

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
November 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 November 2024 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in *Scoop Media 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 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$49,388.53
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 2,908.50
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$22,611.17
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 217.19
Buffalo Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 19.00
CNA Surety, treasurer bond -----	\$ 425.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 429.08
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$16,485.70
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 1,569.18
2024 General Election Poll Worker service -----	\$ 3,659.92
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 184.22
Crowne Plaza, lodging -----	\$ 247.90
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 429.02
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair -----	\$ 984.01
First net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.88
Suhr Enterprises Inc./Gary’s Superfoods, supply -----	\$ 601.88
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,193.23
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 34.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 131.21
Wade Hodges, witness fees -----	\$ 144.62
Kayla Hodges, witness fees -----	\$ 20.00
Linda Kerchal, mileage -----	\$ 74.37
Lincoln Co. Sheriff’s Dept., service fees -----	\$ 18.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 265.32
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 112.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,007.16
NACO, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ½ dues -----	\$ 1,260.97
NACT, supply -----	\$ 360.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 2,678.94

Nebraska.gov, transcripts -----	\$ 25.50
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
NIRMA, cancellation fees -----	\$ 150.00
Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner fees -----	\$ 2,750.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 127.77
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter -----	\$ 214.59
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,044.77
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 51.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 1,834.33
Justin Stewart, reimb. supply -----	\$ 169.98
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 34.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 182.91
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 339.02

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$11,369.68
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 749.98
American Electric-McCook, repair -----	\$ 375.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 285.81
American Textile Mills, shop supply -----	\$ 556.61
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 456.10
BC&BC, health ins. -----	\$ 7,229.21
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels -----	\$ 474.78
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 24.49
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,838.76
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,591.06
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 371.45
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 23.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel -----	\$ 1,308.64
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply -----	\$ 25.44
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees -----	\$ 40.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair -----	\$ 89.51
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 383.31
NE Machinery, repair -----	\$ 473.52
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 284.34
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 100.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,570.17
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel -----	\$ 290.30
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 5,537.64
Tjaden Welding LLC, repair -----	\$ 665.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

**E-911 PSC FUND:**

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
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**E-911 FUND:**

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to an upcoming conditional use application.

Building Maintenance Manager David Swanson offered a departmental update.

County Attorney, D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to a new program relating to bank pledged securities.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Recovery Section Authorized Representative Designation. Member McDonald

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

Member McDonald moved to increase the restricted funds authority by an additional 1% for the 2024/2025 budget. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Board was in receipt of the 2024 Audit Report. Attorney Garner advised as to the proposed letter of engagement by and between Donald D. Wilson and the County for the June 30, 2025 audit. This item will be placed on the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 agenda.

Member Wertz moved to accept and approve the Financial Statements With Independent Auditor Reports Thereon for the Year Ended June 30, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #24-21 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols 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 as follows and 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 #24-21**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 provides in pertinent part that any person desiring the vacation or abandonment of any county road shall file a petition in the County Clerk's office; and

**WHEREAS**, NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 and NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 set forth the process to be followed by the County upon the filing of such a petition; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon past experience, it is estimated that the County will expend approximately \$1,500.00 through the process, including without limitation: (a) obtaining a written report from the county highway superintendent regarding his study of the use being made of such public road; (b) publication expense for the notice of the public hearing; and (c) service by either registered or certified mail upon the owners of land abutting on or adjacent to said; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board, finding there is nothing in the applicable statutes which would preclude taxing said costs to the person filing said petition, believes it to be in the best interests of the County that the expense of considering vacation or abandonment of a county road should be taxed at least in substantial part, upon the person so petitioning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA** that any person who files a petition in the Hitchcock County Clerk's office requesting the vacation or abandonment of any county road in Hitchcock County must also include with the petition, a deposit of \$1,500.00 payable to Hitchcock County, Nebraska, and the County Board shall not proceed on the petition unless and until said deposit has been received.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that following the County Board's decision on the petition, any amount of said deposit in excess of the actual costs and expenses incurred by the County shall be returned to said person.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Voting for the motion: Scott McDonald, Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

This resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</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, McDonald, 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