248.40
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 108.50
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 216.99
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,685.79
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 100.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00



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Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,216.09
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 1,527.27
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 12.52
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medications -----	\$ 359.63
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,527.02
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 350.24
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 181.70

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,051.09
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 519.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 213.12
BS&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 2,083.72
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair -----	\$ 15.00
C&K Distributors, repair -----	\$ 53.24
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,428.13
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 1,800.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 257.05
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 6,433.40
Michael Todd & Co., Inc., signs -----	\$ 1,099.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 15.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 489.37
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 1,165.15
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 2,769.59
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas -----	\$ 1,472.95
Sensel Welding & Repair, supply -----	\$ 96.90
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 147.06
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 66.26

911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 199.84
Frontier Communications, trunk overflow -----	\$ 23.70
Great Plains Comm., circuit/data base cost -----	\$ 52.23

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 63.11
Frontier Communications, trunk overflow -----	\$ 7.49
Great Plains Comm., circuit/data base cost -----	\$ 16.50

Member Nichols offered Resolution #20-26 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, 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 NO. 20-26

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and



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WHEREAS, on September 8th, 2020, the County adopted the 2020/2021 Hitchcock County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Board budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2020/2021 fiscal year as follows: \$200,000.00 for a capital purchase and \$631,750 for other operational expenses accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the County Board budgeted an expenditure in the Road Fund (Line item 0300-705-5-0307) entitled Motor Graders and Loaders; and

WHEREAS, on October 19th, 2020 the County Board purchased a 2020 Caterpillar 140-15 AWD motor grader in the amount of \$206,050.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County Road Fund for the purpose of paying for said motor grader.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st Day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers and Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp joined the meeting. EM Myers provided an update on COVID cases in the area, the rollout of vaccines, current directed health measures, reimbursements through the COVID Cares Act, the National Weather Service outlook forecast that the area will continue in a major to extreme drought range for the next year, and program grant funding. EM Myers advised as to Interlocal Agreement for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

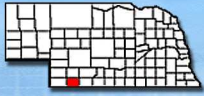
Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement For An Update To The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by and between Hayes, Hitchcock and Frontier counties. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting. Various road and bridge projects were discussed.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member McDonald moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Berexco, for an underground electric line across Road 355 located .3 mile south from intersection of 3rd Ave. and Road 355. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Carol Adams and Dennis Nowka relating to oil royalty and working interest tax statements. Although unavailable due to illness, Assessor Riggs provided information



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received from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division relating to Title 350, Chapter 13, Mineral Interests Regulations.

Discussion held on the possibility of developing a black tailed prairie dog management program. County Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Discussion held on the current postage meter lease. Clerk Pollmann advised to the cost of upgrading the current system and the necessity for an internet connection should the equipment be upgraded. Discussion also held regarding the frequency of outside drop box collections.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2021 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