

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 19th, 2021

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 Tuesday, the 19th, day of January, 2021 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Paul Nichols 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.

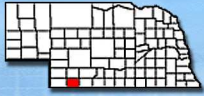
The floor was opened for nominations for Chair for calendar year 2021. Member Wertz nominated Paul Nichols. The nomination was seconded by McDonald. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Paul Nichols for Chair for calendar year 2021 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: McDonald and Wertz. Member Nichols abstained. Motion carried and Paul Nichols was declared Chair for 2021.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair for calendar year 2021. Member McDonald nominated Ron Wertz. The nomination was seconded by Nichols. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Ron Wertz for Vice Chair for calendar year 2021 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Nichols and McDonald. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried and Ron Wertz was declared Vice Chair for 2021.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approval of the January 19th, 2021 agenda
- Approval of the January 4th, 2021 meeting minutes
- Designating regular meeting days as the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, unless Monday is a holiday, then Tuesday is the regular meeting day
- Designating Hitchcock County News and the McCook Daily Gazette as official newspapers for 2021.
- Designating the County's website, <http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov> in addition to publication in official newspapers as a method of providing notices
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County's representative on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Board for 2021
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County representative on the West Central Nebraska Area Agency Board with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2021
- Appointment of Ron Wertz as County representative to the West Central Nebraska Development District with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2021
- Note perpetual appointment of Scott McDonald to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Directors

Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.



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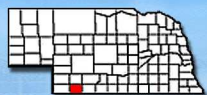
Member Nichols moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$52,731.80
Adams Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 24.49
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
Clerk Dist. Court Assn., dues -----	\$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,227.38
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 1,656.32
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 419.90
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,005.85
Fastenal Industrial & Const. Supply, supply -----	\$ 259.00
Surh Enterprises, supply -----	\$ 513.87
Goodwin Siegfried, LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 160.00
Beryl Gummere, prior service -----	\$ 48.00
Hall County Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 38.57
Willa Mae Hawkinson, prior service -----	\$ 60.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 12.00
Betty Horinek, prior service -----	\$ 132.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 269.68
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 20.40
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 108.50
Midwest Special Services, prisoner transport -----	\$ 324.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,912.23
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,678.03
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 101.44
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,403.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, emergency management contract -----	\$ 6,716.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,213.61
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 524.67
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical, inmate script. -----	\$ 458.22
US Bank, anti virus -----	\$ 42.19
DLL Enterprises, bldg. repair -----	\$ 209.98
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 350.24
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 325.83
Donald D. Wilson, audit fee -----	\$ 7,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$14,435.08
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AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 519.00
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 213.12
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 2,083.72
C&K Distributors, supply -----	\$ 9.98
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,137.20
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.50
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 3,778.26
League Builders Supply, supply -----	\$ 128.57
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 15.50
NE Dept. of Revenue – Motor Fuels, tax -----	\$ 548.00
NE Dept. Revenue, state tax -----	\$ 642.69
NE Truck Center, repair -----	\$ 9,828.78
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 5,734.24
Prairie States Comm., repair -----	\$ 251.60
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,827.01
Rippen Oil, fuel -----	\$ 126.30
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 717.80
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 40.20
Stampede Supply LLC, ties -----	\$ 84.00
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 78.88
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.00
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 66.26

REGISTER OF DEEDS P & M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 130.97
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E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 726.19
Frontier Comm., trunk chg. -----	\$ 25.98
Geo-Comm., data hub -----	\$ 801.00

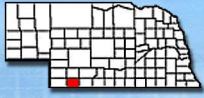
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 229.32
Frontier Comm., trunk chg. -----	\$ 8.21

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the 2021 Employment Contract of Phillip W. Dixon for highway superintendent services and the appointment of Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent for 2021.

Member Nichols moved to appoint Phillip W. Dixon, holding License# S-793 (Class A), as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent and to direct Chair to execute the 2021 Employment Contract with Phillip W. Dixon for calendar year 2021 for the term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint the following to the Hitchcock County Safety Committee for 2021: Chair: Kyle Clapp, Members Rod Rooney, Karen Wertz, Larry Hubl, Roy Edmundson and Scott McDonald. Member



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Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #21-1 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, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #21-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioner's of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that during the year 2021 and for all remainder of the term of Jackie Drain, as County Treasurer and Margaret M. Pollmann, as County Clerk ex officio Clerk of the District Court, or until further directed by the Board, that the following named banks shall be depositories for the funds of Hitchcock County, Nebraska:

Community First Bank	The Culbertson Bank	MNB Stratton, NE
P.O. Box 338	P.O. Box 8	PO Box 367
Trenton, NE 69044-0338	Culbertson, NE 69024-0008	Stratton, NE 69043-0367

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the County Treasurer and County Clerk/Clerk of the District Court have on hand and will have on hand from time to time for deposit, County money which should be deposited for safekeeping in these banks in excess of the paid-up capital stock and surplus of each of the said banks, but shall not at any time have in said banks County funds in excess of 102% of the bonds deposited by each bank as security plus the \$250,000.00 demand deposit and the \$250,000.00 time deposit covered and protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of which the bank is a licensed and qualified member thereof. In the event of demand deposits, for the Hitchcock County Clerk's Imprest Fund being over \$250,000.00 the receiving bank will furnish securities to cover the additional deposits. Provided that the aforesaid banks each and all of them meet the requirement imposed by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding property bond and securities for the deposits made in said banks.

Passed and approved this 19th, day of January, 2021.

Chair, Hitchcock County Board of
Commissioners

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

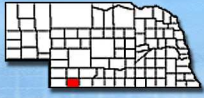
VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member Wertz offered Resolution #21-2 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, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all



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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 #21-2

WHEREAS, it appears that the County Treasurer of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, has on hand, from time to time, excess monies which are not then required for the proper operation of the government of said Hitchcock County;

AND WHEREAS it is for the best interest of said Hitchcock County that such monies be invested in various investments for the benefit and welfare of said County, which investments should be made as provided by the law of the State of Nebraska.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the County Treasurer of said Hitchcock County be and she hereby is authorized to invest excess monies of said County, from time to time, in such investments as may be required and permitted by the laws of Nebraska, and to rescind any and all former resolution of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict therewith.

DATED THIS 19th, day of January, 2021.

Chair, Hitchcock County Board of
Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

SEAL

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

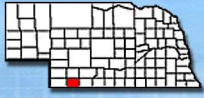
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member McDonald offered Resolution #21-3 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, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #21-3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HTICHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, for the use and benefit, and in the name of the said County of Hitchcock, will not advertise ANY SUCH KNOWN real estate property descriptions that are deeded to persons who have declared



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a form of bankruptcy with the United States bankruptcy Court as of the date of publication of delinquent real estate taxes. Publication dates will be February 4th, 2021 and February 11th, 2021.

LET IT ALSO BE KNOWN that as of this date the Treasurer has not received notification of discharge of any of the bankruptcies not being published.

A list of such legal descriptions being withheld from publication will be on file in the County Treasurer’s office, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Dated this 19th, ay of January, 2021.

Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

SEAL

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

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Member Nichols offered Resolution #21-4 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:

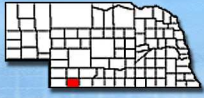
RESOLUTION #21-4

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-106 (1), the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners shall manage the COUNTY’s funds and COUNTY business, except as otherwise specifically provided; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is desirous of adopting a Banking Resolution for banking transactions by and between the COUNTY, acting by and through its various officers and the Community First Bank (hereinafter called BANK) 339 Main Street, PO Box 338, Trenton, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:



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1. That the BANK is hereby designated as a depository for funds of the COUNTY and also for the funds of other persons or entities coming into the hands of the COUNTY's officials pursuant to their official duties, and that the elected or appointed officials of said COUNTY as specifically designated herein, and each of them, hereby are authorized to open or otherwise maintain such account(s) with the BANK, as said elected or appointed officials deem necessary to carry out their respective official duties on behalf of and for the COUNTY, and to execute such agreements as shall be required by the BANK and subject to rules and regulations of the BANK governing such accounts.
2. That, subject to the special instructions set forth herein, if any, or as otherwise authorized by law, any of the following persons are authorized and empowered to deal generally with the BANK with respect to the following specified accounts:

Jaelyn B. Drain, Hitchcock County Treasurer

- Hitchcock County Treasurer #XXX-XX9
- Money Market #XXXXX5
- CDBG Housing Fund #XXX-XX9
- Community Development Fund #XXX-XX8

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock County Clerk

- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8
- Hitchcock County Clerk # XXX-XX3
- Hitchcock County Clerk of the District Court # XXX-XX7
- Hitchcock County Payroll #XXX-XX8

Linda K. Smith, Hitchcock County Court Clerk Magistrate

- Hitchcock County Court # XXX-XX9

D. Eugene Garner, Hitchcock County Attorney

- Hitchcock County Attorney # XXX-XX2

D. Bryan Leggott, Hitchcock County Sheriff

- Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4

Robert A. Scott, Hitchcock County Veteran's Service Office

- Hitchcock County Veteran's Aid Fund # XXX-XX6
- Hitchcock County American Legion #XXX-001

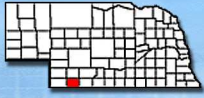
Paul A. Nichols, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #1

Ronald L. Wertz, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #2

Scott McDonald, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #3

- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8

and to designate from time to time themselves and such other deputy official(s) to (1) sign, on behalf of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or withdrawal orders drawn upon such accounts; and (2) to endorse in the name of the COUNTY and to deposit in such accounts money, checks and other instruments for payment of moneys, which endorsements may be by stamp without designation of the person endorsing, and in connection therewith certify to the BANK the specimen signatures on any signature card.



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3. That notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the BANK is authorized to honor instruments for the payment from, and to charge the same to, the Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8 account ONLY upon proper authorized signature(s) of:
 - A) one (1) County Commissioner, as either chairman or vice-chairman or acting chairman, AND
 - B) the County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk.
4. That of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or money orders when signed by those persons so designated, whether or not (1) payable or endorsed to the person signing; or (2) paid or applied for the benefit of the persons signing.
5. That this resolution shall be certified to the BANK together with specimen signatures of the persons named herein and said certification shall continue in force until express written notice of rescission or modification has been received by the BANK.
6. That the original signature card(s) pertaining to said accounts of the COUNTY and bearing the true specimen signature(s) of the persons named and otherwise authorized hereby shall be on file with the BANK.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th, day of January, 2021.

Voting for the motion: Scott McDonald, Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

The resolution is hereby adopted.

Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

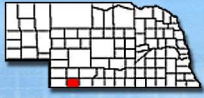
SEAL

Member Wertz moved to appoint Aaron Kolbet to a three (3) year terms (expiring 1-24) on the Hitchcock County Planning Commission. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to appoint Paul Forch, Alex Pollmann and Paul Dwyer to three (3) year terms (expiring 1-24) Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Chris Williamson as alternate member on the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment to a three year term (expiring 1-24). Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-1114.09 “The salary of one full-time deputy of the various county offices shall not be less than sixty-five percent of the county officer’s salary.” The Board finds that all Hitchcock County Chief deputy base salaries are in compliance with said statute.



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Member McDonald moved to approve the 2019/2020 County Audit Report. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried. A copy of the 2019/2020 Audit Report is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair executed the 2020 Activity Report of Weed Superintendent William Hagemann.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute a letter to Hitch and Hay Public Transit regarding the County's intentions regarding future funding. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of an application for investment of funds for the year 2021 from Union Bank and Trust.

Board acknowledged receipt of a Deed of Conservation Easement by Clint R. and Kayla M. Schafer and will refer the same to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §76-2,112.

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

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$68,532.34 for Cares Act Reimbursement.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols 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:

Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk