

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Trenton, Nebraska
August 17, 2026

A meeting of the Hitchcock County Board of Equalization of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, August 17th, 2026 as published. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz, County Clerk Margaret Pollmann and County Assessor Terra Riggs. 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 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 1:45 p.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of the August 17th, 2026 Agenda and 2. Approval of the July 20th, 2026 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to tax list correction #125, #126 and #127.

Member Nichols moved to approve Tax List Correction #125, #126 and #12 for tax year 2023 on Parcels 440011981 – RE, #440006414 – RE and #440007615 – RE respectively. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried. Tax List Correction #125, shall be marked Exhibit “A”, Tax List Correction #126 shall be marked Exhibit “B” and Tax List Correction #127 shall be marked Exhibit “C” of these minutes.

Member Wertz offered Board of Equalization Resolution #26-1 and moved for its’ adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, 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 as follows and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County’s website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
RESOLUTION #26-1

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”, is a duly organized county, existing pursuant to the law of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-3443 (3) On or before August 1, all political subdivisions subject to county, municipal, or municipal county levy authority under this section shall submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board, city council, village board, or council that is responsible for levying such taxes. The preliminary request of the political subdivision shall be in the form of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of member present of the political subdivision’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is in receipt of the following timely filed preliminary allocation resolutions from the named subdivisions:

Culbertson Cemetery District:	General Fund Tax Request	\$ 7,754.28
Valuation \$338,424,998	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.002291
	Sinking Fund Tax Request	\$ 5,102.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.001508

Stratton Rural Cemetery District: Valuation \$238,249,618	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$25,200.00 .010577
Trenton Cemetery District: Valuation \$309,093,469	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority Sinking Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$ 14,350.00 .004643 \$ 3,608.00 .001167
Culbertson Fire Protection District: Valuation Hitchcock: \$296,690,668 Hayes: \$ 10,586,383 Total: \$307,277,051	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$71,500.00 .023269
Palisade Rural Fire District: Valuation Hitchcock: \$125,906,205 Hayes: \$113,707,564 Total: \$239,613,769	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority Sinking/Bond Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$74,805.85 .031219 \$30,000.00 .012520
Stratton Ambulance & Fire Protection District: Valuation Hitchcock: \$238,248,440 Dundy: \$ 8,448,293 Total: \$245,696,733	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$102,040.00 .041531
Trenton Rural Fire Protection District: Valuation \$284,511,234	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority Sinking Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$ 55,000.00 .019331 \$ 35,000.00 .012302
Hitchcock County Agricultural Society Valuation \$1,038,522,792	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$ 79,847.00 .007689
Hitchcock County Historical Society Valuation \$1,038,522,792	General Fund Tax Request Preliminary levy allocation/authority	\$ 5,669.00 .000546

WHEREAS, COUNTY has considered each request and its’ effect on the overall levy allocation as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-3443 (4) Each county board, city council, village board, or council shall (a) adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final levy allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and (b) forward a copy of such resolution to the chairperson of the governing body of each of its political subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary levy allocation of levy authority for each of the above listed political subdivisions are approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of August, 2026.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Christopher Baker, Ron Wertz and Paul Nichols
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member Wertz moved to adjourn Board of Equalization at 1:52 p.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL