

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 15th, 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 15th day of September 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on September 11th, 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. Patron Bill Roddy was 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 September 15th, 2025 agenda and approval of the September 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$54,936.54
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications -----	\$ 39.25
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair -----	\$ 24.17
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 3,036.55
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,507.38
BCBS, health ins. -----	\$26,950.62
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 970.74
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 336.02
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$18,115.26
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 134.41
Culligan of McCook, supply -----	\$ 34.00
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. Appt. counsel -----	\$ 687.50
Adreanna Dunn, communications -----	\$ 54.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip. -----	\$ 600.14
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel -----	\$ 1,131.62
First AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 400.40
Fresh Foods, supply -----	\$ 438.70
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,157.44
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 44.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment -----	\$ 330.48
Ryan King, reissue check -----	\$ 12.22
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 50.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., equip. rental -----	\$ 696.00
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, PC, budget preparation -----	\$ 3,350.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 423.90
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 2,797.48
Nebraska.gov, transcripts -----	\$ 16.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Point C, admin. fees -----	\$ 132.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 310.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, court bailiff contract -----	\$ 2,558.94

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 9,166.48
Sayler Screenprinting, uniforms -----	\$ 146.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 730.61
SW Weed Management, cost program -----	\$ 500.00
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,325.00
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 33.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,861.26
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 439.50
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 230.30
West Central NE Development Dist., dues -----	\$ 2,730.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$14,747.42
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,760.86
Bosselman Energy, Inc., repair -----	\$ 64.39
Bud’s Tire Repair Inc., repair -----	\$ 120.00
C&K Dist., repair/supply -----	\$ 287.01
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 28.09
Community 1 st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,787.57
Dan’s R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,862.93
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 399.31
J Distributing LLC, supply -----	\$ 4.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 1,761.38
NE Dept. of Rev. Motor Fuels, tax -----	\$ 140.00
NE Dept. of Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 549.57
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 3,852.82
Point C., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,937.42
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 209.05
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 709.49
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 41.93
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.16
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 156.27
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:

VAP Construction Inc., building project -----	\$ 5,005.00
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E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.43
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E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.83
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Chair Nichols executed the 2025 Exempt Property Publication.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program and the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Interlocal Agreement. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes, Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered a departmental update.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Deputy Treasurer Megan Lewis provided the Delinquent Tax Listing for tax year 2023. Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s written report on Distress Warrants. Also acknowledged was the Treasurer’s July 2025 bank compliance report. Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1719.02.

Chair opened the 2025/2026 Budget Hearing on the Hitchcock County budget as published in *Scoop Media News* on September 11th, 2025. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA was present and made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including but not limited to, a comparison with prior year's budget. Summary copies of said budget were made available.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair asked for comments against the proposed budget. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those representing a neutral position. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those in favor of the proposed budget. There were none. Chair inquired as to any further comments, there were none. Chair closed the public hearing on the 2025/2026 proposed budget at 10:13 a.m. this date.

Chair opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2025/2026 County budget at 10:15 a.m. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed property tax request. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA gave a brief synopsis of the final tax request. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair asked for those in favor of the proposed property tax request. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those representing a neutral position. There were none. Chair asked for comments against the proposed property tax request. There were none. Chair inquired as to any further comments, there were none. Chair closed the public hearing relating to the final property tax request at 10:17 a.m. this date.

The Board noted that the use of Inheritance Tax funds is crucial to the implementation of the budget and allows for the reduction of property taxes, purchase of capital items, and the payment of unforeseen expenses.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-16 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. 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.

RESOLUTION #25-16

Hitchcock County

Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 3rd day of September, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Hitchcock County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 15th day of September 2025.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols, and Christopher Baker

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-17 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. 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.

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 25-17**

WHEREAS, NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE §77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the HITCHCOCK County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of HTICHCOCK County resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:
General Fund \$2,128,553.00
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.61%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.217451 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. HITCHCOCK County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.22419 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of HITCHCOCK County will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 21.94 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Wertz to adopt Resolution #25-17.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Paul Nichols, Ron Wertz, and Chrisopher Baker.

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Dated this 15th day of September 2025.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-18 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. 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.

RESOLUTION #25-18

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Treasurer that certain parcels of real estate in the County of Hitchcock, State of Nebraska, on which taxes are delinquent were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in such county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809 the County Treasurer shall issue Tax Sale Certificates to the County upon such parcel(s) of real estate upon which there are delinquent taxes.

This resolution rescinds any and all former resolutions of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of September, 2025.

Voting for the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols

Voting against the motion: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates.

Chair Nichols and Attorney Garner advised as to the County's Intervention into Case CI 25-1 regarding Road 370.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk