

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 20th, 2026

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 Tuesday the 20th day of January 2026 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 January 15th, 2026 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the January 20th, 2026 agenda and approval of the January 12th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Aye; Wertz, Aye; Nichols, Aye. 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: Baker, Aye; Wertz, Aye; Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$58,897.97
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, bldg. repair -----	\$ 22.55
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 2,367.70
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, training meals -----	\$ 250.80
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,534.67
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$27,899.98
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 336.02
Jaclyn N. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 325.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 525.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Datasheid, shredding services -----	\$ 93.16
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, bldg. supply -----	\$ 19.79
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 28.10
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy contract -----	\$ 797.75
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., heating fuels/fuel -----	\$ 1,939.91
Fresh Foods, supply -----	\$ 48.63
Galls LLC, uniforms -----	\$ 123.99
Garner Law Office LLC, mileage -----	\$ 71.40
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, shirts -----	\$ 77.66
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,044.67
Great Plains Uniforms, supply -----	\$ 107.00
Prior Service -----	\$ 180.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$18,851.11
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 131.04
JA Automotive, repair -----	\$ 194.21
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 50.00
Mousel Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 350.00
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues -----	\$ 100.00
NACO, NACT dues -----	\$ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax -----	\$ 2,662.38
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 175.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00

Point C, admin. fees -----	\$ 132.00
Police Officers' Assoc. of NE, supply -----	\$ 34.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,413.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, Emergency Mgt. contract -----	\$ 7,287.50
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 9,774.62
Safe Life Defense, law enf. supply -----	\$ 72.00
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 66.00
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate medical -----	\$ 323.31
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 329.80
Volz, Inc., repair -----	\$ 134.20
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 449.12
Cameron Werkmeister, reimb. fuel -----	\$ 44.87
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 354.90
West Central Dist. Assessor's Assoc., dues -----	\$ 25.00
Robert S. Harvoy, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 31.25

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$14,373.76
Quality Farm and Ranch Center, supply -----	\$ 119.99
AKRS Equipment, repair-----	\$ 1,019.12
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,760.86
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply -----	\$ 71.60
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair -----	\$ 66.00
C&K Distributors, repair -----	\$ 12.95
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, repair -----	\$ 12.78
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 28.09
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 29.17
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades -----	\$21,690.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., heating fuels/fuel -----	\$22,070.29
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 399.90
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,710.64
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 216.90
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 5,664.54
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax -----	\$ 505.55
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades -----	\$ 4,683.69
POINT C, admin. fees -----	\$ 24.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,818.90
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel -----	\$ 147.00
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 479.95
Stratton Auto Parts, supply/small tools -----	\$ 124.43
Sunrise Oil Field Supply, dredge repair -----	\$ 181.32
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.16
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.83
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911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.43
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Member Wertz moved to appoint Cody Lashley to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission to a three (3) year term expiring January 2029. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Aye; Nichols, Ay; Wertz, Aye. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Dustin Webb as alternate member to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for the term expiring January 2027. Member Nichols seconded the

motion and after consideration a roll call vote was has as follows: Wertz, Aye; Baker, Aye; Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to appoint Cody Lashley as Planning Commission representative on the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment for a three (3) year term expiring January 2029. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Aye; Baker, Aye; Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Motor grader bids were opened at 9:30 a.m. as publishing. Those present Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery, Jordan Gardner and Isaac Hughes with Murphy Tractor. The following bids were received and reviewed:

- 2025 Caterpillar 140 AWD with trade: \$327,800
- 2026 Caterpillar 150 AWD with trade: \$362,500
- 2026 John Deere 772 P Tier AWD with trade: \$322,000

Member Wertz moved to accept the bid of Murphy Tractor for a 2026 John Deere 772 P Tier AWD with trade in the amount of \$322,000. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wertz, Aye. Motion carried.

Tyler Van Pelt, Field Engineer with Great Plains Communications advised as to a fiber optic project within the county and related applications to occupy county road right of ways.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting. Various planning and zoning issues were discussed. Attorney Garner advised as to proposed Resolution #26-8 and discussion was held on the same.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter met with the board via phone conference regarding Structures C004404510 and C004413405.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement for Professional Services by and between Oak Creek Engineering and the County relating to structure C004413405. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Aye; Baker, Aye; Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain provided a copy of the Semi Annual Statement for December 31, 2025. Treasurer Drain also presented the pledged security reports for November and December 2025.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:51 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Wertz, Aye; Nichols, Aye; Baker, Aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk