

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

December 6, 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 6th day of December, 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 Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the December 6th, 2021 Agenda and approval of the November 15th, 2021 meeting minutes. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$18,967.26
Axon Enterprises, Inc., law enforc. supply -----	\$ 3,449.92
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 395.36
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 6,454.03
Creative Product Sourcing Inc.-DARE, supply -----	\$ 481.80
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 310.00
Lacey Daniels, mileage/regist. -----	\$ 174.00
Dundy Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 18.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 6.91
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 144.13
Garner Law Office, mileage -----	\$ 117.04
Goodwin Siegfried, LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 585.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,177.29
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 38.00
Hometown Leasing, lease -----	\$ 105.42
Homicide Investigation & Crime, registration -----	\$ 295.00
ICS, supply -----	\$ 69.72
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Menards, Kearney, supply -----	\$ 49.75
Midwest Connect, supply -----	\$ 54.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,997.66
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 200.00



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NACO, dues -----	\$ 80.00
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NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,035.85
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 100.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 309.68
Prairie States Comm., repair -----	\$ 127.50
Redfield Direct, supply -----	\$ 365.13
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,886.20
Andrea Richards, mileage -----	\$ 20.16
Secretary of State, supply -----	\$ 20.00
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 36.70
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,044.94
US Bank, repair -----	\$ 59.88
US Bank, law enforce. supply -----	\$ 153.91
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,054.10
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender/GAL fees -----	\$ 3,625.00
7-D Lockshop, key -----	\$ 3.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$15,631.29
Capital One, shop supply -----	\$ 438.88
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,376.88
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 900.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 418.87
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$11,248.05
Jesse Mallett, gravel -----	\$ 4,080.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 730.89
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 8,320.43
Quality Urgent Care, DOT Testing -----	\$ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,262.59
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 47.16
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 148.11
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 153.10

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 134.02
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AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:

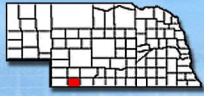
Lutz & Company, consulting service -----	\$ 333.50
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink., service -----	\$ 58.45
Frontier Comm., service -----	\$ 8.21
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 16.50

911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 185.08
Frontier Comm., service -----	\$ 25.98



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Great Plains Comm., service ----- \$ 52.23

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Josi Gatti Schafer, PhD, with the Center for Public Affairs Research UNO met with the Board via phone conference. Discussion was held on redistricting using 2020 Decennial population figures. Dr. Schafer advised that redistricting is based on population as per statute and not land area and Attorney Garner concurred.

Member Wertz moved to reapportion Hitchcock County as required by NEB. REV. STAT. §32-553 et seq. and establish the following commissioner district lines by township: **District #1** Pleasant Hill, Blackwood, Culbertson and the East Half of Riverside; **District #2** Beverly, Ridnour, Trenton, Grant, Logan, Upper Driftwood, Cornell, Driftwood and the West Half of Riverside; **District #3** Eden, Palisade, Webster, Starkey, Stratton, Pleasant View, Union and Freedom. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Emergency Manger Brandon Myers presented Region 51 Emergency Managements quarterly report. Also present was Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp.

Sheriff Gerry Hunter advised as to patrol vehicle bids/quotes and jail renovation progress.

Member McDonald moved to accept the quote of Deveny Motors for a 2022 Ram 1500 SSV patrol vehicle for the quote price of \$39,941. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Bill Hagemann advised as to a recent sign training seminar. Discussion held on the County's signage program.

Member Nichols moved to designate Andrea Richards as opioid litigation settlement registration signee. Member McDonald 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 contribute the County's direct share of the opioid litigation settlement to Region II Human Services. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

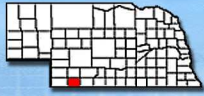
Board acknowledged receipt of a surplus property affidavit filed by the County Clerk consisting of a Dell Precision T3400 Computer and components and an IBM Wheel Writer typewriter.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to the new Conservation Easement Application Form. Extensive discussion held on conservation/preservation easements and the effect of NEB. REV. STAT. §77-2112.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 20th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz 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:

Paul Nichols, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk