

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
May 4, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz, and Deputy County Clerk Linda Kerchal. Chair Paul Nichols was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County’s website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://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, Todd Wagner and Jason Gohl.

Vice Chair Wertz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 agenda and approval of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Absent. 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, Absent. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:**

General Fund Payroll -----	\$19,248.54
Election Board Training, Primary 2026 -----	\$ 1,026.14
Coro Medical LLC, AED’s -----	\$ 850.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 163.25
Tania M. Fox, deposition -----	\$ 78.00
Galls LLC, uniform allowance -----	\$ 152.65
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 5,499.50
Holiday Inn-Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 389.85
Med. Air Service Assoc. – B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 6.25
Midwest Connect LLC, supply -----	\$ 298.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,106.12
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 779.64
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment -----	\$ 2,857.96
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,784.86
Robert Scott, meals/mileage -----	\$ 199.68
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script. -----	\$ 253.52
Corporate Payment Systems, renewal fee -----	\$ 90.00
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 815.07
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract -----	\$ 4,000.00

**ROAD FUND:**

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$13,071.65
CS Construction, Stratton shop repair -----	\$17,000.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,179.57
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,889.89
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 426.08
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 74.04
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,818.90
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 46.02
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 197.55
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 146.64

**REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:**

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----\$ 264.94

**E-911 PSC FUND:**

Geo Comm, Inc. MSAG maint./support----- \$ 7,425.35

Deputy County Clerk Karrie Jones joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Shane Rippen for an underground water line in the NW¼ of Section 2-3-32 and SW¼ of Section 35-4-32. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to the Tall Grass Pipeline.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Discussion held on waiving formal bidding requirements for the purpose of purchasing road equipment at auction.

Attorney Garner advised as to the April 20<sup>th</sup> email from Ed Dunn regarding CDBG grant funding for Comprehensive Plan and West Central NE Development District update.

Member Wertz moved to enter closed session at 10:29 a.m. 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; Wertz, Yes. Nichols, Absent. Motion carried. Those present in closed session: Baker, Wertz and Attorney Garner.

Member Wertz moved to come out of closed session at 10:45 a.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

Discussion held on road Occupation.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Karrie Jones, Deputy County Clerk