

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
May 17th, 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 17th, day of May, 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. 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.

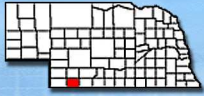
Chair Paul Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the May 17th, 2021 agenda and the May 3rd, 2021 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

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| General Fund Payroll ----- | \$52,550.50 |
| AFLAC, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 987.91 |
| Applied Connective Tech., email domain/accounts ----- | \$ 155.00 |
| BC&BS, dental ins. ----- | \$ 1,252.72 |
| BC&BS, health ins. ----- | \$18,580.56 |
| Bosselman Energy, propane ----- | \$ 1,481.72 |
| Capital Business Systems, lease ----- | \$ 28.00 |
| Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 136.45 |
| Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- | \$17,216.29 |
| Cornhusker State Industries, inmate provisions ----- | \$ 97.50 |
| DAS State Accounting, data process. ----- | \$ 184.48 |
| Eakes Office Solutions, supply ----- | \$ 165.94 |
| Harvest Homes, LLC, repair ----- | \$ 150.00 |
| Farmers Co-op, fuel ----- | \$ 1,303.66 |
| Garrisons McCook Lettering, shirts ----- | \$ 61.34 |
| Suhr Enterprises, supply ----- | \$ 961.04 |
| Great Plains Comm., service ----- | \$ 1,133.45 |
| Gworks, WebGIS subscription ----- | \$ 8,900.00 |
| Hitchcock Co. Court, costs ----- | \$ 50.00 |
| MASA, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 56.00 |
| Scott McDonald, mileage ----- | \$ 253.68 |
| Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees ----- | \$ 108.50 |



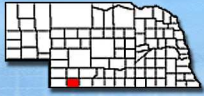
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| MIPS, Inc., data process. ----- | \$ 1,960.82 |
| NACO, registrations ----- | \$ 240.00 |
| NACO, dues ----- | \$ 1,200.42 |
| NE Co. Attorney's Assoc., dues/registration ----- | \$ 515.00 |
| NE Dept. Rev., state tax ----- | \$ 2,684.48 |
| New York Life, life ins. ----- | \$ 75.00 |
| Office Service Inc., supply ----- | \$ 240.56 |
| Postage ----- | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Quadient Leasing USA, lease ----- | \$ 241.80 |
| Quill Corp., supply ----- | \$ 1,338.94 |
| Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees ----- | \$ 22.13 |
| Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement ----- | \$ 8,124.27 |
| Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel ----- | \$ 139.00 |
| Robert Scott, meals/mileage ----- | \$ 369.11 |
| Total Turf, lawn care ----- | \$ 700.00 |
| Trails West Texaco, fuel ----- | \$ 33.05 |
| USave Pharmacy, inmate medical ----- | \$ 80.18 |
| US Bank, supply/anti-virus ----- | \$ 200.42 |
| Village of Trenton, utility ----- | \$ 1,101.39 |
| VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ----- | \$ 341.66 |
| Ron Wertz, mileage ----- | \$ 194.88 |
| West Central NE Development Dist., dues ----- | \$ 2,730.00 |
| Wireless Inet, service ----- | \$ 150.00 |

ROAD FUND:

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| Road Fund Payroll ----- | \$ 11,973.59 |
| AKRS Equipment, repair ----- | \$ 408.06 |
| AFLAC, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 519.00 |
| BC & BS, dental ins. ----- | \$ 263.58 |
| BC&BS, health ins. ----- | \$ 3,474.58 |
| Bosselman Energy, fuel/propane/supply ----- | \$ 9,412.08 |
| Brooks Construction, repair ----- | \$ 520.00 |
| Bud's Tire Repair, repair ----- | \$ 50.00 |
| C&K Dist., supply ----- | \$ 125.26 |
| Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- | \$ 3,324.48 |
| Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ----- | \$ 20.50 |
| Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/bridge inspections ----- | \$ 1,150.00 |
| Farmers Coop, fuel ----- | \$ 4,623.74 |
| Great Plains Comm., service ----- | \$ 257.73 |
| Ramsey Harders, repair ----- | \$ 75.25 |
| JA Automotive, repair ----- | \$ 198.74 |
| Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ----- | \$ 13,484.00 |
| League Builders Supply, supply ----- | \$ 53.47 |
| Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees ----- | \$ 23.25 |
| Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, survey ----- | \$ 527.25 |
| NE Dept. Revenue, state tax ----- | \$ 484.29 |
| Powerplan JD Financial, repair ----- | \$ 2,152.17 |
| Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement ----- | \$ 1,544.35 |
| Richards Gravel Pit, gravel ----- | \$ 14,364.00 |



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| Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel ----- | \$ 111.40 |
| Sensel Welding & Repair, repair ----- | \$ 65.00 |
| SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/tools ----- | \$ 119.97 |
| Stratton Auto Parts, repair ----- | \$ 144.84 |
| Village of Culbertson, utility ----- | \$ 50.16 |
| Village of Trenton, utility ----- | \$ 155.38 |
| VSP Insurance, vision ins. ----- | \$ 83.35 |

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

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| CenturyLink, service ----- | \$ 1,666.67 |
| Frontier Communications, service ----- | \$ 25.99 |

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

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| CenturyLink, service ----- | \$ 533.34 |
| Frontier Communications, service ----- | \$ 8.20 |

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting. Discussion held on placement of regulatory, warning and advisory signs on county roads. Various road and bridge projects were discussed.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #20-14 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, McDonald, 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 #21-14

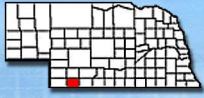
WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners desires to provide maximum protection to the users of roads in Hitchcock County; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Commissioners acknowledges the State of Nebraska has adopted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as published by the Federal highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Manual of Local Control Devices which states, local authorities in their respective jurisdiction shall place and maintain the traffic control devices on roads under their jurisdiction as they deem necessary to indicate and to carry out local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn or guide traffic. All traffic control devices erected shall conform to the manual and specifications; and

WHEREAS, official recognition of the proper position of warning types of signs is required to provide legal enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent, has performed and presented a traffic study on the North ¼ mile of Road 376 between Sections Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), Township Four (4), Range Thirty-one (31) and Road 722 between Sections Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-six (26), Township



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Four (4), Range Thirty-one (31) West of the 6th P.M. in Hitchcock County, Nebraska and for the permanent placement of warning speed limit signs on said roads accordingly; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, the board is desirous of placing and maintaining 25 MPH warning speed limit signs 600 feet South and 600 feet East of the common intersection of Road #376 and Road #722 in Township Four (4) North, Range Thirty-one (31) West of the 6th P.M. Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that permanent 25 MPH warning speed limit signs shall be placed and maintained 600 feet South and 600 feet East of the common intersection of Road #376 and Road #722 in Township Four (4) North, Range Thirty-one (31) West of the 6th P.M. Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th, day of May, 2021, at Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

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

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

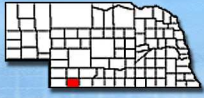
Sheriff Gerry Hunter met with the board regarding pickup bids. Attorney Garners advised as to the bidding process.

Motion by Wertz to solicit sealed bids for one new sheriff patrol unit. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct chair to execute the *Product Lease Agreement* by and between the County and Quadient Leasing for an IX-3 Series Base with Integrated 5lb weighing platform (postage meter). 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 direct Chair to execute the 2021 Blue Cross & Blue Shield Subgroup Application. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members vote in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the 2021 Mid-American Benefits, LLC Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.



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Clerk Pollmann advised as to redistricting services

Member Nichols moved to authorize Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers to sign the AlertSense, Inc. Master Service Agreement on behalf of the County regarding mass notification systems within the County for a three year period. Member Wertz 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 a letter signed by Governor Pete Ricketts and others and addressed to President Joseph Biden relating to Executive Order 14008 addressing 30 x 30 program.

Discussion held on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 7th, 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, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk