

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 4, 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 4th, day of March 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. 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. Also present Chris Baker and Dan Ladenburger.

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 20th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 4th, 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 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, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$14,998.22
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 29.67
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,190.14
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 184.67
CVSOAN, registration -----	\$ 60.00
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 19.80
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 100.02
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 31.25
Hermann-Jones Funeral Chapel, transport -----	\$ 621.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease -----	\$ 112.72
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,965.09
Doris Morris, depositions -----	\$ 110.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,198.04
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 604.33
O’Brien Electric, Inc., courtroom upgrade electrical -----	\$ 2,414.43
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 96.99
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,159.37
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 1,653.24
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 156.22
Haley Walker, mileage -----	\$ 16.08
West Central Dist. Assessor’s Assoc., dues -----	\$ 25.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 354.43
Family Resource Center, budgeted funds -----	\$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,616.01
Capital One, shop supplies -----	\$ 51.60
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,858.37
D&S Hardware, small tools -----	\$ 109.89
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher recharge/repair -----	\$ 140.00

NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 436.36
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 100.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,517.85
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 230.32

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 923.81
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E911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 2,925.41
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Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Family Resource Center Service Agreement. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members vote in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Road 367 drop pipe options were discussed.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Mr. Garner advised as to a coroner transport claim from Hermann-Jones Funeral Chapel.

Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson gave a department update. Board directed Mr. Erickson to place anything of value from the county owned property east of the courthouse on an upcoming auction.

Dalton Lurz advised as to Globe Life Family Heritage offerings.

Attorney Garner advised as to the completion of the courtroom upgrade project and as to requested courtroom security.

Member McDonald moved to enter executive session at 10:32 a.m. to discuss personnel. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Those present in executive session, Wertz, Nichols and McDonald, County Attorney D. Eugene Garner and Sheriff Gerry Hunter.

Member McDonald moved to come out of executive session at 10:58 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s January and February 2024 pledged security report was on file.

Discussion held on employee handbook updates.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to proposed 2024 values.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 18th, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk