

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 29, 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 29th day of June 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Member Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on June 25th, 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.

Chair Nichols opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the June 29th, 2026 agenda and approval of the June 15th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Absent; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain discussed inheritance tax fund transfers with the Board.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #26-13 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Absent. 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. 26-13

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 General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th, day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols and Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Baker

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

GENERAL FUND:

City of Imperial, patrol vehicle -----	\$ 20,000.00
Curbs and All LLC, courtyard maint. -----	\$ 750.00
Prairie States Comm. Inc., repair -----	\$ 3,728.10
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 752.95

ROAD FUND:

Cole Schilke, Dist. 3 shop bldg. repair -----	\$ 17,000.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 10,725.20
NE Machinery Co., 2014 Cat D6TLGP dozer -----	\$154,300.00
Oak Creek Engineering, 1&6 Year preparation/surveying -----	\$ 7,971.00
Sunrise Oil Field Supply, dreg repair -----	\$ 3,103.76

Josh Kautz with McCook Public Power District and Colyn Suda with Southwest Public Power District met with the Board regarding the proposed moratorium on wind energy systems etc. This item will be placed on the July 6th, 2026 agenda.

Assessor Tara Riggs and Treasurer Jackie Drain were present for discussion on 2026/2027 employee wage increases.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Assessor Riggs advised as to filed property valuation protests. It was the consensus of the Board to hold property valuation protest hearings beginning the afternoon of July 20th, 2026.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Discussion held on the recent resignation of a Sheriff's department deputy.

Motion Nichols by to ratify the Professional Service Agreement For County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska Comprehensive Planning Project with West Central Nebraska Development District as revised and to direct Chair to execute the same. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Absent; Wertz, Aye; Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols advised as to the Weed Superintendent/Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson request for a county issued/owned cell phone.

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

The Sheriff's Returned Distress Warrant Report was on file.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 6th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk