

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
February 5, 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 Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, day of February 2024 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Vice Chair Ron Wertz was absent. 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 where 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 16, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. 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: Nichols, and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$21,261.84
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply -----	\$ 41.99
Board of Adjustment meeting per diem & mileage -----	\$ 110.25
Planning Commission meeting per diem & mileage -----	\$ 117.62
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 29.29
Clerk District Court, advance costs -----	\$ 110.00
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 6,648.22
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 2,762.34
Kimberly Cook, communications/mileage -----	\$ 143.13
CVSOAN, dues -----	\$ 100.00
D&S Hardware, supply -----	\$ 326.87
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 7.10
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 145.56
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.72
Nancy Frecks, communications/mileage -----	\$ 108.96
Hitchcock County Court, costs -----	\$ 170.00
Hitchcock County Sheriff, service fees-----	\$ 104.69
Hometown Leasing, office equipment -----	\$ 211.66
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 8,000.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply -----	\$ 93.00
MIPS, Inc., supply -----	\$ 1,006.61
NACO, registration -----	\$ 150.00
NE Assoc. Co. Assessor’s, dues -----	\$ 75.00
NE Assoc. of County Extension Boards, dues -----	\$ 100.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurer’s, dues -----	\$ 50.00
NE County Court Assoc., dues -----	\$ 5.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,086.53
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 351.75
Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Protex Central, fire alarm inspections -----	\$ 190.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, EM Contract ¼ payment -----	\$ 7,064.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 3,182.06

Southwest Public Power District, utility -----	\$ 34.74
Kenneth Adams, pest control services -----	\$ 75.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,143.77
Haley Walker, mileage -----	\$ 26.80
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$15,300.65
Josh Bopp, repair -----	\$ 600.00
Bud's Tire Repair, repair/tires -----	\$ 804.24
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, repair -----	\$ 100.72
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,547.23
Hagan Transport LLC, repair -----	\$ 470.88
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair -----	\$ 2,593.90
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 70.00
Michael Todd & Company, Inc., signs -----	\$ 2,243.70
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 781.03
Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement -----	\$ 2,250.57
Ruggles Truck & Trailer, repair -----	\$ 98.00
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair -----	\$ 125.90
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 80.69
Uline Shipping Supply specialists, traffic cones -----	\$ 438.74
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 290.18
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 164.37

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:**

NRIN, dues -----	\$ 720.00
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**E911 PSC FUND:**

NRIN, dues -----	\$ 2,280.00
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County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers gave the agencies quarterly report.

The Board was in receipt of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission's recommendations on four conservation easements.

Member Nichols moved to find that the following conservation easements conform with Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan and directs Chair to execute approval of the same on the following:

- 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
- DHR Farms, Inc., CRP SAFE SU59 Sec. 33-2-35 & Sec. 26-2-35

Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson advised as to a sidewalk issue.

Chair Nichols advised that repair to the District #1 shop overhead door was complete.

Chair Nichols gave an update on proposed legislation regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfers, MSHA training and house demolition estimates.

Attorney advised as to a cyber security grant.

Informal quotes were received for road grader tires.

The Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report was on file.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk