

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 6, 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 6th day of November 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. 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 October 16th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the November 6th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$20,161.95
AmericInn, lodging -----	\$ 222.30
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services -----	\$ 5,679.59
Clerk District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 36.00
Comfort Inn, lodging -----	\$ 209.90
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 6,341.72
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 425.30
Crowne Plaza, lodging -----	\$ 243.90
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 45.55
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds -----	\$ 3,400.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 114.08
Mike Erickson, meals/fuel -----	\$ 168.94
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 277.06
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,101.93
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 50.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 114.95
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease -----	\$ 209.62
Gerry Hunter, meals -----	\$ 27.70
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Jennifer McCarter, transcript preparation -----	\$ 530.20
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 8,000.00
Midwest Connect, supply -----	\$ 223.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 342.63
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,058.44
NE Sheriff's Assoc., membership -----	\$ 175.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., membership -----	\$ 125.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 455.23
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 159.03
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 21.43
Lincoln County Treasurer, Emergency Management Contract -----	\$ 7,064.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 3,006.74

Safe Life Defense, uniforms -----	\$ 179.44
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 455.75
SW Public Power District, utility -----	\$ 165.26
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 675.00
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services-----	\$ 75.00
University of NE, summer intern wages -----	\$ 281.90
US Bank, uniform allowance/postal services -----	\$ 162.04
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 2,278.68
Haley Walker, reimb. fuel/meals-----	\$ 213.81
Capital One, repair/supply -----	\$ 230.59
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$16,749.52
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 231.83
Bud’s Tire Repair, repair -----	\$ 74.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,972.43
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 1,000.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 349.01
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair -----	\$ 1,298.82
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 4,589.28
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 150.00
Michael Todd & Company Inc., signs -----	\$ 664.66
Midwest Service & Sales Co., sign hardware-----	\$ 658.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 873.52
NE Machinery Co., blades -----	\$ 7,000.00
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 186.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,465.05
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 33.95
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 150.67

VISIITOR PROMO FUND:

Valerie Paschall, reimb. lodging/mileage/registration -----	\$ 893.11
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REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 253.32
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., TXT29 contract -----	\$ 360.00

911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., TXT20 contract -----	\$ 1,140.00

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Murfin Drilling for an underground electric line in Section 23, Township 2, Range 32, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Management Representation letter relating to the recent 2022/2023 audit was reviewed. Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Management Representation letter. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-21 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: Wertz, McDonald, 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 and is available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

**RESOLUTION #23-21
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed those provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Board, hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member McDonald and seconded by member Nichols, the following members voted by roll call in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: None

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th, day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann

Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow

Counties Regarding Authority To Sign Contracts On Behalf of Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services and Memorandum Of Understanding Between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties For Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols executed the Primary 2024 Election Certification.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Applications were received. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering was present.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services relating to the appointment of Lance Harter as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent beginning January 1, 2024. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Dan Homan with Murphy Tractor inquired as to any needs the county may have.

Chair Nichols advised as to discussion with auditor Don Wilson regarding the 2022/2023 audit. Attorney Garner advised as to competitive bidding statutes.

Attorney Garner advised as to process with regards to enforcement of CDBG loan funds/housing program and board requested attorney Garner to send letter regarding delinquency.

Senator Teresa Ibach met with the Board on current issues. Discussion included but was not limited to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1301 as it pertains to Destroyed Real Property, Inheritance Tax, the EPIC movement, child care and elder care funding, mental health services, and Bureau of Reclamation issues and legislation.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 20th, 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk