

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

October 18, 2021

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 18th day of October, 2021 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.

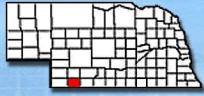
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the October 18th, 2021 Agenda and approval of the October 4th, 2021 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 -----	\$51,474.95
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 851.52
Applied Connective Technologies, email domaine -----	\$ 70.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,179.82
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$18,469.10
Board of Adjustment 10-4-21 meeting per diem/mileage -----	\$ 111.96
Clerk of the District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 36.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,919.53
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 60.00
Daake Law Office LLC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 120.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 108.50
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copies -----	\$ 490.25
Family Resource Center, budgeting funding -----	\$ 3,500.00
Farmers Coop, fuel/repair/supply -----	\$ 2,032.92
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 30.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supply -----	\$ 175.27
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 114.00
JA Automotive & Repair, repair -----	\$ 115.21
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, lodging -----	\$ 199.90
Lord's Inc., jail washing machine -----	\$ 803.00



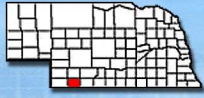
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MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 190.96
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,669.16
NE Weed Control Assoc., regist. -----	\$ 120.00
Nebraska.gov, subscription -----	\$ 100.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paradise Ammo Shack, ammunition -----	\$ 540.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 241.47
Prairies States Comm., repair -----	\$ 103.75
Red Willow Dental, inmate dental -----	\$ 2,025.00
Region II Services, 1/4 assessment -----	\$ 1,439.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, Emergency Mgmt. Interlocal -----	\$ 7,219.88
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,969.89
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 1,213.00
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 745.01
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,160.80
Trails West Texaco, supply/1184 meal -----	\$ 51.08
Laken Vrbas, blood draws -----	\$ 375.00
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 334.49
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 277.20
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, dues -----	\$ 2,142.32
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,974.45
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 496.90
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 314.04
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,309.44
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply -----	\$ 48.59
Bud's Tire Repair, repair -----	\$ 50.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,303.18
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 20.50
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 23.25
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 4,352.59
Hagan Transport LLC, repair -----	\$ 217.40
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel -----	\$ 3,294.61
League Builders Supply Inc., tools -----	\$ 6.29
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
NE Dept. Revenue, state tax -----	\$ 480.48
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 1,374.24
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,557.87
Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel/repair -----	\$ 373.30
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/tools -----	\$ 708.64
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 9.14
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.62
VSP Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 83.35



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Heidi Wheeler, Assistant Director with Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department offered the agency's annual report and update.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed the agreement with Lutz & Company, PC relating to SLFRF funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and possible consulting fee cost sharing with Hayes County on the same.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. Chair asked for comments in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments opposing the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments from a neutral position. Chair asked if there were any further comments. There were none and the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 10:07 a.m.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #21-22 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols 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 #21-22

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION & APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ONE & SIX YEAR PLAN FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD & STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

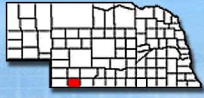
WHEREAS, Hitchcock County annually develops a One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road and Street Improvements in Hitchcock County, Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 39-2115 to 39-2117, and 39-2119; and **WHEREAS**, a legal Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was published in the *Hitchcock County News* on October 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov on September 21st, 2021.

WHEREAS, a copy of said Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was mailed for posting to the following four (4) locations: US Post Office, 402 Main Street, Trenton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 105 North Main Street, Palisade, Nebraska; US Post Office, 310 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska; and US Post Office, 408 Wyoming, Culbertson, Nebraska on September 22nd, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements has been duly published and posted and is hereby approved and adopted as submitted, without change.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2021.



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Paul Nichols

Ron Wertz

Scott McDonald

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by McCook Public Power District for an underground utility to be located under Road 363 from the SW¹/₄ of Section 2, Township 1, Range 33 to the NW¹/₄ of Section 11, Township 1, Range 33. Member McDonald 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 approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by McCook Public Power District for an underground utility to be located under Road 704 in the SW¹/₄ of Section 22, Township 1, Range 32. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Shaun Smith for an underground water line to be located under Road 711 in the SE¹/₄ of Section 18, Township 2, Range 31. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

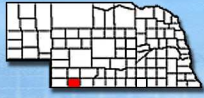
Member Nichols offered Resolution #21-23 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of 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 NO. 21-23

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock is the owner and holder of four (4) certificates of Tax Sale, to wit: County Tax Sale Certificates #COTS3118, COTS3218, COTS3318, COTS4418 on parcels of real estate, issued to the County of Hitchcock for all delinquent regular taxes thereof, and which, having been regularly advertised and offered for sale at tax sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders, was sold to the County of Hitchcock and a Certificate of Tax Sale issued thereon under provisions of *NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTES, §77-1809*; and

WHEREAS, time for redemption has elapsed since the issuance of such respective certificate of tax sale and by reason thereof the right of redemption of the owner or claimant of such respective tract has expired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Attorney be, and he is hereby directed as promptly under the circumstances as it is reasonably possible to do, to institute action to foreclose



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the lien on all taxes delinquent, whether regular or special, on all real estate within Hitchcock County, Nebraska, which, having been heretofore advertised and offered for sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders were sold to the County of Hitchcock, and Certificates of Tax Sale issued thereon.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2021.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Sheriff Gerry Hunter presented his agency's quarterly report. Discussion held on a possible contract for enforcement of village ordinances. Agreements for Inmate Communications and Inmate Commissary Services will be placed on the November 1st, 2021 agenda.

Member Wertz moved to direct Sheriff Hunter to solicit bids/quotes pursuant to law for a new patrol vehicle. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 1st, 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners