

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
July 15, 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 15th, day of July 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 July 11th, 2024 in Scoop Media 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.

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 July 1st, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the July 15th, 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 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, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$49,621.55
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply -----	\$ 22.13
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 967.23
Applied Connective, IT services -----	\$ 2,891.20
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$22,611.17
C&K Distributors, repair -----	\$ 27.59
Colfer, Wood, Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,030.82
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 428.14
Common Scents, spraying service -----	\$ 325.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,369.59
D&S Hardware, repair -----	\$ 7.89
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Dept. of the Treasury, Form 720 return -----	\$ 138.46
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 344.13
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 965.68
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.56
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,166.91
Great Plains Reporting Co., depositions -----	\$ 345.40
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 54.00
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair -----	\$ 23.00
JD Skiles Co., Inc., repair -----	\$ 271.90
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 345.05
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 104.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 380.15
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 2,640.01
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 293.46
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 20.10
Region II Human Services, 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th , qtr. 2023/2024 assessment -----	\$ 8,322.56
Region II Services, 1/4 assessment -----	\$ 1,393.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,040.07

Safe Life Defense, uniforms -----	\$ 258.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 835.24
Snell Services Inc., repair -----	\$ 926.48
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 225.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 18.04
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care -----	\$ 732.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 35.01
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 2,123.34
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 455.60
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, dues -----	\$ 2,530.92
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00
7-D Lockshop, keys -----	\$ 15.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$12,260.32
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., headwalls -----	\$ 6,720.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 321.17
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,426.93
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel -----	\$16,837.51
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 31.92
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,316.73
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., repair/fuel -----	\$12,828.73
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 354.63
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair -----	\$ 3.04
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair -----	\$ 7.79
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel -----	\$ 9,333.19
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 511.46
NE Machinery Company, repair -----	\$ 1,004.17
Powerplan John Deere Financial, repair -----	\$ 2,165.21
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,595.37
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel -----	\$ 5,912.88
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 84.70
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 29.97
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 41.25
Stratton Auto Parts, supply -----	\$ 67.99
Van Diest Supply Company, chemical -----	\$11,333.95
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.78
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 144.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 67.55

CDBG HOUSING FUND:

Ne Dept. of Economic Development, RLF funds return-----	\$ 4,684.40
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EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 13.34
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 42.24
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84

The following inventories were acknowledged: Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, County Owned Real Estate, County Board, District Court, County Court, Assessor, and District Judge.

The annual IRS Patient Centered Outcomes Research Fee Form 720 was reviewed. Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the same. Member McDonald seconded the motion and

after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute a letter of support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

County shop surveillance quotes were reviewed.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Truck bids were opened as published at 10:00 a.m. One bid (for three trucks) was received from Master Tech Truck and Equipment, Wichita, Kansas.

Member McDonald moved to accept the bid of Master Tech Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$120,800.00 plus delivery fees, for two 2020 Kenworth T880 day cab semi tractors. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols advised as to drainage concerns on Road 374 north of Culbertson. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson met with the Board and offered a departmental update.

Treasurer Jackie Drain offered the June 30th, 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Report.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Certification and Verification of Information and data attached on the semi-annual report as submitted. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer Drain provided the May and June 2024 pledged security reports.

Treasurer Drain and Assessor Terra Riggs provided information and discussion was held on courthouse hallway renovations.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-122 et seq. Hitchcock County job titles and current salaries are being published.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner \$25,625.00; County Clerk \$58,425.00; Chief Deputy Clerk \$43,697.98; Deputy Clerk \$39,065.48; County Attorney \$58,425.00; County Sheriff \$69,700.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff \$63,960.00; County Treasurer \$58,425.00; County Assessor \$58,425.00; Veteran's Service Officer \$25,360.54.

HOURLY WAGES

Attorney Legal Assistant \$22.28; Chief Deputy Treasurer \$22.93; Treasurer Clerical \$18.03; Chief Deputy Assessor \$23.06; Extension Office Manager \$18.18; Road Maintenance \$20.50/\$24.60; Part Time Road Maintenance \$12.00/\$16.00; Janitorial \$19.29; Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact/Zoning Admin. \$21.53; Dispatcher Jailer \$18.45/22.55; Planning Commission Secretary \$13.99.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109, the county jail was visited.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 5th, 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:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk