

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
October 2, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, day of October 2023 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner 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](http://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 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on El Dorado Manor closure.

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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

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| General Fund Payroll -----                                | \$14,062.72 |
| Capital One, supply -----                                 | \$ 862.57   |
| Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----      | \$ 3,884.86 |
| Country Inn & Suites, lodging -----                       | \$ 249.00   |
| DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. ----- | \$ 150.00   |
| Dollar General, supply -----                              | \$ 154.80   |
| Eakes Office Solutions, copier lease -----                | \$ 50.84    |
| Jack’s Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms -----               | \$ 1,042.88 |
| MASA, suppl. ins. -----                                   | \$ 6.25     |
| Jennifer McCarter, court reporter services -----          | \$ 243.75   |
| McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds -----               | \$ 500.00   |
| NCSEA, registration -----                                 | \$ 45.00    |
| NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----                            | \$ 560.91   |
| Nebraska.gov, driving records -----                       | \$ 8.50     |
| Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate services -----              | \$ 120.00   |
| Margaret Pollmann, milage -----                           | \$ 113.05   |
| Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement -----      | \$ 2,019.30 |
| Scoop Media LLC, publications -----                       | \$ 852.33   |
| Robert Scott, mileage/meals -----                         | \$ 327.82   |
| Secretary of State, registration -----                    | \$ 60.00    |
| Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel -----                 | \$ 425.00   |
| Dennis G. O’Brien, coroner transport -----                | \$ 449.55   |
| Volz, Inc., repair -----                                  | \$ 489.99   |
| Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----            | \$ 3,771.29 |
| Paul Nichols, mileage -----                               | \$ 448.68   |

**ROAD FUND:**

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| Road Fund Payroll -----                              | \$11,955.32 |
| Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Band, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- | \$ 3,128.18 |
| Modern Farm Equipment, repair -----                  | \$ 262.31   |
| Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----                 | \$ 6,986.08 |

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| League Builders Supply, repair -----                 | \$ 624.00   |
| MASA, suppl. ins. -----                              | \$ 6.25     |
| NE Dept. Rev. motor fuel tax -----                   | \$ 96.00    |
| NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----                       | \$ 470.95   |
| Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement ----- | \$ 1,697.12 |
| SW Public Power, utility -----                       | \$ 36.74    |
| Online Shipping Supply specialists, supply -----     | \$ 442.66   |
| Village of Stratton, utility -----                   | \$ 115.88   |

**ROAD & BRIGE BUYBACK FUND:**

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| Ace Irrigation, culverts -----         | \$16,135.20 |
| The Railroad Yard, Inc., culvert ----- | \$46,076.20 |

The highway superintendent publication was finalized.

Discussion regarding Crime Stoppers was had.

County Attorney D. Eugene joined the meeting.

Motion by Wertz to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services by and between the County and Oak Creek Engineering for the 2023 Routine Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Motion by Nichols to solicit bids for a 2023 or newer production model, all wheel drive motor grader. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to the TERC hearing on September 28, 2023 in North Platte.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §47-109 the jail was visited.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk