

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
December 1, 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 1st day of December 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 November 27th, 2025 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 agenda and approval of the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-23 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, Nichols, and Wertz. 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](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov).

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-23**

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

**WHEREAS**, on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the County adopted the 2025/2026 Hitchcock County Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2025/2026 fiscal year as follows: \$705,665.00 to the General Fund and \$400,000.00 to the Road Fund to reduce the property tax request to be transferred as necessary to meet current expenditures.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup>, day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, Baker and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Sheriff Ryan King discussed the proposed patrol vehicle purchase with the Board.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker 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 -----	\$17,765.95
Acme Printing, supply -----	\$ 81.00
Arnold Motor Supply LLC, Equipment repair -----	\$ 48.34
Asia Motors, vehicle -----	\$40,535.00
Capital One, supply -----	\$ 709.09
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed -----	\$ 5,052.79
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications-----	\$ 186.42
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 67.40
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 241.42
Galls LLC, uniform allowance -----	\$ 424.71
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniform allowance -----	\$ 200.00
Holmstedt Law Office, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 550.00
Hometown Leasing, office equipment -----	\$ 225.82
Baleigh Lashley, mileage/communications -----	\$ 82.32
Med. Air Service, insurance -----	\$ 12.50
McCook Gazette, publishing -----	\$ 10.36
Daniel D Miller, CPA, PC, budget assistance -----	\$ 130.00
Ne Public Health Environmental Lab, service -----	\$ 105.00
Ne Dept of Revenue, state withholding tax -----	\$ 750.60
Ne weed Control Assoc., dues -----	\$ 125.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 273.00
Redfield Direct, LLC, supply -----	\$ 611.22
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,571.97
Sensel Welding & Repair, supply -----	\$ 36.00
Southwest Public Power, utility -----	\$ 41.44
US Bank, supply -----	\$ 191.30
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,514.36

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$13,305.25
Community 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,325.53
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 216.90
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 7,404.32
Ne Dept. of Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 476.14
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,865.75
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 141.31
MSHA, violation penalty -----	\$ 621.00

Discussion held on status of Hitchcock County District Court Case #CI 25-1 and notice of award of grant for comprehensive plan and zoning updates. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson joined the meeting and discussion held on janitorial duties, performance and expectations.

Chair Nichols updated the body on FEMA status.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-24 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](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov).

**RESOLUTION 25-24**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners must set salaries for certain County Officers for the new term beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2027 and ending January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2031 in accordance with *NEB. REV. STAT.* §23-1114.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the following salaries should be and hereby are affixed for the following County Officials of Hitchcock County, Nebraska for the term beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2027 and ending January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2031:

County Assessor.....	\$63,250.00
County Attorney .....	\$63,250.00
County Clerk .....	\$63,250.00
County Commissioner .....	\$27,750.00
County Sheriff .....	\$75,000.00
County Treasurer .....	\$63,250.00

The annual salary for the listed offices have been established for the calendar year 2027, plus an increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) of two and one half percent (2½%) annually. Said salaries shall be full compensation in consideration of performance of all statutory duties relating to said office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above stated salary the elected official shall be eligible to participate in the County’s health and medical plan as offered to all county employees, as may be amended from time to time.

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Nichols - Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

SEAL

Voting for the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols  
Voting against the motion: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §33-116 relating to compensation for an elected County Surveyor.

Member Baker offered Resolution #25-25 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: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. 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](http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov).

**RESOLUTION 25-25**

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners must set salaries for all elected officers for the new term beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2027 and ending January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2031 in accordance with *NEB. REV. STAT.* §23-1114.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §33-116, the compensation for the elected County Surveyor for all services rendered to the County or State shall be a daily rate as determined by the County Board, and said elected County Surveyor shall not be eligible for any other benefits, including without limitation, participation in the County’s health and medical plan.

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ATTEST

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Paul Nichols - Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

SEAL

Voting for the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols  
Voting against the motion: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: None

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk