

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 21, 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 Monday, the 21st day of August 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, 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 Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the August 7th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 21st, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer to General Fund.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-12 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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 and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the 2023/2024 budget has yet to be adopted and it is anticipated that an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer, in an amount to be determined, will be part of said adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer is necessary to meet current expenditures in the General Fund in the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols 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 -----	\$51,202.07
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 972.54
BC & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,440.91
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$23,327.02
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 37.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,816.08
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 202.94
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 675.00
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 31.50
Eakes Officed Solutions, supply -----	\$ 32.99
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,883.47
Gillian Fell, mileage -----	\$ 151.96
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 188.09
Goodwin Siegfried, LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 418.75
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,093.65
Jacks Uniform & Equipment, uniform allowance -----	\$ 565.59
Justice Data Solutions, supply/equip. -----	\$ 2,300.00
Planning Commission Meeting per diem/mileage -----	\$ 150.98
Lynn Peavy Co., law enf. supply -----	\$ 169.54
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 321.61
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 8,128.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 461.92
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,757.23
Neopost Postage, annual renewal, postage meter -----	\$ 50.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Parde Electric LLC, supply -----	\$ 303.84
Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease -----	\$ 214.59
Redfield Direct LLC, supply -----	\$ 240.70
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 2,774.19
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,102.42
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 41.63
Total Turf Co., Inc., repair -----	\$ 723.00
US Bank, uniform allow./postage service -----	\$ 402.71
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 370.62
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 185.37
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, dues -----	\$ 2,453.64

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,785.21
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., grease -----	\$ 66.79
C&K Distributors, supply -----	\$ 126.18
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,492.41
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 1,000.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel -----	\$26,953.26
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 349.01
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$13,607.88
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mis American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 535.85
NE Truck Center, repair -----	\$ 381.64

Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,722.39
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel -----	\$12,240.00
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 480.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

LATCF FUND:

Southwest Title Co., property purchase -----	\$25,384.12
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

Great Plains Comm., service-----	\$ 48.54
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Winter season propane quotes were opened at 9:32 a.m. as published. Two quotes were received: Farmers Coop Grain and Supply \$1.379 per gallon and Bosselman Energy, Inc. \$1.36 per gallon.

Member McDonald moved to accept the quote of Bosselman Energy, Inc. for 2023/2024 winter season propane for the county shops located in Culbertson, Trenton, and Stratton and the courthouse located in Trenton at \$1.36 per gallon. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The following inventories were acknowledged by the Board: Emergency Manager, Veteran’s Service Officer, Emergency Manager, and Road District #1.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-13 and moved for its’ adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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 and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County’s website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION

**SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2023**

Resolution 23-13

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2110 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Hitchcock County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2023 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Paul Nichols

Ron Wertz

Scott McDonald

County Board Member Wertz
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Nichols Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

Chair executed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2023.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Member Nichols moved to recess the regular meeting at 10:27 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization Proceedings. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Clint Johnston with Southwest Title Company joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute closing documents on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 12, Original town of Trenton. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting and the County's 2023/2024 budget was discussed.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed bridge projects and the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Plan with the Board.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 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: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk