

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 15th, 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 Monday, the 15th day of August 2022 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.

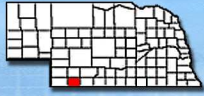
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the August 1st, 2022 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 15th, 2022 agenda. Member McDonald 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 approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$55,812.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 897.80
Applied Connective Technologies, emails/domain -----	\$ 124.50
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,321.04
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$20,518.00
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 71.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$18,450.82
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 188.52
CVSOAN, registration -----	\$ 60.00
D&S Hardware, repair -----	\$ 221.49
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 350.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 153.95
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,468.03
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 138.21
Suhr Enterprises, Inc., supply -----	\$ 556.84
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 250.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 101.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease -----	\$ 307.50
Intab LLC, election seals -----	\$ 41.10
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 20.00
JEO, Hazard Mitigation Plan -----	\$14,400.00



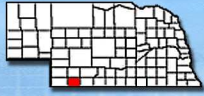
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MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 243.75
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 124.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply -----	\$ 223.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,002.91
NE Generator Service LLC, annual service -----	\$ 1,494.46
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, certificates -----	\$ 150.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, state tax -----	\$ 2,893.51
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 291.25
Postage -----	\$ 500.00
Quadient Leasing USA INC, postage meter lease -----	\$ 214.59
Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 158.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,468.21
Terra Riggs, reimb. supply -----	\$ 34.97
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 297.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 356.68
Jason Stewart, mileage -----	\$ 235.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control service -----	\$ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---	\$ 77.00
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 278.15
Haley Walker, mileage -----	\$ 67.08
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 261.88
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,200.00
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 150.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,179.63

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,334.98
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 161.56
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 428.09
BC&BC, dental ins. -----	\$ 196.79
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 3,360.50
Bosselman Energy, Inc., grease -----	\$ 58.39
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair -----	\$ 2,093.00
C&K Distributors, supply -----	\$ 276.14
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,683.37
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 22.75
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$27,589.99
J Distributing LLC, repair -----	\$ 721.81
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 194.95
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 15.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 389.16
NE Machinery Co., blades -----	\$ 1,587.35
Newman Traffic Signs, signs -----	\$ 2,302.61
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 305.98
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,257.64
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel -----	\$ 6,273.00



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SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply-----	\$ 160.23
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 37.50
Stratton Auto Parts, supply -----	\$ 32.48
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 1,236.60
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 56.36
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 105.29
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 62.35
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 350.33

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 139.02
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Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Winter season propane quotes were opened at 9:30 a.m. Two quotes were received: Bosselman Energy, Inc. (Brad Williams present) \$1.79 pay as you go. Farmers Coop Grain & Supply \$1.709 pay as you go.

Member McDonald moved to accept the bid of Farmers Coop Grain and Supply for county winter season propane in the amount of \$1.709 for a contract running from October 1st, 2022 until April 1st, 2023. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Lenard Paxton joined the meeting and discussion held regarding old culverts and county road right of ways.

The Board directs Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon to do a regulatory stop sign study for placement of a regulatory stop sign at the intersection of Road 704 and 376 in Hitchcock County. Due to emergency conditions a stop sign may be placed at this intersection pending the report from the Highway Superintendent.

Building Maintenance Manager David Swanson met with the board.

Treasurer Jackie Drain presented the pledged security report for the period ending July 31, 2022.

Member Nichols moved to recess the regular meeting at 11:10 a.m. this date to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

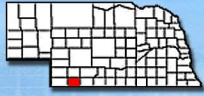
The regular meeting reconvened at 11:17 a.m. this date.

Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting for 2022/2023 budget preparations.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #22-9 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: 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 #22-9

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", is a duly organized county, existing pursuant to the law of the State of Nebraska; and



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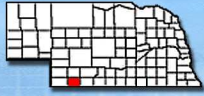
WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-3443 (3) On or before August 1, all political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority under this section shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board, city council, village board, or council that is responsible for levying such taxes. The preliminary request of the political subdivision shall be in the form of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of member present of the political subdivision’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is in receipt of the following timely filed preliminary allocation resolutions from the named subdivisions:

Culbertson Cemetery District:	General Fund	\$ 6,749.87
	Sinking Fund	\$ 5,100.00
	Total	\$ 11,849.87
Stratton Rural Cemetery District:	General Fund	\$15,000.00
	Total	\$15,000.00
Trenton Cemetery District:	General Fund	\$ 7,000.00
	Sinking Fund	\$ 5,000.00
	Total	\$ 12,000.00
Culbertson Fire Protection District:	General Fund	\$ 62,405.00
	Total	\$ 62,405.00
Palisade Rural Fire District:	General Fund	\$ 65,156.84
	Sinking/Bond Fund	\$ 30,000.00
	Total	\$ 95,156.84
Stratton Ambulance & Fire Protection District:	General Fund	\$ 72,000.00
	Total	\$ 72,000.00
Trenton Rural Fire Protection District:	General Fund	\$ 15,000.00
	Sinking Fund	\$ 25,000.00
	Total	\$ 40,000.00
Hitchcock County Agricultural Society	General Fund	\$ 67,912.00
	Total	\$ 67,912.00
Hitchcock County Historical Society	General Fund	\$ 16,963.00
	Total	\$ 16,963.00

WHEREAS, COUNTY has considered each request and its’ effect on the overall levy allocation as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-3443 (4) Each county board, city council, village board, or council shall (a) adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final levy allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and (b) forward a copy of such resolution to the chairperson of the governing body of each of its political subdivisions.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary levy allocation of levy authority for each of the above listed political subdivisions are approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of August, 2022.

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

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk