

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
February 20, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, day of February 2024 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Also present Chris Baker and Dennis Egle. 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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$52,444.63
Advantage Laser Products Inc., supply -----	\$ 185.00
Ambience Counseling Center, service -----	\$ 203.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, email/IT services -----	\$ 4,443.64
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,487.79
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$23,585.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 2,815.10
City of McCook, NCIC services -----	\$ 2,231.35
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,215.61
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment -----	\$ 528.60
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage -----	\$ 387.92
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,531.31
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,175.51
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 315.57
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees-----	\$ 120.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 150.25
MIPS, Inc., supply -----	\$ 90.30
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 140.07
NE Assoc. Co. Clerks/Election Comm./Regist. of Deeds, dues -----	\$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,725.12
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc., registration -----	\$ 235.00
NE State Patrol, licenses -----	\$ 270.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration -----	\$ 150.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
O’Reilly, supply -----	\$ 20.41
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection -----	\$ 134.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease -----	\$ 214.59
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,669.95
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 209.80

Scoop Media, LLC, publications -----	\$ 1,166.61
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 31.67
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 361.00

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,554.58
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 31.51
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels/supply -----	\$ 1,871.54
C&K Distributors, supply/sign posts -----	\$ 246.27
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,903.36
Dan’s R US Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel -----	\$ 9,374.18
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 355.31
Imperial NAPA, repair -----	\$ 200.08
Maris General Constructions, LLC, bldg. repair -----	\$ 9,340.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mis-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, survey services -----	\$ 2,366.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher inspections -----	\$ 192.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 450.06
PowerPlan, JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 546.13
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,364.40
Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel -----	\$ 787.77
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 2,171.60
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 349.13
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 65.07
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 53.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:**

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 15.42
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**E911 PSC FUND:**

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 48.84
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Chair Nichols advised as to tree removal on the property east of the courthouse and a building permit application.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Extensive discussion held on accumulation of vacation days and the employee handbook.

Discussion held regarding options for the County’s road gravel needs.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the building permit relating to demolition of Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 12, Original Trenton. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 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:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk