

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 2, 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 2nd day of June 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on May 29th, 2025 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. Also present Bill Roddy, Vicki Bauer and Robin Lomax.

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 2nd, 2025 agenda and approval of the May 19th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$14,420.14
Applied Connective Technologies, supply -----	\$ 175.00
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 784.31
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,928.43
Creative Product Sourcing Inc. – DARE, supply -----	\$ 700.92
Jaclyn Drain, mileage/reimb. supply -----	\$ 160.99
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment -----	\$ 1,207.06
Galls LLC, uniform allowance -----	\$ 175.35
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease -----	\$ 293.20
Planning Commission 5-21-25 meeting/mileage -----	\$ 173.00
Lincoln County Detention Center, inmate boarding -----	\$ 1,650.00
MASA, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-State Organized Crime Info Center, dues -----	\$ 100.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport -----	\$ 325.60
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,033.89
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 722.27
NE County Attorney's Assoc., registration -----	\$ 275.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, test fees -----	\$ 30.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax -----	\$ 608.13
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 265.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 295.40
Point C, deductible funding -----	\$ 8,000.00
Quill Corp., supply -----	\$ 357.96
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,068.18
Safe Life Defense, uniform allowance -----	\$ 1,083.20
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 725.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,490.66
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 9,660.91
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair -----	\$ 100.00
Capital One, shop supply -----	\$ 17.91

Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,261.17
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 6,440.31
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 300.16
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,333.02
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 37.63
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals -----	\$ 245.00
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 173.72
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 141.27

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:	
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 255.32

Kaye Bieck with Family Resource Center offered the annual update and requested the Board consider a contribution of \$4,500 in the 2025/2026 County Budget.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Point C Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with following schedule of county contributions to the employee deductible: Single \$3,000.00, Employee Spouse, Employee Children, Employee Family \$6,000.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers and the agreement for the Contribution of Funds and Memorandum by and between the Bureau of Reclamation and Hitchcock County.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Agreement No. 25AG630087 between The Bureau of Reclamation Missouri Basin Region Nebraska-Kansas Area Office and Hitchcock County and Frontier County for Swanson and Hugh Butler Concession and Cabins Title Transfer, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Frenchman Cambridge Division, Nebraska. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

The general consensus of the Board was to split the administrative fees regarding the Contribution of Funds on Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers equally between Hitchcock and Frontier Counties.

Val Jansante with Congressman Adrian Smith’s office advised as to current issues Congressman Smith is involved with and working on.

Extension Educator Kimberly Cook offered a proposed 2025-2026 budget for the Extension Office and advised as to difficulties in hiring an office manager due to the offered salary.

Vicki Bauer inquired and discussion was held regarding the County’s current temporary moratorium regarding wind energy installations and solar power generation systems, planning commission and county board processes.

Mark Moorhous expressed concerns regarding the pending conditional use filed by Shane Rippen.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 16th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk