

# Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

April 19, 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 Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2021 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald, 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](http://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 Paul 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 April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 agenda and the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. 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, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$53,154.33
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 987.91
Applied Connective Technologies, email accounts -----	\$ 77.50
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,179.82
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$17,882.56
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 461.47
Bud’s Tire Repair, tires -----	\$ 231.00
Capital Business Systems, lease -----	\$ 28.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 136.45
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,549.80
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 104.61
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 60.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 62.45
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 228.58
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,087.26
Lindemeier Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 3,845.66
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 635.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,181.87
ICS, jail provisions -----	\$ 166.90
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.00
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 224.00



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Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 20.50
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 108.50
Midwest Special Services, prisoner transport -----	\$ 712.50
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 3,048.57
NE Assoc. Extension Boards, dues -----	\$ 100.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,747.82
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Redfield Direct, LLC, supply -----	\$ 487.63
Region II Human Services, 1/4 assessment -----	\$ 2,746.58
Region II Services, 1/4 assessment -----	\$ 2,806.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, emergency management contract -----	\$ 6,716.75
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,281.79
Rippen Oil, tires -----	\$ 564.00
Shredding Solutions, services -----	\$ 77.04
Trails West Texaco, 1184 meeting -----	\$ 18.98
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate script. -----	\$ 217.63
Van Diest Supply Co., grounds supply -----	\$ 497.85
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 265.19
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,167.44
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 341.66
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 323.68
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00

## **ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,006.47
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 30.57
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 519.00
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 263.58
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 3,474.58
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 229.61
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 135.91
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,355.51
Kerwin L. Propp, repair -----	\$ 160.00
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.50
Danielson Tech Supply, repair -----	\$ 1,291.25
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 4,834.70
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 258.68
JD Skiles Co., repair -----	\$ 6.77
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 7,512.90
League Builders Supply, supply -----	\$ 63.29
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT Testing -----	\$ 35.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 23.25
Mobile Welding, service -----	\$ 332.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 490.77
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 750.69
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,552.04
Richards Gravel Pit., gravel -----	\$ 4,131.00
Rippen Oil, fuel -----	\$ 64.90



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SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 1,434.37
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/tools -----	\$ 87.88
Stratton Country Market, supply -----	\$ 15.00
Triple S. Rope LLC, tow ropes -----	\$ 763.38
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.16
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 155.06
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 83.35
83 Repair, repair -----	\$ 709.33

### REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 409.99
Frontier Communications, service -----	\$ 25.98
GEO-Comm., Inc., annual maint. contract -----	\$ 4,697.56
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 52.23

### 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service,-----	\$ 129.47
Frontier Communications, service -----	\$ 8.21
GEO-Comm., Inc., annual maint. contract -----	\$ 1,483.44
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 16.50

County Attorney, D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

NIRMA Contact Karen Wertz presented the NIRMA Road Maintenance Safety manual. Board referred said manual to the Hitchcock County Safety committee for review and recommendation.

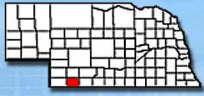
Eric Kamler with Congressman Adrian Smith’s office joined the meeting via phone conference and provided an update on congressional happenings. Q&A held on 30 x 30, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and stimulus funds.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon presented a traffic study relating to Road 376 and 722 and board officially acknowledged the same. Attorney Garner advised as to past Board actions on Road 124. Extensive discussion held possible road closure. No action taken on proposed Resolution #21-12 at this time.

Possible Bridge Match Program projects were discussed.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Public Defender Renewal Agreement by and between the County and Ryan R. Wilcox for the term 6-1-21 through 6-1-23. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #21-13 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, 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:



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## RESOLUTION #21-13

**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:**

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 #XXXXXX5
- 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

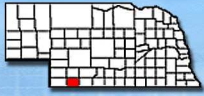
- Hitchcock County Court # XXX-XX9

D. Eugene Garner, Hitchcock County Attorney

- Hitchcock County Attorney # XXX-XX2

Gerry L. Hunter, Hitchcock County Sheriff

- Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4



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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.

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 19<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 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.

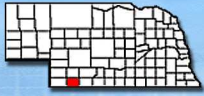
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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

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The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated April 12, 2021 from Jon Schroeder, counsel for the Village of Stratton certifying that the Village of Stratton does not exercise zoning jurisdiction over the real estate described as the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 2, Range 35 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Hitchcock County, Nebraska that being the proposed site for a cellular communications monopole tower.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk