

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 3, 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 3rd, day of June 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. 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 20th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 3rd, 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 15,943.65
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 1,586.60
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 65.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,706.23
Dollar General, supply-----	\$ 160.75
Primary 2024 Canvas Board -----	\$ 288.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 145.64
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
McCook Gazette, publication -----	\$ 81.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 755.42
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, inmate housing/medical -----	\$ 10,240.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,335.25
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 37.73
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals -----	\$ 201.60
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00
2024 NCRAAO Conference, registration -----	\$ 300.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,786.84
Justin Bright, reimb. supply -----	\$ 62.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,590.17
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair -----	\$ 1,375.09
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 7,916.18
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 393.92
NE Machinery Co., 150—15AWD motor grader -----	\$345,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,393.54
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair -----	\$ 1,286.00
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 170.65
Weathercraft Co., building repair -----	\$ 1,065.00

VISITOR’S PROMOTIONAL FUND:

McCook Gazette, visitors guide -----	\$ 400.00
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911 EMERGENCY SEVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service ----- \$ 720.00

E911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service ----- \$ 2,280.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Jason Swartz advised as to area law enforcement salaries and health insurance benefits and efforts in hiring additional deputies as well as offering an overall department update.

No action taken on the Great Plains Communications Service Order.

Discussion held on 2024 commercial appraisals. Assessor Riggs joined the discussion via phone conference.

Chair Nichols advised as to a support drive in progress relating to *Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act Bill FL024170 FKP*.

Chair Nichols offered an update on gravel pit and cleanup of county owned property at 423 East 3rd St., Trenton.

Member Wertz moved to adopt the following deductible funding schedule beginning 7-1-24 and to direct Chair to execute the Mind-American Benefits LLC Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for plan year 7-1-24 to 6-30-25. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 - BC/BS \$6,100 QHDHP – Embedded - Health Insurance Deductible: \$6,100.00 Single / \$12,200 Family		
SINGLE POLICY		
\$500.00 Employee	\$3,000.00 Employer Funded by Hitchcock County HRA (Administered by Mid American Benefits)	\$2,600.00 Employee
EMPLOYEE SPOUSE – EMPLOYEE CHILD(REN) EMPLOYEE FAMILY POLICIES		
\$1,000.00 Employee	\$6,000.00 Employer Funded by Hitchcock County HRA (Administered by Mid American Benefits)	\$5,200.00 Employee
<i>*BC/BS attributes the Mid American Benefits HRA contribution toward the employee deductible.</i>		

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 17th, 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk