

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 20, 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 20th day of April 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 April 16th, 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 20th, 2026 agenda and approval of the April 6th, 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 #26-11 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. 26-11

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 \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Road Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th, day of April, 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: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 59,380.05
Al's Lock & Safe, Inc., repair -----	\$ 1,080.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 920.43
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, LETC training -----	\$ 454.30
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,460.50
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 27,899.98
Clerk, Dist. Court, adv. costs -----	\$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 357.05
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 555.29
Creative Product Sourcing Inc. – DARE, supply -----	\$ 1,149.35
Jaclyn N. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 62.50
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 900.00
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, AS400 access-----	\$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 82.63
Jaclyn Drain, meals/lodging/mileage/reimb. supply -----	\$ 713.61
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/contract -----	\$ 1,509.03
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage -----	\$ 234.08
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair -----	\$ 2,168.17
Fresh Foods, supply -----	\$ 589.18
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 381.25
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,197.87
Robert S. Harvoy, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 275.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 18,964.77
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 11,604.54
Med. Air Service Assoc. – suppl. ins. -----	\$ 43.75
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 304.97
Mousel Brooks Schneider Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,721.94
NACO, registrations -----	\$ 350.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 2,696.07
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
NSA/POAN Conference, registration -----	\$ 580.00
Point C, deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 8,140.25
Postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection -----	\$ 131.00
Quality Inn, lodging -----	\$ 210.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 555.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 1,412.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 9,888.80
SW Outdoor Inc., ammunition -----	\$ 300.00
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 45.09
State Line Awards & Custom Design, plaque -----	\$ 28.95
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., service -----	\$ 1,000.00
Trails West Texaco, supply/LB 1184 meal -----	\$ 119.56
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical -----	\$ 120.96
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 129.82
Corporate Payment Systems, supply/fuel/meals -----	\$ 1,567.02
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 449.12
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 225.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 12,453.95
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 172.39
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 177.32
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 4,760.86
C&K Distributors, repair/supply -----	\$ 632.62
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 27.44
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, heating fuels/fuel -----	\$ 24,047.69
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 399.90
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,174.24
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair -----	\$ 153.00

NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax -----	\$ 432.86
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 4,396.38
Point C, admin. fees -----	\$ 24.75
Power Plan JD Financial, repair/JD Motor-grader -----	\$322,074.04
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 50.00
Quality Aggregate Supply, repair -----	\$ 1,174.98
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,593.90
Rippen Oil, fuel -----	\$ 87.10
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair -----	\$ 20.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair -----	\$ 9.09
Corporate Payment Systems, repair -----	\$ 80.49
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.16
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
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Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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Audit Quotes

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Jones advised as to the Central Square Public Safety Software Solution proposal/quote.

Discussion held regarding One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) employee overtime.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Further discussion was held on the Central Square Public Safety Software Solution proposal/quote and OBBB as it relates to employee overtime.

The repair cost estimate on Stratton County shop building was discussed.

Chair Nichols updated the board as to appraisals regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Treasurer Jackie Drain discussed audit quotes with the Board.

Member Nichols moved to accept the proposal of Dana F. Cole and Company LLP dated January 31st, 2026 for Hitchcock County audit services for the years ending June 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028, \$19,000, \$19,500 and \$20,000 respectively. 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 moved to enter closed session at 11:02 a.m. as closed session to discuss pending litigation relating to Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1 as closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz Absent. Motin carried. Those present in closed session: Baker, Nichols and Attorney Garner.

Member Baker moved to come out of closed session at 11:42 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to direct County Attorney to file pleadings in CI 25-1 to bring McCook Public Power District into the case as an indispensable party. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 4th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Absent; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk