Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 2, 2026

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Community Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday the 2nd day of November 2026 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Christopher Baker County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on October 29th, 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 and Terry Ginn.

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

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the November 2nd, 2026 agenda and approval of the October 19th, 2026 meeting minutes. 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 approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was called as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund payroll	$28,427.06
Poll Worker Training, per diem/mileage	$ 1,157.20
Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center, budgeted funds	$ 2,000.00
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson, PC, LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 287.50
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 96.44
Curbs and all, LLC, courtyard fertilizer	$ 655.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 88.50
Dundy Co. Hospital, inmate medical	$ 120.00
Adreanna Dunn, mileage/communications	$ 104.75
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 342.72
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 193.84
Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 548.00
Galls, LLC, uniform allowance/supply	$ 280.71
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, safety clothing	$ 24.00
Hampton Inn, lodging	$ 275.90
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 8,355.84
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 18.73
Holiday Inn Express, lodging	$ 452.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease	$ 166.53
Thomas Jones, meals	$ 26.87
Med. Air Service Assoc. – B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
Menards North Platte, floor sealant/supply	$ 540.85
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 311.65
NACO, conference cancellation fee	$ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 1,107.26
NE Generator Service LLC, repair	$ 661.16
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 342.20
Parde Electric LLC, repair	$ 600.88
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, EM contract	$ 7,417.50
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 4,627.95
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 2,283.58
Secretary of State, election supply	$ 52.00
Seery Door & Construction, repair	$ 2,215.00

Chevas Shaw, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 187.50
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 44.10
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds ---------- $ 100.00
U Save Pharmacy, inmate script. ---------- $ 190.58
Corporate Payment Systems, meals/fuel/supply ---------- $ 242.89
Milton Varney, reimb. repair ---------- $ 200.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 8,304.34

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund payroll ---------- $17,285.18
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, safety clothing ---------- $ 226.00
Ramsey Harders, repair ---------- $ 272.97
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,309.64
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $11,781.40
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 36.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 570.06
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,417.40
Tjaden Welding LLC, dredge repair ---------- $ 4,350.00
Steve Berges, bldg. repair ---------- $ 7,638.54
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 203.82

Member Baker moved to approve the claim of Ron Wertz for antifreeze and tools in the amount of $515.89. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Abstain, Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

K-9 FUND:
Ryan King, reimb. K-9 costs ---------- $ 30.61

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised that the next town hall meeting regarding updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations will be Monday, November 30th, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CT at the Stratton Public Library, 411 Bailey Street, Stratton, Nebraska.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Point C Designated Privacy Personnel Form. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered a departmental update and requested a wage increase.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #26-22 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried. 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 filed in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2026

Resolution No. 26-22

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302 and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment;

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes

showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Hitchcock County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2026 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Paul Nichols	Ron Wertz	Christopher Baker

County Board Member Wertz moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Nichols seconded the Motion. Roll call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent. Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Clerk

Chair Nichols executed the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2026.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter joined the meeting. Discussion held on bridge replacement projects and setting bid letting dates.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to set the following bid letting date on structure C004413405, bridge replacement project, materials only for December 7th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes, Wertz, Yes.

Member Wertz moved to designate Oak Creek Engineering as agent for the County Board to received and open bids on Structures C004404510 & C004404515, bridge replacement projects on December 17th, 2026 at its offices located at 4006 6th Avenue, Kearny, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered the Quarterly Report for July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

Attorney Garner advised as to the Memorandum of Understanding between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins and Red willow Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services aid Program.

Member Nichols moved to rescind the following motion made this date: "*Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. 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 seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 16th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and a roll vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk