

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
June 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda. 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 offered Resolution #24-12 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 #24-12**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", is a duly organized county, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk, that the Hitchcock County Jail budget within the General Fund does not have sufficient budget authority to meet current expenditures.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

That the Hitchcock County Jail function is hereby authorized to increase its' budget authority by \$634.44 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Board function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols 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 -----	\$50,779.32
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, equipment -----	\$ 55.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 841.98
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services -----	\$ 2,821.50
Arapahoe Co. Combined Court, transcripts -----	\$ 24.50
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,371.84
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$21,838.10
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 1,345.71
C&K Distributors, repair -----	\$ 15.70
Clerk District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 36.00
Colorado Dept. Revenue, transcripts -----	\$ 10.00
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,984.35
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 170.82
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Data Shield, shredding services -----	\$ 85.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage -----	\$ 230.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply-----	\$ 2,564.01
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/supply -----	\$ 1,178.61
First Net / AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.56
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications -----	\$ 92.88
Garner Law Office, LLC, mileage -----	\$ 399.09
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,175.06
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 17.00
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 200.16
Kugler Co., chemical -----	\$ 961.98
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 297.48
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 70.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees -----	\$ 112.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply -----	\$ 78.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,087.29
NACO, dues -----	\$ 1,260.97
NE Assoc. County Attorney's, dues/registration -----	\$ 275.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,742.01
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
NIRMA, liability/work comp./physical damage/bonds annual premiums --	\$45,157.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage/lodging -----	\$ 531.17
Quill Corp., equipment -----	\$ 104.99
Ramada Midtown Conference Center, lodging -----	\$ 321.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, Dist. Court bailiff -----	\$ 1,432.18
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,219.42
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 1,336.50
Shauna Schutz, reimb. supply -----	\$ 245.49
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 362.66
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 700.00
TKA Pest Control, service -----	\$ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 70.01
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,872.86
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 356.58
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 249.24
7-D Lockshop, keys -----	\$ 10.20

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,143.71
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AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 449.15
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating & equipment fuels-----	\$ 6,082.14
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,337.04
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/supply -----	\$ 797.65
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 362.27
Kohl's Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 25.42
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mead Lumber, repair -----	\$ 89.98
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 513.96
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 1,648.28
NIRMA, work comp./liability/physical damage/E&O annual premiums ---	\$37,768.00
Oak Creek Engineering, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 2,332.65
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 4,647.14
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, admin. fees -----	\$ 1,591.99
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel -----	\$ 273.10
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 170.85
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 36.73
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 28.47
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 53.09
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 155.56
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

**ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:**

The Railroad Yard, Inc., culverts -----	\$39,900.00
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**REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:**

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

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 889.41
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42

**E911 PSC FUND:**

Centurylink, service -----	\$ 2,816.47
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84

Gregg Mooney NACO Blue Cross and Blue Shield Benefit Services Specialist introduced himself to the Board and discussion was held on the county's health and dental insurance offerings. Heath Reimbursement and Health Savings Accounts were discussed.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the study and recommendation as to the abandonment of that portion of Road 708 beginning 2,640 feet (½ mile) east of the centerline of Road 366 and extending east approximately ½ mile to the west right-of-way line of Road 367, also described as the East one half mile of the South Line of Section 31, T2N, R32W or the East one half mile of the North Line of Section 6, T1N, R32W.

Kathy Haas with Family Resource Center provided documentation required by the State Auditor for County contributions and presented the agencies annual report. The Family Resources, Inc. Services Agreement will be placed on the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 agenda and it is the consensus of the board to consider \$4,500.00 in funding for the 2024/2025 budget.

Jolyn Hare, Culbertson Village Clerk met with the Board regarding the Hitchcock County – Village of Culbertson Interlocal Agreement For Law Enforcement Services. The Village is requesting termination of said interlocal agreement.

Member Nichols moved to agree to terminate the Hitchcock County - Village of Culbertson Interlocal Agreement For Law Enforcement Services effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols updated the board on Bureau of Reclamation land transfer legislation.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Mid-American Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Document and Summary Plan Description Amendment #1 Effective July 1, 2024. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Interlocal Agreement For District Court Bailiff services. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Wertz. Member Nichols voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute a Disaster Declaration regarding the severe storms that occurred beginning May 19, 2024 through June 2, 2024 causing severe damage to public and private property and endangering the health and safety of Hitchcock County citizens. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to add Scoop Media News as one of the official newspapers of the County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Assessor Terra Riggs offered an update on contracting for commercial appraisal services. No action taken on the Kubert Appraisal Group Engagement Letter for Commercial Appraisal Services.

The Board was in receipt of the April 30, 2024 Treasurer's pledged security report.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director joined the meeting. Discussion held on numerous county related issues.

Missy Nelson advised as to Colonial Life and Accident offerings, specifically county sponsored term life insurance coverage.

Member Wertz moved to provide as an additional benefit, Colonial Life guaranteed term life insurance in the amount of \$10,000 for \$2.00 a month. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 1<sup>st</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: Nichols, Wertz, 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