

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 17, 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 17th day of February 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on February 12th, 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. Bill Roddy and Jason Gohl were also present.

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 February 17th, 2026 agenda and approval of the February 2nd, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #26-9 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent; Nichols, 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 NO. 26-9

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

WHEREAS, on September 15th, 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 \$5,411.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Swanson Land Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th, day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols and Baker

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Wertz

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$61,969.96
Advantage Laser Products Inc, supply -----	\$ 195.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 2,367.70
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, training academy expenses -----	\$ 601.00
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,534.67
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$27,899.98
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 357.05
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 125.87
Creative Product Sourcing Inc. – DARE, supply -----	\$ 40.70
DAS State Accounting, data process -----	\$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 276.71
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/heating fuels -----	\$ 4,241.33
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,015.30
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC, uniforms -----	\$ 285.72
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$20,437.58
Hitchcock County Court, costs -----	\$ 17.00
Baileigh Lashley, mileage/communications -----	\$ 50.90
Med. Air Service Asso., - B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 50.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport -----	\$ 469.50
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, engineering -----	\$ 1,500.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,106.11
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Goodwin, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 345.85
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 2,871.98
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 321.90
Point C., deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 6,148.50
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter -----	\$ 214.59
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 22.38
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 2,857.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$11,065.88
Rippen Oil LLC, service -----	\$ 94.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 955.40
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel -----	\$ 50.00
US Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical -----	\$ 719.58
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 521.86
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 449.12

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$14,373.76
AKRS Equipment, repair/blades -----	\$ 253.54
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,760.86
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply -----	\$ 225.79
CK Distributors, repair/supply -----	\$ 169.98
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 27.44
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/heating fuels -----	\$ 1,680.92
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 399.90
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,710.64
James Howard, reimb. registration-----	\$ 85.00
Mead Lumber, supply -----	\$ 18.49
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, engineering -----	\$ 1,029.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair -----	\$ 88.72
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 505.55

NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 71.09
Point Co., deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 2,024.75
Powerplan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 1,933.70
Rapid Fire Protections, fire ext. repair -----	\$ 45.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,818.90
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 1,594.66
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 54.26
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 134.33
Troyer Enterprises Inc., repair -----	\$ 858.81
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

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

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
NE Generator Service, LLC, maintenance -----	\$ 1,635.00

LAKE SWANSON LAND FUND:

Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, engineering -----	\$ 5,411.00
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Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Discussion held on the Interlocal Agreement between Red Willow County and Hitchcock County for housing inmates. The Sheriff’s office January 2026 monthly report was received. Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and advised as to the proposed interlocal agreement.

Motion by Baker to direct Chair to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Red Willow, Nebraska and the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska for housing inmates at the Red Willow County Corrections Center (Detention Facility). Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent.

Sheriff King advised as to a catastrophic inmate medical insurance proposal. Sheriff King will procure an updated proposal and this item will be placed on the March 2nd, 2026 agenda.

Discussion held on cellular internet backup providers. It was the consensus of the board to obtain additional quotes for this service.

Attorney Garner advised there was nothing new to report from West Central Nebraska Development District regarding planning and zoning updates. Attorney Garner also advised as to CI 25-1 Koetter vs. Rippen.

Chair Nichols advised as to conversations with FEMA, Highway Superintendent Lance Harter and Deputy Director Joanna Lemoine with Region 51 Emergency Management regarding the Valley Drive project.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter joined the meeting via phone conference regarding replacement of Structure No. C004413405 (west of the Stone Church). It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the project and begin the process of soliciting bids.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Wertz, Absent; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk