

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
March 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](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. Also present Christopher Baker and Daniel 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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 18<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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$52,011.04
American Counseling Center, services -----	\$ 203.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 972.54
Applied Connective, IT services -----	\$ 2,752.29
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,487.79
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$23,585.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/fuel -----	\$ 1,940.38
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,994.21
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Ronald Daugherty, building repair -----	\$ 3,750.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment lease -----	\$ 758.91
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage -----	\$ 207.74
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,272.06
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.72
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 87.50
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,097.51
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 51.00
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease -----	\$ 107.36
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 144.30
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 320.93
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 120.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply -----	\$ 256.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,169.14
NACO, registration -----	\$ 75.00
NE Generator Service, LLC, inspections -----	\$ 1,865.45
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., supply -----	\$ 40.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,688.27
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging -----	\$ 328.47
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 18.70
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, baliff -----	\$ 1,432.18

Redfield Direct LLP, supply -----	\$ 510.24
Regional West Medical Center, coroner fees -----	\$ 320.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,578.44
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 643.00
RR Donnelley, supply -----	\$ 490.18
SW Environmental Engineering, asbestos report -----	\$ 726.41
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 75.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc., software renewal -----	\$ 449.00
Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage -----	\$ 364.80
US Bank, equipment -----	\$ 172.24
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,146.77
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 380.31
7-D Lockshop, key -----	\$ 5.00

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,436.36
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 841.81
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/fuel -----	\$ 5,600.24
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair -----	\$ 419.00
C&K Dist., supply/tools -----	\$ 43.17
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,213.42
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel -----	\$ 435.59
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 355.31
J Distributing LLC, repair -----	\$ 220.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 189.95
Maris General Construction LLC, building repair -----	\$ 315.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply -----	\$ 27.50
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 503.23
Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires -----	\$12,971.40
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 1,587.68
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,500.19
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 82.55
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 80.62
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.78
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 159.09
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55
Ron Wertz, reimb. tools -----	\$ 32.15

**VISITORS PROMOTIONAL FUND:**

Valerie Paschall, lodging/mileage -----	\$ 597.33
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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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Jolene Schauer with Murphy Tractor introduced Jordan Gardner, the new territory sales manager.

Dennis Egle asked for help regarding roads in extreme northwest Eden precinct and suggested alternatives to current practices.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Nichols moved to accept the resignation of Gerry Hunter as Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:00 p.m. March 27, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Jason Swartz expressed interest in being appointed interim Sheriff. Also present Deputy Justin Stewart.

The Board declares a vacancy exists for the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:00 p.m. March 27, 2024.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Jason Swartz as interim Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:01 p.m. on March 27, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to commence the search to fill the position of Hitchcock County Sheriff. Member Nichols 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 Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by David Le on behalf of MCI Metro Access Transmissions Services LLC (Olsson) for underground telephone lines in the North Half of Section 14, Township 2, Range 35, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. 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 offered Resolution #24-6 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov).

## **RESOLUTION 24-6**

### **SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2359**

Hitchcock County  
Resolution No. 24-6

**Whereas:** Hitchcock County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;

**Whereas:** Hitchcock County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

**Whereas:** Hitchcock County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County that:

Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Hitchcock County and the NDOT.

Hitchcock County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement:

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(7)

NDOT Control Number: 00974F

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 at Trenton, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County

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Paul Nichols, Chair

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Ronald L. Wertz, Vice Chair

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Scott McDonald, Member

Board Member Wertz moved the adoption of said resolution. Member McDonald seconded the motion. Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

(Seal)

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the County Bridge Match Program Supplement Agreement #1 between the Nebraska Department Transportation and Hitchcock County. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to recess at 10:51 a.m. this date to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to reconvene at 11:19 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates: residential asbestos report from Southwest Environmental Engineering; annual weed reports were approved by the Board; update on property east of the courthouse; Sheriff department kitchen repair completion; update on Weed Superintendent trainings; zoning updates.

The Board was in receipt of the Weed Departments Surplus Property Affidavit for a Lemark X500N printer.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered a department update.

Discussion held on the MIPS Time and Attendance program.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk