

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 3rd, 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 3rd day of August 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz and Commissioner Christopher Baker, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 30th, 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, Dennis Egle, Scott McDonald, Lynn Sutton, Terra Riggs and Jim Long.

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

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the August 3rd, 2026 agenda and approval of the July 20th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund payroll -----	\$32,528.40
Mike Buffington-Damon, reimb. fuel -----	\$ 38.52
Common Scents, tree spraying -----	\$ 395.00
Community Hospital, inmate medical -----	\$ 274.55
Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 172.55
Adreanna Dunn, mileage/communications -----	\$ 373.20
Eakes Office Solutions, supply -----	\$ 636.39
Galls LLC, uniform allowance -----	\$ 1,325.95
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 9,336.91
Hometown Leasing, copier lease -----	\$ 158.00
Baleigh Lashley, mileage/communications -----	\$ 130.94
Lincoln County Clerk, probation costs -----	\$ 3,002.91
Lord's Inc., equipment -----	\$ 3,350.00
Alyson Lunsford, meals/mileage -----	\$ 804.60
Med. Air Service Assoc., - B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 12.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, lodging/training -----	\$ 250.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 1,258.45
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 374.10
Point C, deductible funding -----	\$10,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 5,290.24
Scoop Media LLC, publications -----	\$ 606.15
Snell Services, Inc., repair -----	\$ 245.50
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 125.00
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 10.60
Corporate Payment Systems, supply/fuel/meals/lodging -----	\$ 721.89
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 306.84
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, annual membership-----	\$ 2,637.18

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund payroll -----	\$14,531.91
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Bud’s Tire Repair, Inc., repair -----	\$ 54.00
DHW Energy, LLC, dredge repair -----	\$ 1,920.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 3,552.07
J Distributing LLC, repair -----	\$ 2,821.05
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 36.00
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, surveying -----	\$ 1,500.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding -----	\$ 473.26
Nutrien Ag Solutions, chemicals -----	\$10,050.00
Nutrien Ag Sollutions, chemicals -----	\$ 9,120.00
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair -----	\$ 2,683.14
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,023.93
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 46.33
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 162.38
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 151.00

K-9 FUND:

Dollar General, supply -----	\$ 16.25
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 472.29

E 911 FUND:

Lumen, subscription/service-----	\$ 1,755.88
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Terra Riggs, Jim Long, Dennis Egle, and Lynn Sutton, expressed concerns regarding roads in District 3. Commissioner Baker addressed concerns and discussion held on the same.

Deputy Emergency Kyle Clapp offered the Region 51 Emergency Management Agency’s quarterly report.

Sara Cathcart, Director of Central Nebraska Constituent Services with Senator Pete Ricketss office joined the meeting. Chair Nichols advised as to issues in working with FEMA and agencies involved with Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Ms. Cathcart indicated that Senator Rickett’s office can assist with the County’s concerns in dealing with federal agencies.

The following inventories were acknowledged: Weed Superintendent, Veteran’s Service, County Attorney, and Buildings and Grounds.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Point C Customer Services Agreement for Hitchcock County Health Reimbursement Arrangement and the Hitchcock County Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Document and Summary Plan Description. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to move forward with the purchase of the Good Life Marina property for \$150,000.00 conditioned upon the funds being provided by Good Life Marina. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting for work on the County’s 2026/2027 budget

Pursuant to Nebr. Rev. Stat. §23-122 et. Seq. Hitchcock County job titles and current salaries are being published:

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner \$26,922.27; County Clerk \$61,382.77; County Attorney \$61,382.77; County Sheriff \$73,228.56; County Treasurer \$61,382.77; County Assessor \$61.382.77;

HOURLY WAGES

Chief Deputy Sheriff \$33.75; Sheriff Seargent \$29.25; Deputy Sheriff(s) \$26.60/30.00; Chief Deputy Clerk \$25.36; Deputy Clerk \$22.75; Attorney Legal Assistant \$23.83; Chief Deputy Treasurer \$24.75; Treasurer Clerical \$20.75; Chief Deputy Assessor \$24.75; Extension Office Manager \$20.75; Road Maintenance \$23.75/\$29.85; Part Time Road Maintenance \$18.00/\$23.00; B&G Maintenance/Janitorial \$20.52; Weed Superintendent/NIRMA

Contact/Zoning Admin. \$25.75; Dispatcher/Jailer \$23.25/\$26.00; Part Time Dispatcher/Jailer \$20.75/\$22.75; Veteran’s Service Officer \$21.79; Planning Commission Secretary \$15.00.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 20th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion a roll vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk