

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 6th, 2025

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 6th day of January 2025 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 December 26th, 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. 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 December 16th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 6th, 2025 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

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: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$22,562.44
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 827.47
Clerk District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 7,251.81
Consolidated Management Company, meals -----	\$ 34.05
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 177.72
Crowne Plaza, lodging -----	\$ 2,519.10
Dewald, Deaver, L’Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,502.30
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 95.85
Jaclyn Dain, meals/mileage/reimb. supply -----	\$ 241.57
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy chg. -----	\$ 89.56
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage -----	\$ 176.32
1 st Net/AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 345.88
Garner Law Office, mileage/reimb. supply -----	\$ 209.49
Gurstel Law Firm PC, service fee refund -----	\$ 17.40
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 156.55
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 18.69
Linda Kerchal, mileage -----	\$ 167.50
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,124.49
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues -----	\$ 100.00
NE Generator Service LLC, repair -----	\$ 1,740.60
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 1,170.98
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration -----	\$ 150.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 302.17
Postage -----	\$ 500.00
Region II Human Services, 1 st & 2 nd Qtr. Assessment -----	\$ 5,548.38
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 3,380.06
Robert Scott, mileage -----	\$ 167.50
SW Public Power, utility -----	\$ 37.81
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,075.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,129.66
Voltz, Inc., repair -----	\$ 163.00

Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ----- \$ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ----- \$15,808.24
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- \$ 4,346.50
J Distributing LLC, repair ----- \$11,890.29
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ----- \$ 4,519.54
MASA, suppl. ins. ----- \$ 6.25
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, fuel tax ----- \$ 108.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ----- \$ 675.27
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ----- \$ 5,215.48
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ----- \$ 2,272.50
SW Public Power Dist., utility ----- \$ 45.84
Village of Culbertson, utility ----- \$ 105.55
Village of Stratton, utility ----- \$ 215.55
Village of Trenton, utility ----- \$ 157.65

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process ----- \$ 255.32

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson presented the department’s annual reports for consideration. Under zoning administration, discussion held on upcoming conditional use applications.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2024, Noxious Weed Infestation Report for Hitchcock County, 2024, and the 2024 Activity Report. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following member voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to recess regular meeting at 10:10 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings this date. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was re-convened at 10:14 a.m. this date.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner and County Attorney Legal Assistant Andrea Richards joined the meeting. Legal Assistant Richards advised as to various avenues being pursued regarding law enforcement recruitment.

Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz expressed their appreciation to Commissioner McDonald for his 24 years of dedicated service to this board and the citizens of Hitchcock County.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk