

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
May 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 May 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. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$49,837.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 924.89
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,460.50
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$23,585.22
Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co., suppl. in. -----	\$ 39.70
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,697.36
DAS Sate Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment -----	\$ 457.52
Election Boards, Primary 2024 -----	\$ 3,495.50
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel -----	\$ 855.91
First et/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.56
GIS Workshop, annual subscription -----	\$ 4,095.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,167.52
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 148.72
Holy Family Alter Society, polling place rental -----	\$ 50.00
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair -----	\$ 137.56
Michael Pochop, supply -----	\$ 15.00
Linda Kerchal, mileage -----	\$ 36.05
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication -----	\$ 70.20
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 311.55
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 120.00
Mid American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 326.52
MIPS, Inc., supply -----	\$ 233.60
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 355.82
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,697.16
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 111.02
Postage -----	\$ 2,000.00
Peripety LLC, election supply -----	\$ 63.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease -----	\$ 214.59
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 2,721.42
Stratton Auto Parts, supply -----	\$ 14.89

Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds repair -----	\$ 1,173.15
US Bank, anti-virus subscription -----	\$ 128.39
US Bank, uniform allowance/supply -----	\$ 98.89
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 380.31
Haley Walker, mileage -----	\$ 18.09
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 246.56
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,170.95

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$10,681.19
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 181.96
AFLAC, suppl. Ins. -----	\$ 290.10
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
C&&K Distributors, small tools -----	\$ 42.85
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,877.93
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$12,499.34
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 354.63
Ramsey Harders, repair -----	\$ 71.98
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair -----	\$ 468.76
Lakeside Sand & ravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 6,334.15
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 447.94
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades -----	\$ 8,678.46
Rippin Oil LLC, fuel/oil -----	\$ 548.85
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair -----	\$ 55.60
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair -----	\$ 175.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,428.53

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:**

Village of Trenton, dump fees -----	\$ 637.64
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**911 EMERGENCY SEVICES FUND:**

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 528.02
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.43

**E911 PSC FUND:**

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 1,671.97
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.83

Motion by Wertz to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair, LLC in the **Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund** in the amount of \$2,500.00 for stump grinding on the County owned property at 423 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Trenton. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald Abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion held on cleanup and future plans for the County owned property at 423 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Trenton.

Extension Educator Nancy Frecks presented the Hitchcock County Extension Service's 2023 Annual Report.

Member Nichols moved to approve the 2024 Extension Board consisting of the following members: Diane Bohochik, Alisha Lucero, Jolyn Hare and Karen Wertz. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols offered an update on *Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act Bill FL024170 FKP*.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board was in receipt of a response from the State of Nebraska regarding Hitchcock County businesses holding lodging tax licenses with the Department of Revenue. Said letter will be forwarded to Hitchcock County Visitor Committee members.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services Representative met with the board via phone conference regarding the upcoming Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance renewal.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Blue Cross Blue Shield Subgroup application for the plan year beginning July 1, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson offered a department update.

Discussion held on gravel pit.

Attorney Garner advised as to a letter from Judge Patrick Heng pertaining to the District Court bailiff position salary.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk