

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 18, 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 18th day of December 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 December 4th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 18th, 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.

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, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$54,843.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, email/IT services -----	\$ 2,637.65
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,502.28
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$21,586.34
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 1,849.54
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OAIS/Fed. -----	\$ 17,969.22
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/contract -----	\$ 722.60
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,254.58
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 385.68
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 140.71
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 50.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,073.07
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 57.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease -----	\$ 209.62
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 287.55
Mis-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 112.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 658.96
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,979.63
NE Weed Control Assoc., regist. -----	\$ 150.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, court baliff -----	\$ 1,432.19
Redfield Direct LLC, supply -----	\$ 507.57
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 9,085.50
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 208.50
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 300.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control services -----	\$ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care -----	\$ 636.00
Trails West Texaco, supply -----	\$ 121.83

Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,240.26
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 210.26
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,300.88
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts -----	\$27,016.91
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 69.20
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 253.95
C&K Distributors, supply/tools -----	\$ 158.95
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,235.27
Dan's R US Sanitation, service -----	\$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract -----	\$ 1,000.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 351.01
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 8,345.28
League Builders Supply Inc., supply -----	\$ 219.93
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 518.87
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$12,867.10
NKC Tire/McWhorter's Tire, repair -----	\$ 298.00
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$15,089.87
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,489.50
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 100.08
SW Farms & Auto Supply, supply -----	\$ 324.29
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 40.61
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 485.62
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair -----	\$ 150.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 163.32
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:

Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culvert -----	\$13,910.00
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REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
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Member McDonald moved to approve the claim of Ron Wertz for reimbursement of a Big Iron purchase of a nurse tank in the amount of \$3,450.00. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, roll call was held: McDonald, Aye; Wertz, Abstain, Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Patron Dennis Egle inquired as to the road budget.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the South Central/Panhandle Nebraska 911 Regional Interlocal Agreement. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Applications:

- Swanson Lake Ranch – CRP Continuous in S½S½ & Part of the N½ of the SW¼ Section 17-2-34
- Crews Farms – CRP Access Control & Upland/Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt. in NE¼ 24-3-32
- Ron Wertz – CRP General in 36-3-33

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

NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson advised as to an approved NIRMA Assist Grant and a settlement agreement on hail damage to sheriff patrol vehicles.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 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, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk