

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 2, 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 Monday the 2nd day of March 2026 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on February 26th, 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, Jason Gohl, Chris Mote, and Joe Sramek 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 March 2nd, 2026 agenda and approval of the February 17th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$19,549.74
Badge and Wallet, badges -----	\$ 129.65
City of McCook, teletype services -----	\$ 2,765.13
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 39.00
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 4,738.18
CVSOAN, registration -----	\$ 60.00
Jaelyn N. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 575.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 500.00
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, building repair/maint.-----	\$ 470.30
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 39.80
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip. -----	\$ 675.70
Mike Erickson, reimb. office supply -----	\$ 105.49
Galls, LLC, uniforms -----	\$ 201.70
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 25.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, Fed./FICA/OASI -----	\$ 5,685.68
Intab LLC, election supply -----	\$ 154.86
Med Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Mousel, Brooks Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 287.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, academy training fees -----	\$ 175.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 810.76
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,842.09
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 1,440.00
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 188.58
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 400.00
Corporate Payment Systems, postal services -----	\$ 33.25
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,138.67
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$13,071.65
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,179.57
J Distributing LLC, repair -----	\$ 150.00

NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 426.08
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering -----	\$ 8,925.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,818.90
Tjaden Welding LLC, repair -----	\$ 520.00
Corporate Payment Systems, repair -----	\$ 415.76
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 323.82
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 154.43

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Great Plains Communications for underground fiber optic in various locations throughout the County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Chris Mote inquired as to tire recycling and Commissioner Wertz advised the County had been awarded a grant for this purpose. A collection event has been scheduled for August 21st and 22nd, 2026 in Hitchcock County for County residents at the District #2 county shop location in Trenton.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Also present via phone conference Ed Miller with King Risk Insurance. Discussion held on inmate catastrophic medical insurance. Mr. Miller will provide an updated quote and this item will be placed on the March 16th, 2026 agenda

Chair Nichols provided an update on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and advised as to meeting quorums. Attorney Garner indicated he had nothing new to report relating to progress on zoning regulation and comprehensive plan updates. Further, Attorney Garner advised as to status of scheduling a pre-trial conference on Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1.

Chair Nichols provided an update on the intersection of Road 372 and 725.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 16th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk