

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 15, 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 December 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on December 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. Also present Bill Roddy.

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 15th, 2025 agenda and approval of the December 1st, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$54,060.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$13,918.20
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, training meals -----	\$ 953.40
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,480.09
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$26,001.26
Capital One, board of prisoners -----	\$ 360.34
Carrot Top Industries, Inc., flags -----	\$ 334.03
Cler District Ct., adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 336.02
Common Scents, tree spraying -----	\$ 310.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$17,870.90
D&S Hardware, supply -----	\$ 279.80
Jaclyn N. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 37.50
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 662.50
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Adreanna Dunn, mileage/communications -----	\$ 117.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 245.74
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/heating fuels -----	\$ 1,627.19
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, uniforms -----	\$ 105.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,047.19
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniforms -----	\$ 637.27
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 102.00
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 50.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,106.11
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 798.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 2,736.08
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Point C., admin. fees -----	\$ 132.00
Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Psychological Resources, evaluation -----	\$ 250.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 739.00

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,251.33
Scoop Medial LLC, publications -----	\$ 367.88
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 2,128.68
The Great Outdoors Gun Shop, law enfor. equipment -----	\$ 165.00
TKO Pest Control LLC, service -----	\$ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., winterizing services -----	\$ 150.00
Corporate Payment Systems (US Bank), supply -----	\$ 15.34
Corporate Payment Systems (US Bank), supply/board of prisoners -----	\$ 1,030.73
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 30.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 439.50
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 213.50
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$14,265.08
AKRS Equipment, repair -----	\$ 174.56
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 -----	\$ 906.00
C&K Dist., shop supply -----	\$ 29.26
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 28.09
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,793.80
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuels/supply/heating fuels -----	\$ 3,825.88
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 400.09
H Bar Inc., sand pit royalty -----	\$ 5,000.00
Lakeside Sand and Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 4,112.30
Ramsey Harders, repair -----	\$ 7.48
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 563.70
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 6,144.88
Point C, admin. fees -----	\$ 24.75
PowerPlan, JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 4,143.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,822.46
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 60.15
SW Farm & Auto Supply, shop supply/repair -----	\$ 330.62
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 40.33
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.47
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 179.33
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24
Ron Wertz, reimb. repair -----	\$ 42.84

REGISTER OF DEED P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 264.94
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E 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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E11 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
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Motion by Nichols to approve the claim of RW Arms in the General Fund in the amount of \$599.00 for law enforcement ammunition. The motion was seconded Baker by and after consideration a roll call vote was had. Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Abstain. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson presented the department's year end reports.

Motion by Wertz to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Protection year end reports (Budget, Activity, Noxious Weed Control Plan,

Noxious Weed Infestation Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster). Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was has as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson updated the Board on planning and zoning issues and NIRMA events.

Member Wertz moved to solicit motor grader bids for a new or newer production model, all wheel drive motor grader. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Baker to designate *Scoop Media News* and the *McCook Gazette* as the County's official newspapers for 2026. The motion was seconded by Wertz and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery Company discussed motor grader specifications with the Board.

Attorney Garner advised as to Nebraska Department of Economic Development virtual meetings for 2025 CDBG planning awardees relating to updates to the County's zoning regulations and comprehensive plan. Attorney Garner advised as to Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1.

Board acknowledged the requests of Union Bank and Trust and Premier Bank to be designated as depositories.

Building and Ground Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson joined the meeting. Discussion held on lot surfacing and drainage on the County owned property at 423 East 3rd St. east of the courthouse. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain a survey of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 12, Original Town of Trenton, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Discussion held on maintenance of courthouse lawn.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, January 5th, 2026. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk