

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 18th, 2022

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 18th day of January, 2022 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.

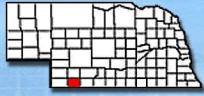
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols move to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the January 3rd, 2022 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 18th, 2022 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the 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 the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$50,295.14
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 921.72
Applied Connective Technologies, email/domain -----	\$ 141.90
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,056.46
BCBS, health ins. -----	\$17,032.62
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane -----	\$ 1,579.83
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers -----	\$ 399.36
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,282.28
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 91.87
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 300.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 184.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 529.74
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,249.95
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 60.13
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 320.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supply -----	\$ 322.34
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,090.64
Prior Service annual payments -----	\$ 240.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 34.00
K-C Motor & Electric, repair -----	\$ 1,568.11
Lincoln Co. Detention Center, housing inmate on warrant -----	\$ 150.00



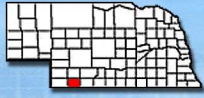
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MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 21.25
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 93.00
Mile High Shooting ACCS, LLC, ammunition -----	\$ 1,085.20
MIPS, Inc., data process -----	\$ 1,997.66
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion, & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 206.68
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues -----	\$ 60.00
NE Assoc. Co. Clerks, dues -----	\$ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,501.08
NE Weed Control Assoc., regist. -----	\$ 120.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,439.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 7,660.68
US Bank, AVG subscription -----	\$ 94.94
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 529.86
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 285.32
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 284.48
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,200.00
Donald D. Wilson CPA, audit fee -----	\$ 7,600.00
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 323.12
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 277.20

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$13,411.48
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 80.01
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 496.90
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 314.04
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,309.44
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/grease -----	\$ 1,385.37
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 39.80
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,497.11
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 21.50
Phillip Dixon, Hwy. Supt. Contract -----	\$ 900.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel -----	\$ 5,334.05
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 347.39
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply -----	\$ 138.18
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 489.28
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 315.89
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 568.35
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,672.13
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 84.30
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/tools -----	\$ 252.96
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 123.30
Stratton Country Market, supply -----	\$ 19.10
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.00



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VSP Insurance, vision ins. ----- \$ 83.35

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ----- \$ 134.02

E 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service ----- \$ 154.26

Great Plains Comm., service ----- \$ 15.42

E 911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service ----- \$ 488.51

Great Plains Comm., service ----- \$ 48.84

Chair Nichols executed a letter to the Nebraska Department of Revenue requesting a written list of currently licensed lodging tax facilities within Hitchcock County.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed various road and bridge projects with the Board.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann joined the meeting and advised as to his department's annual reports. Also discussed was the county road signing program.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Weed Superintendent's Annual Report for 2021 was reviewed. Chair executed the Activity Report, the Noxious Weed Control Plan, the Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Budget Report, and Weed Infestation Report.

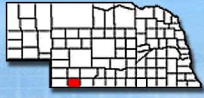
Sheriff Gerry Hunter provided his department's 4th Quarter 2021 Report. Sheriff Hunter advised as to progress on jail upgrades.

Member Wertz moved to acknowledge receipt and approve the Audit Report for the year ending 6-30-21. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to enter into an agreement with Donald D. Wilson CPA for audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easements:

- Richard Cook, CRP-CREP Contract with USDA, in Pt. NE¹/₄ of Section 25-4-33;
- Steve & Linda Kerchal, CRP-CREP Contract with USDA, in Pt. SW¹/₄ Section 28-4-32 CRP-General Contract with USDA in Pt. SW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄ of Section 28-4-32;
- Albin Ruzicka, CRP – General Contract with USDA, in Pt. of Section 33-1-34;
- John & Deborah Walters, CRP – General Contract with USDA, in Pt. SW¹/₄ of Section 7-3-31;
- Todd Wagner, CRP - General Contract with USDA, in Pt. NE ¹/₄ of Section 7-3-31;
- Steve Fries, CRP – CREP Contract with USDA, in Pt. N ¹/₂ of Section 25-4-33;
- Kenneth M. & Elizabeth L. Alig, CRP – General Contract with USDA, in Pt. Section 35-3-33;
- Robert Eisenach, CRP – CREP Contract with USDA, in Pt. W¹/₂ of Section 1-3-31



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and the same are hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between The Nebraska Department Of Veterans' Affairs and Hitchcock County to join on NDVA's license as a user for the VetraSpec program. 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 appoint Ron Daugherty to the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment to a three year term expiring January 2025. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain presented the December 2021 pledged security report.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109, the Board visited the jail facility.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 7th, 2022 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:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk