

HITCHCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 16, 2026
Trenton, Nebraska

Pursuant to the adopted By-Laws and Rules of Procedure, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 15, 2026 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska for its annual re-organizational meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on January 8th, 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 this 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.

Chair Dustin Ladenburger advised all in attendance, that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review, indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held and offered the following statement: *It is the policy of the board that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. The board conducts its business in accordance with the open meetings act.*

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the roll was called. Those present were Aaron Kolbet, Dustin Ladenburger, Wayne Merrill and Dustin Webb. Member Tom Monnahan was absent. Chair declared a quorum. Also present, Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson, County Attorney D. Eugene Garner, Recording Secretary Margaret Pollmann, Patrons Cody Lashley and Ewan Lashley.

The minutes of the October 8th, 2025 meeting were previously reviewed by the board. Chair inquired as to any additions or corrections. Member Kolbet moved to waive the reading of said minutes, and accept and approve the October 8th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Merrill seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called as follows: Kolbet, Aye; Ladenburger, Aye; Merrill, Aye; Monnahan, Absent; Webb, Aye. Motion carried.

Chair opened the floor for nominations for officers for calendar year 2026.

Wayne Merrill nominated Dustin Ladenburger for Chair. Aaron Kolbet seconded the chair nomination; Dustin Webb nominated Aaron Kolbet for vice chair. Wayne Merrill seconded the vice chair nomination; Aaron Kolbet nominated Wayne Merrill as Secretary. Member Dustin Webb seconded the secretary motion. There were no further nominations and nominations for chair, vice-chair and secretary ceased and a roll call vote was had as follows: Ladenburger, Aye; Merrill, Aye; Kolbet, Aye; Webb, Aye; Monnahan, Absent. Motion carried and Dustin Ladenburger was declared Chair, Aaron Kolbet was declared Vice-Chair and Wayne Merrill was declared Secretary for calendar year 2026.

Zoning administrator Mike Erickson gave his annual report.

Discussion held on various planning and zoning issues. Attorney Garner advised as to the notice of approval of the Community Development Block Grant for updates to the County's zoning regulations and comprehensive plan.

Chair asked if there was any old business. None was noted.

Chair asked if there was any new business. None was noted.

The next meeting date will be January 21, 2027. The Chair may call a meeting of the Planning Commission at such other times as needed to conduct necessary business.

There being no further business before the Commission, Kolbet moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Webb seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Ladenburger, Aye; Webb, Aye; Kolbet, Aye; Merrill, Aye; Monnahan, Absent. Motion carried.

Dustin Ladenburger, Chair

Wayne Merrill, Secretary