

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska

January 17, 2023

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 17th day of January, 2023 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioner 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.

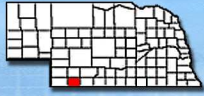
Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the January 3rd, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 17th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. 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, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$54,330.56
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 864.13
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, phone, email service -----	\$ 2,523.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,321.04
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$20,518.00
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 246.55
Clerk Dist. Ct. Assoc., dues -----	\$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,981.33
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 56.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 120.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 129.28
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment -----	\$ 238.51
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/propane-----	\$ 5,348.22
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 39.33
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 160.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,103.08
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 67.66
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 103.78
JEO, HMP update -----	\$ 7,415.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 300.63



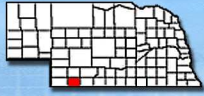
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Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 108.50
Mid American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 363.23
Mid-State Organized Crim Info Center, membership -----	\$ 100.00
MIPS, Inc., data process -----	\$ 1,245.01
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 240.00
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues -----	\$ 60.00
NE Dept. Of Agriculture APHP, pesticide licence -----	\$ 90.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,840.38
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 296.88
Parde Electric LLC, repair -----	\$ 463.77
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 2,693.39
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,328.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,529.89
Terra Riggs, mileage -----	\$ 156.25
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 71.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control service -----	\$ 75.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script. -----	\$ 46.77
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,233.86
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 278.15
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,200.00
Donald D. Wilson, CPA, 2022 audit services -----	\$ 7,800.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,258.28
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 915.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel supplement -----	\$ 161.40
Justin Bright, reimb. supply -----	\$ 181.79
C&K Distributors, supply/tools -----	\$ 53.93
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,379.03
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 1,000.00
ED Enterprises, Inc., supply -----	\$ 113.94
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/propane -----	\$ 19,484.79
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, workwear -----	\$ 210.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 348.36
Heartland New Holland, repair -----	\$ 921.17
League Builders Supply, supply -----	\$ 10.99
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 23.25
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, surveying -----	\$ 485.25
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, fuel tax -----	\$ 80.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 318.51
Newman Traffic Signs, signs -----	\$ 4,911.60
Powerplan JD Financial, repair/oil -----	\$ 1,379.46



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Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,194.30
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel -----	\$ 420.98
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 343.78
Titan Machinery, Case IH Max 125 Tractor -----	\$110,000.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.47
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 226.74
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 161.88
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 62.35

VISITOR PROMO FUND:

NE Travel Association, dues -----	\$ 300.00
Valerie Paschall, mileage -----	\$ 146.88

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service-----	\$ 48.84
Prairie States Communications, Inc., install equipment-----	\$ 1,010.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Jennifer Rasmussen met with the board via phone conference regarding courtroom upgrades.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed various road and bridge projects with the Board. Superintendent Dixon advised the Board that Bridge #C004404510 had been accepted into the County Bridge Match Program by NDOT.

Lenard Paxton joined the meeting.

Attorney Garner advised as to recent discussions regarding placement of tank batteries in road right of ways and flood plains with the oil and gas commission, zoning administrator and various oil and gas companies.

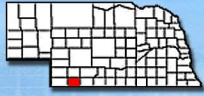
Member Nichols moved to recess the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization Proceedings. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m. this date.

Treasurer Jackie Drain presented the Semi-Annual Community Development Block Grant Program Income Report and Chair executed the same. Treasurer Drain also presented the November and December pledged security reports and the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Discussion was held on the Hitch and Hay Public Transit request for letter of continued support. Chair executed the same.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §47-109, the jail facility was visited by the board.



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The Board was in receipt of the completed 2022 independent audit from Donald D. Wilson, CPA and the same was reviewed and approved. A copy of said audit is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- Roger Kolbet, CRP/General in Pt. 19-3-31

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

Member McDonald moved to appoint Austin Jensen as Planning Commissioner Alternate for a three year term expiring in January 2026. Member Wert seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 6th, 2023 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
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk