

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 20, 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 20th day of June 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald 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 June 5th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 20th, 2023 agenda. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

NACO Legal Counsel Beth Farrell advised as to various legislative bills effecting counties.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-9 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, Nichols, and Wertz. 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 #23-9

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

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk that the Hitchcock County Planning and Zoning budget within the General Fund do not have sufficient budget authority to meet current expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the Hitchcock County Planning and Zoning function is hereby authorized to increase its' budget authority by \$396.20 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Assessor function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2023.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 51,832.75
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 744.26
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services -----	\$ 2,568.30
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,385.85
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 22,434.18
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers -----	\$ 979.57
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 16,744.63
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 197.70
Crowne Plaza, lodging -----	\$ 279.90
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 620.00
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 25.28
Jaelyn Drain, mileage/lodging -----	\$ 629.96
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 583.34
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair -----	\$ 1,846.08
Farrell's Pharmacy, supply -----	\$ 10.76
First Net/AT&T Mobile, service -----	\$ 431.65
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 105.12
Garner Law Office LLC, mileage -----	\$ 295.74
Garrisons McCook Lettering, extension shirts -----	\$ 163.00
Suhr Enterprises, supply -----	\$ 564.02
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 465.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,168.91
Herrmann Jones Funeral Chapel, transport/cremation services -----	\$ 1,800.00
University of NE, extension intern salary -----	\$ 318.60
Karrie Jones, mileage -----	\$ 364.18
League Builders Supply Inc., supply -----	\$ 54.99
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 305.89
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 116.25
Med American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 169.81
MOW-Mentum Law Service, service -----	\$ 425.00
NACO, registration -----	\$ 200.00
NE County Attorneys Assoc., dues -----	\$ 515.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,720.52
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Prairie States Comm., equipment -----	\$ 2,827.45
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, bailiff -----	\$ 1,411.55
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,156.46
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 74.50
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 214.61
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 60.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control service -----	\$ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., sprinkler repair -----	\$ 1,137.76
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 125.00
Twin Rivers Transfer, coroner costs -----	\$ 440.30
US Bank, registrations -----	\$ 314.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,616.98
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 306.32
Western Pathology Consultants PC, coroner fees -----	\$ 1,325.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 11,926.44
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 285.74

AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply/chemical -----	\$ 477.84
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair -----	\$ 2,774.00
C&K Distributors, supply -----	\$ 44.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,085.36
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/reimb. lodging -----	\$ 1,121.14
ED Enterprises, supply -----	\$ 127.56
EIA LLC, gravel -----	\$ 6,670.20
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel -----	\$ 5,835.53
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 348.03
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 2,664.33
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 5,824.32
League Builders Supply Inc., supply -----	\$ 54.10
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 431.54
NE Machinery Co., motor grader/repair -----	\$312,418.33
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 802.08
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,574.67
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel -----	\$ 4,590.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 227.56
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 36.10
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 50.16
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 139.35
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 62.35

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Centurylink, Lumen contract-----	\$ 1,609.41
Geo-Comm, Inc., contract -----	\$ 1,586.08
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service-----	\$ 5,096.47
Geo-Comm, Inc., contract -----	\$ 5,022.60
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84

Chair Nichols provided an update on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers relating to concessions and mobile homes at Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs. Present were Susan Doak, Korky Vernon, Dawna Vap, Bill Roddy and Michelle Roddy. Extensive discussion held on drafting a response to Aaron Thompson's (Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager) letter dated June 9th, 2023.

Lenard Paxton joined the meeting and requested an update on moving of oil field tank batteries. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to correspondence with Great Plains Energy regarding tank batteries.

2023/2024 Employee salaries were discussed.

Member Nichols moved to authorize a 7.5% increase in employee salaries/wages for the ensuing budget year. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner provided statutes relating to bridges over waterways on and near county roads. Discussion held on the Meeker Canal bridge located on County line road #378. It was the consensus of the Board to cost share with Red Willow for up to one half cost of the CMP.

Attorney Garner advised as to payments to charitable organizations.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Wednesday June 28th, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk