



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

February 2, 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 1st, day of February, 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.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the January 19th, 2021 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.

The Board is deeply saddened by the sudden loss of long time Hitchcock County Sheriff D. Bryan Leggott on Friday, January 29th. He was a true public servant and his dedication and professionalism was unsurpassed. He will be truly missed.

Member McDonald moved to amend the agenda of the February 1, 2021 meeting to include discussion and consideration on the vacancy in the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff, the same being of an emergency nature. Member Wertz 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 February 1, 2021 agenda as amended. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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 -----	\$10,711.31
Blue360 Media, law library -----	\$ 162.75
Planning Comm. & Board of Adj. member per diem/mileage -----	\$ 252.92
Bryan Medical Center, inmate medical -----	\$ 79.23
Chuck Burr, mileage -----	\$ 54.13
Chase Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 42.78
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,171.27
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 30.70
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 14.60
Lindemeier Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 100.00



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Franklin Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 29.80
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,116.76
MIPS, Inc., supply -----	\$ 16.00
NE County Attorneys Assoc., dues/registration -----	\$ 515.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 391.33
Postage -----	\$ 500.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 371.00
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,556.76
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 37.19
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 44.18
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 427.25
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 164.45
911 Custom, supply -----	\$ 213.45

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,348.19
Barco Municipal Products, supply -----	\$ 167.21
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,085.70
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 255.70
Heartland New Holland, repair -----	\$ 1,054.85
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT drug testing -----	\$ 35.00
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 97.46
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 272.54
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 2,437.97
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,167.69
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 6,043.50
US Bank, tools -----	\$ 103.34
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 149.98
Yellow Engine Service, repair -----	\$ 5,750.00

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 52.23
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 16.50
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NIRMA Contact Karen Wertz advised as to the County's liability coverage's and that there were no claims filed in the calendar year 2020.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Chief Deputy Sheriff Ronald Daugherty also joined the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the vacancy of the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff. Attorney Garner advised that pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §32-563, possession of all things pertaining to the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff shall be taken, and the functions of said office are to be exercised by, Chief Deputy Daugherty until a permanent successor to the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff has been duly appointed by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #21-5 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: Nichols, Wertz, 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 #21-5

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, on January 19, 2021, the COUNTY adopted 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, to wit: **Resolution #21-4**; and

WHEREAS, due to the death of Hitchcock County Sheriff D. Bryan Leggott on January 29, 2021, it is necessary for the COUNTY to amend said Resolution as it pertains to the account of the Hitchcock County Sheriff #XXX-XX4 at the BANK.

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

That **Resolution #21-4** is hereby amended as it relates to said Hitchcock County Sheriff account #XXX-XX4 as follows:

That, subject to the special instructions set forth herein, if any, or as otherwise authorized by law, the following person(s) is authorized and empowered to deal generally with the BANK with respect to the following specified account:

Ronald E. Daugherty, Hitchcock County Chief Deputy Sheriff

- *Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4*

and to designate from time to time himself and such other deputy official(s) to (1) sign, on behalf of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or withdrawal orders drawn upon said account; and (2) to endorse in the name of the COUNTY and to deposit in said account 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said **Resolution #21-4** is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects except as specifically as amended herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 1st day of February, 2021.

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

ABSTAINING: None.

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chairman
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Member McDonald moved to solicit applications from qualified candidates holding a current Nebraska Law Enforcement certification for the vacant office of Hitchcock County Sheriff for the unexpired term of said office ending January 5, 2023, with applications to be received by the Hitchcock County Clerk's office by 9:00 a.m. CT on March 12th, 2021. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered Region 51 Emergency Management's quarterly report.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the agreement by and between the County and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation on Project STP-25-1 (111) for tie out County Surveyor tie out services on Highway 25. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on possible county prairie dog control plan.

Member McDonald moved to compensate Chief Deputy Sheriff Ronald E. Daugherty an additional \$1,000.00 per month for performance of the County Sheriff duties until a successor is appointed and sworn into office as Hitchcock County Sheriff. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 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: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk