

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 6, 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 6th day of April 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 April 2nd, 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, Joe Sramek and Jason Gohl.

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 April 6th, 2026 agenda and approval of the March 17th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Trial Balance Listing as of April 6, 2026 was received and reviewed.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz 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 -----	\$27,943.94
American Electric, supply -----	\$ 17.47
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services -----	\$ 2,377.10
ATT Mobility, service -----	\$ 608.10
Brouillette Troshynski PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 502.00
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 39.00
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 2,525.82
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 348.62
D&S Hardware, repair -----	\$ 236.89
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 87.50
Datashield, shredding services -----	\$ 93.16
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 113.05
Adreanna Dunn, mileage -----	\$ 71.05
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip. contract -----	\$ 370.17
Great Plains Reporting Co., transcript -----	\$ 355.40
Heartland Radar, technical equip. -----	\$ 45.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 8,786.79
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 134.00
Baleigh Lashley, mileage/communications -----	\$ 72.05
Med. Air Service Assoc. – B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 1,074.09
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 6,034.85
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,850.16
NE Assoc. of Co. Extension Boards, dues -----	\$ 100.00
NACO, registrations -----	\$ 75.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, certification -----	\$ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 1,280.85
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration-----	\$ 150.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 316.83
O’Brien Electric Inc., repair -----	\$ 533.75
Margaret Pollmann, mileage -----	\$ 147.03

Peripety LLC, election supply -----	\$ 64.00
Protex Central, fire alarms -----	\$ 3,621.51
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 4,146.41
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 319.89
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 43.99
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,950.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate scripts. -----	\$ 238.88
Uline Shipping Supply Specialists, supply -----	\$ 565.84
UNL, equipment -----	\$ 900.00
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 49.88
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 127.83
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 909.42
Volz, Inc., repair -----	\$ 146.71
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$18,725.13
Deveny Motors LLC, repair -----	\$ 2,650.34
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 5,214.66
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 7,044.55
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 36.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair -----	\$ 242.42
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, fuel tax -----	\$ 93.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 750.44
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,692.83
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair -----	\$ 2,350.83
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 58.27
Corporate Payment Systems, repair -----	\$ 2.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.00
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 191.01
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 149.38

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 264.94
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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: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion held on possible dozer purchase.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Discussion held on appropriate use of county vehicles.

Board was in receipt of a letter from the Nebraska Department Economic Development dated April 1, 2026 giving notice of release of funds for the CDBG project 25-PP-008 relating to the 2025 Planning – Comprehensive Plan.

The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program hearing was opened at 10:02 a.m. as published. Highway Superintendent Lance Harter was present. Superintendent Harter presented the proposed plan. Discussion held on various road and bridge projects. Chair asked for comments from those in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those opposing the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those in a neutral position and for any further comments. There were none and the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 10:31 a.m. this date.

Superintendent Harter advised as to design estimates on structures C004404510 and C004404515 and a recent hydraulic study on Roads 372 and 725 north of Culbertson. Discussion held. Superintendent Harder provided bridge inspection summaries.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #26-10 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; 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 #26-10

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION & APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ONE & SIX YEAR PLAN FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD & STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County annually develops a One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road and Street Improvements in Hitchcock County, Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 39-2115 and 39-2119; and

WHEREAS, a legal Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was published in *Scoop Media News* on March 19th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov on March 11th, 2026.

WHEREAS, a copy of said Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was mailed for posting to the following five (5) locations: US Post Office, 402 Main Street, Trenton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 105 North Main Street, Palisade, Nebraska; US Post Office, 310 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 408 Wyoming, Culbertson, Nebraska on March 11th, 2026 and posted on the East and West end of the Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on March 11th, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements has been duly published and posted and is hereby approved and adopted as submitted, with modifications as follows:

- Project #C44(222) Add - drainage structures and grading
- Project C44(121) Modify – remove grading portion – Leave structure replacement

Dated this 6th, day of April, 2026.

Paul Nichols

Ron Wertz

Christopher Baker

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz, Baker and Nichols

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Attorney Garner advised as to OBBB overtime.

Member Wertz moved to enter closed session to discuss litigation at 11:09 a.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes;

Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried. Present in addition to those listed was County Attorney, D. Eugene Garner.

Member Baker moved to come out of closed session at 11:17 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109 the Hitchcock County Jail was visited.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:24 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 20th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk