

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 15, 2024

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 16th day of January, 2024 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 January 2nd, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 16th, 2024 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald 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 -----	\$55,393.96
Prior Service -----	\$ 252.00
American Electric – McCook, repair -----	\$ 96.10
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 2,671.65
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,563.65
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$23,333.46
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 908.23
Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 2,000.00
Capital One, supply/lease -----	\$ 329.00
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Clerk of the District Court Assn., dues -----	\$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,827.57
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 962.50
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply-----	\$ 525.10
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,304.38
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 370.18
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 275.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,088.12
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds -----	\$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 17.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 27.97
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 311.78
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 120.00
MIPS, Inc., data process -----	\$ 1,990.94
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,853.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 285.58
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,361.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 9,168.07

Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 333.50
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services -----	\$ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 10.73
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,109.89
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 432.30

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,368.72
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 463.81
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BS & BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 1,197.63
Brooks Construction LLC, services -----	\$ 3,480.00
C&K Distributors, small tools -----	\$ 43.37
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 27.59
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,187.98
Dans R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
EIA LLC, gravel -----	\$10,245.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$39,960.36
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 351.01
Inland Truck Parts Co., repair -----	\$ 44.38
League Builders Supply, Inc., supply -----	\$ 229.43
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., motor fuels tax -----	\$ 205.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 498.32
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 1,700.00
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 7,052.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,489.50
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 58.90
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 1,190.22
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 74.18
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 138.02
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 150.81
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

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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Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson advised as to snow removal practices. Trenton Village Board Chair Cindy Borges was also present. Village will take care of snow removal on the streets and County will take care of snow removal on courthouse parking areas and sidewalks.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter met with the Board via phone conference on three bridge replacement projects.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Hitchcock County relating to the VetraSpec database. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair executed the Final Settlement document relating to the sale of a Case IH 1896 tractor and a Case 2290 tractor by Vrbas Auction Service.

Paul Nichols advised as to potential road gravel sources and discussion was held on the same.

Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson joined the meeting and advised as to damage and repair to the District #1 shop overhead door, necessary measures to remove the house on county owned property east of the courthouse, having a NIRMA sponsored road sign class, obtaining road department documentation relating to daily road work performed, fire extinguisher inspections and the approval of a NIRMA assist grant for road safety signs.

The Treasurer's November and December 2023 pledged security reports were on file.

Craig Berning with Senator Deb Fischer's office joined the meeting via conference call for discussion relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Also joining the conference call Kevin Owens, Frontier County Commissioner. Present in person, Dawna Vap and Korby Vernon.

The Sheriff's Fourth Quarter reports were on file.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109 the jail was visited.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 5th, 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