

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 17th, 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 17th day of August 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Vice Chair Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 13th, 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, Sheriff Ryan King, Treasurer Jackie Drain and Clerk Magistrate Linda Smith.

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

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the August 17th, 2026 agenda and approval of the August 3rd, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #26-14 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz 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. 26-14

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the 2026/2027 Hitchcock County Budget has not yet been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a billing invoice from Great Plains Appraisal, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 for appraisal services performed relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County to include in the 2026/2027 budget an expenditure for appraisal costs in the sum of \$15,000.00 relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to include in the 2026/2027 budget and expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2026/2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,000.00 and to transfer said amount to the Swanson Land Fund for said appraisal costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Swanson Land Fund for the purpose of paying said appraisal cost expenditure.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th, day of August, 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: Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:	
General Fund payroll -----	\$50,222.09
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 1,408.77
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services/new equip. -----	\$10,122.83
AT&T Mobility, service -----	\$ 255.64
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 1,549.16
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$34,113.72
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel --	\$ 512.50
Rebecca Christofferson, patrol vehicle vinyl -----	\$ 1,000.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 486.31
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications -----	\$ 270.48
DAS State Accounting, data process. -----	\$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply/provisions -----	\$ 206.59
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip. -----	\$ 827.39
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage -----	\$ 278.90
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 1,930.21
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, staff T's -----	\$ 70.00
Government Forms & Supplies, supply -----	\$ 220.00
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 1,141.60
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$15,927.20
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 125.00
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, title fee -----	\$ 10.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 278.00
Med Air Service Assoc., - B2B, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 37.50
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 2,226.86
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,735.26
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 2,222.34
Neopost Postage, supply -----	\$ 50.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Parde Electric LLC, repair -----	\$ 180.00
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate dental -----	\$ 160.00
Point C, admin. fees -----	\$ 156.75
Prairie State Communications, patrol equipment -----	\$ 2,221.35
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection -----	\$ 237.50
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter -----	\$ 214.59
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical -----	\$ 320.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 8,435.25
Rippen Oil LLC, repair -----	\$ 159.00
Carrie Sandman, reimb. supply -----	\$ 72.00
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 695.00
David Swanson, reimb. supply -----	\$ 46.73
TKO Pest Control, service -----	\$ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, supply/fuel -----	\$ 197.09
Corporate Payment Systems, supply -----	\$ 1,122.52
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals -----	\$ 300.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. -----	\$ 471.34
Haley Walker, reimb. supply -----	\$ 6.50
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 221.85
West Central NE Development Dist., dues -----	\$ 2,730.00
911 Custom, equip. -----	\$ 729.95

ROAD FUND:	
Road Fund payroll -----	\$16,217.61

AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 239.68
BC&BS, dental ins. -----	\$ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. -----	\$ 5,232.86
C&K Distributors, dredge repair/other repair -----	\$ 54.54
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 38.22
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel -----	\$ 7,604.37
Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 396.66
Great Plains Reporting, depositions -----	\$ 503.25
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., grader blades -----	\$ 950.90
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 4,241.18
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair -----	\$ 1,786.74
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel -----	\$ 2,453.02
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing -----	\$ 36.00
Moorhous, Inc., dredge repair -----	\$ 64.24
NE Dept. Transportation, asphalt millings -----	\$ 1,822.40
NE Dept. Revenue, state employment tax withholding -----	\$ 616.90
Point C., admin. fees -----	\$ 24.75
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing -----	\$ 240.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 2,085.30
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 1,936.35
Titan Machinery, repair -----	\$ 167.10
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals -----	\$ 1,200.00
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 52.47
VSP Insurance, vision ins. -----	\$ 48.24

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 264.94
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E 911 FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 15.42
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E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service -----	\$ 48.84
NE Generator Service LLC, generator maint. service -----	\$ 1,897.08

SWANSON LAND FUND:

Great Plains Appraisal, Inc., service -----	\$15,000.00
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County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King discussed the 2026/2027 Sheriff and Jail preliminary budgets with the Board.

Member Wertz move to increase the Dollar General credit limit from \$400.00 to \$1,000.00. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Absent. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter joined the meeting via phone conference discussion was held on structures C0044045510, C004404515 and C004413405.

Dennis Egle inquired as to how a “road superintendent” was paid. Attorney Garner advised as to the difference between a Highway Superintendent and a Road Supervisor. Discussion held on road concerns.

Board was in receipt of an email from Bernard Andrijeski concerning road conditions on mail routes and school bus routes in District 3.

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

Commissioner Christopher Baker joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve and accept the quote of Applied Connective Technologies for Premium Managed IT services. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Great Plains Communications for underground fiber optic in 21-3-31. 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 following inventories were acknowledged: Treasurer, Road Districts #1 and #2.

The board acknowledged receipt of the Affidavit of Surplus Property filed by the Treasurer Jackie Drain. The Board also acknowledged receipt of bank compliance reports for April, May and June 2026.

Member Nichols moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation relating to Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1 at 12:30 p.m. and to allow Bill Roddy to remain in said session. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried. Also present County Attorney D. Eugene Garner.

Member Nichols moved to come out of executive session at 12:46 p.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to accept the proposed offer to settle received from Mr. Andrew Joyce, the attorney for the defendants in Case CI 25-1 with the following additional specific conditions:

1. Quitclaim deed from Defendants for the 40' strip
2. That the road be reclaimed and rebuilt by November 1, 2026.

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

Chair Nichols advised as to Bureau of Reclamation land appraisals/transfers. Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to taxable status of property possibly purchased by the County.

Member Nichols moved to move forward with the possible purchase of the cabin area consisting of 7.7+/- acres located in the North Half of the North Half of Section 18, Township 2, Range 33, and South Half of the South Half of Section 7, Township 2, Range 33, Hitchcock County, Nebraska from the Bureau of Reclamation for the total price of \$140,000.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to move forward with the possible purchase of the Lakeview Lodge property consisting of 21.5 +/- acres located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 2, Range 34 in Hitchcock County, Nebraska for the total price of \$93,000.00. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 1:43 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker 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