

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 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 March 2026 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Ron Wertz and Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on March 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. Also present Bill Roddy, Jason Gohl and Justin Bright.

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 17th, 2026 agenda and approval of the March 3rd, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

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| General Fund Payroll ----- | \$58,820.70 |
| Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply ----- | \$ 65.51 |
| American Electric-McCook, supply ----- | \$ 157.34 |
| AFLAC, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 920.43 |
| Applied Connective Technologies, IT services ----- | \$ 2,429.70 |
| BC&BS, dental ins. ----- | \$ 1,534.67 |
| BC&BS, health ins. ----- | \$27,899.98 |
| Clerk, District Court, adv. costs ----- | \$ 225.00 |
| Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., supp. ins. ----- | \$ 357.05 |
| Community Hospital, inmate medical ----- | \$ 4,261.00 |
| Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications/reimb. equip. ----- | \$ 1,056.80 |
| Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel ----- | \$ 1,162.50 |
| DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process. ----- | \$ 150.00 |
| Eakes Office Solutions, supply ----- | \$ 210.88 |
| Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, heating fuels/fuel ----- | \$ 2,432.06 |
| FBI-Leeda, law enforcement training ----- | \$ 1,590.00 |
| Fresh Foods, supply ----- | \$ 516.98 |
| Goodwin Siegfried, LLC, ct. appt. counsel ----- | \$ 981.25 |
| Great Plains Communications, service ----- | \$ 1,036.63 |
| Great Plains Uniforms, LLC, shipping chgs.----- | \$ 20.00 |
| Robert S. Harvoy, ct. appt. counsel ----- | \$ 31.25 |
| Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- | \$18,745.06 |
| Hitchcock Co. Court, costs ----- | \$ 153.00 |
| Med. Air Service Assoc.-B2B, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 50.00 |
| MIPS, Inc., data process. ----- | \$ 2,106.11 |
| Mousel, Brooks Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel ----- | \$ 537.50 |
| NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ----- | \$ 2,664.45 |
| New York Life, life ins. ----- | \$ 75.00 |
| Paul Nichols, mileage ----- | \$ 371.20 |
| Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental ----- | \$ 320.00 |
| Point C, admin. fees ----- | \$ 140.25 |
| Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ----- | \$ 818.00 |
| Red Willow Co. Treasurer, court bailiff ----- | \$ 1,279.47 |

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| Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ----- | \$ 9,757.13 |
| Rippen Oil LLC, service ----- | \$ 125.75 |
| Secretary of State, election supply ----- | \$ 20.00 |
| TKS Pest Control LLC, service ----- | \$ 85.00 |
| U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script. ----- | \$ 399.47 |
| Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage ----- | \$ 400.32 |
| Corporate Payment Systems, supply ----- | \$ 1,321.83 |
| VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ----- | \$ 449.12 |

ROAD FUND:

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| Road Fund Payroll ----- | \$14,356.70 |
| Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair ----- | \$ 249.99 |
| AKRS Equipment, repair ----- | \$ 206.00 |
| AFLAC, suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 289.60 |
| BC&BS, dental ins. ----- | \$ 204.61 |
| BC&BS, health ins. ----- | \$ 4,760.86 |
| C&K Distributors, repair ----- | \$ 99.77 |
| Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ----- | \$ 27.44 |
| Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ----- | \$ 29.17 |
| Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., heating fuels/fuel ----- | \$ 7,798.40 |
| Great Plains Communications, service ----- | \$ 399.90 |
| Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. ----- | \$ 3,704.94 |
| Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ----- | \$ 2,587.76 |
| Moorhous, Inc., repair ----- | \$ 46.12 |
| NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ----- | \$ 504.59 |
| NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ----- | \$25,876.12 |
| Point C. admin. fees ----- | \$ 24.75 |
| Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires ----- | \$14,732.28 |
| Powerplan JD Financial, repair ----- | \$10,004.29 |
| Marcus Proffit, reimb. supply/license ----- | \$ 85.00 |
| Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ----- | \$ 1,816.32 |
| Rippen Oil LLC, repair ----- | \$ 996.00 |
| Rodney Rooney, reimb. supply/license ----- | \$ 85.00 |
| SW Farm & Suto Supply, supply/repair ----- | \$ 845.67 |
| SW Public Power, utility ----- | \$ 62.35 |
| Stratton Auto Parts, supply ----- | \$ 10.49 |
| Titan Machinery, repair ----- | \$ 516.12 |
| VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ----- | \$ 48.24 |

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

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

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| Great Plains Communications, service ----- | \$ 48.84 |
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Member Nichols 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 Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer Megan Lewis presented the 2026 Treasurer's Tax Sale report and the Bank Compliance Report for the month ending January 31, 2026.

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson joined the meeting. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture's annual Reports and Requirements report was reviewed.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the *Reports and Requirement Summary* relating to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's annual report. Member Baker seconded the

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

Mr. Erickson advised as to need for an AED device replacement in the courthouse.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting and discussion held on a catastrophic inmate medical insurance quote from King Risk Partners. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Sheriff King advised as to deer check in fund payments from State of Nebraska, Game and Parks. Said payments shall be deposited into the County's general fund.

The Sheriff's February 2026 monthly report was received.

Attorney Garner advised as to the status of the CDBG grant agreement with Nebraska Department of Economic Development for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulation update.

Chair Nichols offered an update on the appraisal regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Member Wertz moved to enter into closed session at 10:28 a.m. for the purpose of discussion pending litigation. Said closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried. Those present in closed session, Commissioners Baker, Wertz, and Nichols and County Attorney, D. Eugene Garner.

Member Nichols moved to come out of executive session at 10:50 a.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to have a survey performed on a portion of Road 370 formerly known as Road 167 commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 34, Township 3, Range 32 running thence south $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk