Hitchcock County Board Minutes

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 3rd, 2023

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 January, 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair for calendar year 2023. Member McDonald nominated Paul Nichols. The nomination was seconded by Wertz. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Paul Nichols for Chair for calendar year 2023 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: McDonald and Wertz. Member Nichols abstained. Motion carried and Paul Nichols was declared Chair for 2023.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair for calendar year 2023. Member McDonald nominated Ron Wertz. The nomination was seconded by Nichols. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Ron Wertz for Vice Chair for calendar year 2023 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: McDonald and Nichols. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried and Ron Wertz was declared Vice Chair for 2023.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approval of the January 3rd, 2023 agenda
- Approval of the December 19, 2022 meeting minutes
- Designating regular meeting days as the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, unless Monday is a holiday, then Tuesday is the regular meeting day
- Designating Hitchcock County News and the McCook Daily Gazette as official newspapers for 2023.
- Designating the County's website, http://www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov in addition to publication in official newspapers as a method of providing notices
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County's representative on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Board for 2023
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County representative on the West Central Nebraska Area Agency Board with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2023
- Appointment of Ron Wertz as County representative to the West Central Nebraska Development District with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2023
- Note perpetual appointment of Scott McDonald to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Directors

Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$13,752.95
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,155.31
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 1,949.25
Dollar General, supply	$ 46.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 170.14
Eakes Office Solutions, copy contract	$ 46.55
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 431.55
William Hagemann, mileage	$ 155.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 427.16
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,002.91
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 505.36
PIP, supply	$ 332.17
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 152.00
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,008.94
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 29.00
Scoop Media, publications	$ 536.04
Robert Scott, mileage/meal	$ 162.44
SW Public Power, utility	$ 38.84
Justin Stewart, reimb. supply	$ 16.10
York Co. Sheriff, service fee	$ 8.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 8,610.71
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,079.88
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire ext. inspect./service	$ 370.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 263.42
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,195.38
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel	$ 187.20
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair	$ 100.00
SW Public Power, utility	$ 57.33

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 248.32

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:

Applied Connective Technologies, cyber security contract project	$11,969.66

Assessor Terra Riggs met with the Board regarding Pritchard and Abbott's contract for professional services for tax years 2023-2024.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Contract for Professional Appraisal Services for Tax Years 2023 – 2024 by and between the County and Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., Valuation Consultants. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2023 Employment Contract of Phillip W. Dixon for highway superintendent services and the appointment of Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent for 2023.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Phillip W. Dixon, holding License# S-793 (Class A), as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent and to direct Chair to execute the 2023 Employment Contract with Phillip W. Dixon for calendar year 2023 for the term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to appoint the following persons to the Hitchcock County Safety Committee for 2023: Chair: Kyle Clapp, Members Marcus Proffit, Bill Hagemann, Jared Vrbas, Justin Bright and Scott McDonald. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-1 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #23-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners' of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that during the year 2023 and for all remainder of the term of Jackie Drain, as County Treasurer and Margaret M. Pollmann, as County Clerk ex officio Clerk of the District Court, or until further directed by the Board, that the following named banks shall be depositories for the funds of Hitchcock County, Nebraska:

Community First Bank	The Culbertson Bank	MNB Stratton, NE
P.O. Box 338	P.O. Box 8	PO Box 367
Trenton, NE 69044-0338	Culbertson, NE 69024-0008	McCook, NE 69001-0367

Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust
721 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the County Treasurer and County Clerk/Clerk of the District Court have on hand and will have on hand from time to time for deposit, County money which should be deposited for safekeeping in these banks in excess of the paid-up capital stock and surplus of each of the said banks, but shall not at any time have in said banks County funds in excess of 102% of the bonds deposited by each bank as security plus the $250,000.00 demand deposit and the $250,000.00 time deposit covered and protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of which the bank is a licensed and qualified member thereof. In the event of demand deposits, for the Hitchcock County Clerk's Imprest Fund being over $250,000.00 the receiving bank will furnish securities to cover the additional deposits. Provided that the

aforesaid banks each and all of them meet the requirement imposed by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding property bond and securities for the deposits made in said banks.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of January, 2023.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-2 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #23-2

WHEREAS, it appears that the County Treasurer of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, has on hand, from time to time, excess monies which are not then required for the proper operation of the government of said Hitchcock County;

AND WHEREAS it is for the best interest of said Hitchcock County that such monies be invested in various investments for the benefit and welfare of said County, which investments should be made as provided by the law of the State of Nebraska.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the County Treasurer of said Hitchcock County be and she hereby is authorized to invest excess monies of said County, from time to time, in such investments as may be required and permitted by the laws of Nebraska, and to rescind any and all former resolution of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict therewith.

DATED THIS 2nd day of January, 2023.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk *SEAL*

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-3 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. 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 #23-3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HTICHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, for the use and benefit, and in the name of the said County of Hitchcock, will not advertise ANY SUCH KNOWN real estate property descriptions that are deeded to persons who have declared a form of bankruptcy with the United States bankruptcy Court as of the date of publication of delinquent real estate taxes. Publication dates will be February 9, 2023, February 16, 2023 and February 23, 2023.

LET IT ALSO BE KNOWN that as of this date the Treasurer has not received notification of discharge of any of the bankruptcies not being published.

A list of such legal descriptions being withheld from publication will be on file in the County Treasurer's office, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2023.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk *SEAL*

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols, Ronald Wertz

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-4 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. 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 #23-4

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, (hereinafter called COUNTY) is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-106 (1), the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners shall manage the COUNTY's funds and COUNTY business, except as otherwise specifically provided; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is desirous of adopting a Banking Resolution for banking transactions by and between the COUNTY, acting by and through its various officers and the Community First Bank (hereinafter called BANK) 339 Main Street, PO Box 338, Trenton, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

1. That the BANK is hereby designated as a depository for funds of the COUNTY and also for the funds of other persons or entities coming into the hands of the COUNTY's officials pursuant to their official duties, and that the elected or appointed officials of said COUNTY as specifically designated herein, and each of them, hereby are authorized to open or otherwise maintain such account(s) with the BANK, as said elected or appointed officials deem necessary to carry out their respective official duties on behalf of and for the COUNTY, and to execute such agreements as shall be required by the BANK and subject to rules and regulations of the BANK governing such accounts.

2. That, subject to the special instructions set forth herein, if any, or as otherwise authorized by law, any of the following persons are authorized and empowered to deal generally with the BANK with respect to the following specified accounts:

Jaclyn B. Drain, Hitchcock County Treasurer

- Hitchcock County Treasurer #XXX-XX9
- Money Market #XXXXX5
- CDBG Housing Fund #XXX-XX9
- Community Development Fund #XXX-XX8
- ARPA Fund #XXXXXXX6

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock County Clerk

- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8
- Hitchcock County Clerk # XXX-XX3
- Hitchcock County Clerk of the District Court # XXX-XX7

- Hitchcock County Payroll #XXX-XX8

Linda K. Smith, Hitchcock County Court Clerk Magistrate
- Hitchcock County Court # XXX-XX9

D. Eugene Garner, Hitchcock County Attorney
- Hitchcock County Attorney # XXX-XX2

Gerry L. Hunter, Hitchcock County Sheriff
- Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4

Robert A. Scott, Hitchcock County Veteran's Service Office
- Hitchcock County Veteran's Aid Fund # XXX-XX6
- Hitchcock County American Legion #XXX-001

Paul A. Nichols, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #1
Ronald L. Wertz, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #2
Scott McDonald, Hitchcock County Commissioner District #3
- Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8

and to designate from time to time themselves and such other deputy official(s) to (1) sign, on behalf of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or withdrawal orders drawn upon such accounts; and (2) to endorse in the name of the COUNTY and to deposit in such accounts money, checks and other instruments for payment of moneys, which endorsements may be by stamp without designation of the person endorsing, and in connection therewith certify to the BANK the specimen signatures on any signature card.

3. That notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the BANK is authorized to honor instruments for the payment from, and to charge the same to, the Hitchcock County Imprest Fund # XXX-XX8 account ONLY upon proper authorized signature(s) of:
   A) one (1) County Commissioner, as either chairman or vice-chairman or acting chairman, AND
   B) the County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk.

4. That of the COUNTY, checks, drafts or money orders when signed by those persons so designated, whether or not (1) payable or endorsed to the person signing; or (2) paid or applied for the benefit of the persons signing.

5. That this resolution shall be certified to the BANK together with specimen signatures of the persons named herein and said certification shall continue in force until express written notice of rescission or modification has been received by the BANK.

6. That the original signature card(s) pertaining to said accounts of the COUNTY and bearing the true specimen signature(s) of the persons named and otherwise authorized hereby shall be on file with the BANK.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2023.

Voting for the motion: Scott McDonald, Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols
Voting against the motion: None
Abstaining: None

Absent: None

The resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Member Wertz moved to appoint Dustin Webb to a three (3) year term (expiring 1-26) on the Hitchcock County Planning Commission. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-1114.09 "The salary of one full-time deputy of the various county offices shall not be less than sixty-five percent of the county officer's salary." The Board finds that all Hitchcock County Chief deputy base salaries are in compliance with said statute.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-5 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. 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 #23-5

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska hereinafter (Board) passed Resolution #17-8 on March 6, 2017 offering a conditional Cash-In-Lieu option of group medical insurance policy to those elected officials and Hitchcock County employees choosing to participate, and

WHEREAS, Cash-In-Lieu payment amount(s) shall be established each plan year at the Board's January Reorganizational meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Cash-In-Lieu payments for the policy year beginning July 1, 2023 shall be added to monthly wages and all withholding requirements will be administered accordingly on the monthly cash option as follows:

- Employee Only $350.00
- Employee/Child(ren) $550.00
- Employee/Spouse $550.00
- Family $550.00

Passed and approved this 2nd day of January, 2023.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Voting for the Motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols
Voting against the Motion: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund receipts.

Member Nichols moved to direct Treasurer to establish a Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund 2585. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application(s):

- Marjorie Brown, CRP General in NW¼ NW ¼ 3-3-32
- Marjorie Brown, CRP, CREP in SE ¼ SE ¼ 3-3-32 & NW ¼ NW ¼ 3-3-32

and the same are hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

Nebraska Machinery and Murphy Tractor blade cutting edge quotes were reviewed.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

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Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

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Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 17, 2023

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 Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioner Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the January 3rd, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 17th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,330.56
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 864.13
Applied Connective Technologies, IT, phone, email service	$ 2,523.00
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,321.04
BC&BS, health ins.	$20,518.00
Capital One, supply	$ 246.55
Clerk Dist. Ct. Assoc., dues	$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,981.33
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 56.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 120.00
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 129.28
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 238.51
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/propane	$ 5,348.22
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 39.33
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 160.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,103.08
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 67.66
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 103.78
JEO, HMP update	$ 7,415.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 300.63

Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 108.50
Mid American Research Chemical, supply ---------- $ 363.23
Mid-State Organized Crim Info Center, membership ---------- $ 100.00
MIPS, Inc., data process ---------- $ 1,245.01
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 240.00
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues ---------- $ 60.00
NE Dept. Of Agriculture APHP, pesticide licence ---------- $ 90.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 2,840.38
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage ---------- $ 296.88

Parde Electric LLC, repair ---------- $ 463.77
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 2,693.39
Region II Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 1,328.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,529.89
Terra Riggs, mileage ---------- $ 156.25
Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 71.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control service ---------- $ 75.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script. ---------- $ 46.77
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,233.86
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 278.15
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,200.00
Donald D. Wilson, CPA, 2022 audit services ---------- $ 7,800.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 9,258.28
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 915.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel supplement ---------- $ 161.40
Justin Bright, reimb. supply ---------- $ 181.79
C&K Distributors, supply/tools ---------- $ 53.93
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,379.03
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
ED Enterprises, Inc., supply ---------- $ 113.94
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/propane ---------- $ 19,484.79
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, workwear ---------- $ 210.00
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 348.36
Heartland New Holland, repair ---------- $ 921.17
League Builders Supply, supply ---------- $ 10.99
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 23.25
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, surveying ---------- $ 485.25
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, fuel tax ---------- $ 80.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 318.51
Newman Trafffic Signs, signs ---------- $ 4,911.60
Powerplan JD Financial, repair/oil ---------- $ 1,379.46

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,194.30
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 420.98
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 343.78
Titan Machinery, Case IH Max 125 Tractor ---------- $110,000.00
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.47
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 226.74
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 161.88
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

VISITOR PROMO FUND:
NE Travel Association, dues ---------- $ 300.00
Valerie Paschall, mileage ---------- $ 146.88

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
Great Plains Communications, service ----------$ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service----------$ 48.84
Prairie States Communications, Inc., install equipment---------- $ 1,010.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Jennifer Rasmussen met with the board via phone conference regarding courtroom upgrades.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed various road and bridge projects with the Board. Superintendent Dixon advised the Board that Bridge #C004404510 had been accepted into the County Bridge Match Program by NDOT.

Lenard Paxton joined the meeting.

Attorney Garner advised as to recent discussions regarding placement of tank batteries in road right of ways and flood plains with the oil and gas commission, zoning administrator and various oil and gas companies.

Member Nichols moved to recess the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization Proceedings. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m. this date.

Treasurer Jackie Drain presented the Semi-Annual Community Development Block Grant Program Income Report and Chair executed the same. Treasurer Drain also presented the November and December pledged security reports and the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement.

Discussion was held on the Hitch and Hay Public Transit request for letter of continued support. Chair executed the same.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §47-109, the jail facility was visited by the board.

The Board was in receipt of the completed 2022 independent audit from Donald D. Wilson, CPA and the same was reviewed and approved. A copy of said audit is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- Roger Kolbet, CRP/General in Pt. 19-3-31

and the same are hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

Member McDonald moved to appoint Austin Jensen as Planning Commissioner Alternate for a three year term expiring in January 2026. Member Wert seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 6th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board Minutes

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 6, 2023

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 6th day of February, 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz, Absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the January 16th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 6th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$ 17,904.56
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services	$ 2,523.00
Capital One, supplies/equipment	$ 288.35
Board of Adjustment annual meeting per diem/milage	$ 67.21
Clerk Dist. Court Assn., dues	$ 75.00
Colfer Wood Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,090.30
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 5,847.56
Data Shield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Mike DeCore, reimb. cleaning services	$ 47.20
Deveny Motors LLC, repair	$ 666.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 35.90
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip.	$ 868.36
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 86.35
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 34.00
Holiday Inn – Kearney, lodging	$ 139.95
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 102.50
JA Automotive, repair	$ 1,081.90
MASA, suppl. Ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., deductible funding	$ 2,000.00
Midwest Connect, postage meter supply	$ 223.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,002.91
NE Assoc. Co. Officials, registration	$ 50.00

NE Assoc. Co. Treasurers, dues ---------- $ 50.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc., fire extinguisher inspect./service-------- $ 240.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 888.09
Paul Nichols, mileage ---------- $ 318.33
Planning Commisison Meeting per diem/milage ---------- $ 190.87
Postage ---------- $ 1,000.00
Prior Service Payments ---------- $ 312.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ---------- $ 186.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,688.05
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 39.83
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 220.00
Justin Stewart, reimb. cleaning expense/repairs ---------- $ 20.01
Kenneth Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
Tyler Techologies, Inc., VetraSpec. Renewal ---------- $ 449.00
West Central Dist. Assessor's Asso., dues ---------- $ 25.00
Ryan Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,200.00
York Co. Sheriff, service fees ---------- $ 40.66
20/20 Technologies, laptop upgrade service ---------- $ 600.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 12,575.59
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,434.28
Heartland New Holland, repair ---------- $ 483.68
Kohler Trailer Sales, Inc., equipment ---------- $ 9.950.00
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding ---------- $ 4,000.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher inspect/service-------- $ 505.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 547.51
Newman Traffic Signs, signs ---------- $ 6,883.50
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 6,833.17
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,806.50
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, supply ---------- $ 59.00
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 152.56
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.47

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 248.32

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:

CML Security, jail cell door replacement project ---------- $125,000.00

E 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Frontier Communications, 911 local loop fee---------- $ 8.21

E 911 PSC FUND:

Frontier Communications, 911 local loop fee ----------$ 25.98

Four Conservation Easement Applications were referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission by this Board on December 5, 2022 (Matson/Knosp), January 3, 2023 (Brown) and January 17, 2023 (Kolbet). On

January 19th, 2023, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission found that said conservation easements conformed with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Member McDonald moved to find that the following Conservation Easement Applications conform with the County's Comprehensive Plan:

- Roger Kolbet CRP/General Pt. 19-3-31
- Lemoine & Agnes Knosp CRP/General in 17-4-33
- Matson Farms LLC, CRP/CREP in 33-3-32
- Marjorie Brown CRP/General in NW¼ NW¼ 3-3-32 & CRP/CREP in SE¼ SE¼ 3-3-32 & NW¼ NW¼ in 3-3-32

and to direct Chair to execute approval of the same. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried. This governing body shall send notice of approval to the owner of the land affected by the Conservation Easement within 7 days of this action.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- Steve Fries, CRP/General in Pt. SW¼ 30-4-32 & N½ NW¼ 31-4-32
- Big Red Land Co./Michael Kimsey Mgr. CRP/General in Pt. SW¼ 4-2-32

and the same are hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

Member Ron Wertz arrived at 9:27 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Affidavit of Surplus property including a 1987 Case IH 1896 Tractor and 1982 Case 2290 Tractor. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy Hitchcock County Road Right of Way filed by underground fiber optic line located in part of Section 1 Township 4, Range 33, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Board was in receipt of the Weed Superintendent's Year End Reports including Activity, Budget, Roster, Weed Control Plan, Infestation Report and Chair Nichols executed the same.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

County Attorney advised as to the courtroom upgrade. The Board is waiting on further information.

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 direct Chair to execute 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 Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to Planning Commission discussions on updates to the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations.

The Sheriff's 4th Quarter report was on file.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 21, 2023

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 Tuesday, the 21st day of February 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the February 6th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 21st, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$56,061.93
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 949.13
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,347.29
BC&BS, health ins.	$21,355.03
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 288.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,973.40
Justin M Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 540.00
Lacey Daniels, meals/mileage	$ 375.59
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process	$ 25.28
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 42.58
Farmers Coop, fuel/heating fuels/supply	$ 4,157.79
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 450.00
Government Forms & Supply, supply	$ 261.67
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,213.93
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 73.82
Hometown Leasing, office equipment lease	$ 104.81
JA Automotive, repair	$ 1,081.90
JEO, hazard mitigation update	$ 3,710.00
Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Dept., service fees	$ 54.50
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 198.47
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees	$ 116.25
MIPS, Inc., supply	$ 98.81
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 875.63
NE Assoc. Co. Clerks, dues	$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 3,018.01
Nebraska.gov, motor vehicle transcripts	$ 8.50
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 219.04
Quadient Leasing USA Inc., postage meter	$ 214.59
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, Emerg. Mgmt. contract	$ 6,283.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,949.12

Rippen Oil, repair ---------- $ 593.50
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 438.13
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 172.58
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,060.00
Justin Steward, uniform cleaning reimb. ---------- $ 105.65
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 16.33
US Bank, lodging ---------- $ 294.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,247.97
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 286.66

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 9,337.34
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc. supply ---------- $ 213.99
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Justin Bright, reimb. reimb. pesticide training ---------- $ 50.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,512.72
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/reimb. regist. ---------- $ 1,055.00
Roy Edmundson, reimb. CDL license fee ---------- $ 60.00
Farmers Coop, heating fuels/fuel ---------- $ 2,204.66
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 349.72
James Howard, reimb. pesticide training ---------- $ 50.00
Larry Hubl, contract labor ---------- $ 340.00
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees ---------- $ 23.25
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc., fire extinguisher testing ---------- $ 335.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 345.85
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $ 3,794.45
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering services ---------- $ 17,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,220.49
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 79.10
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 224.43
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 41.92
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 495.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 303.43
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 157.72
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

VISITORS PROMO FUND:

Culbertson Community Foundation, special projects ---------- $ 750.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Frontier Communications, service ---------- $ 16.41
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

Frontier Communications, service---------- $ 51.97
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers presented the Region 51 Emergency Management Agency's 4th quarter 2022 report.

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application To Occupy Hitchcock County Road Right of Way filed by Moorhous Inc. for an underground water and electric line located in the SE ¼ of Section 12 and NE ¼ of Section 13 in Township 3 Range 31, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz offered Signing Resolution #23-6 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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 23-6

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2359

Hitchcock County
Resolution No. 23-6

Whereas: Hitchcock County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;

Whereas: Hitchcock County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Hitchcock County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County that:

Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Hitchcock County and the NDOT.

Hitchcock County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement:

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(7)
NDOT Control Number: 00974F
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2022 at Trenton, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County

Paul Nichols, Chair	Ronald L. Wertz, Vice Chair	Scott McDonald, Member

Board Member Wertz moved the adoption of said resolution. Member McDonald seconded the motion. Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

ATTEST:

(Seal)

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Chair Nichols executed the Program Agreement BL2359 by and between the County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation pursuant to Resolution 23-6

Discussion held on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. A letter to Senator Deb Fischer and Senator Pete Ricketts was drafted.

Board acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff's Department Affidavit of Surplus Property dated 2-2-23. Sheriff Gerry Hunter met with the Board regarding budgetary items.

Treasurer Jackie Drain provided the January 2023 pledged security report.

Lenard Paxton met with the Board to follow up on oil tank battery locations. Attorney Garner advised as to contacts with the Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission, Zoning Administrator Darin Morgan and the Hitchcock County Planning Commission.

Member Nichols moved to recess at 11:29 a.m. this date to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. this date.

Court appointed counsel compensation was discussed.

Attorney Garner advised as to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County and the Administrative Office of Courts and Probation.

Member McDonald moved to direct chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership by and between the County and the Administrative Office of Courts and Probation. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 6, 2023

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 6th day of March 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the February 21st, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 6th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$13,092.96
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services	$ 2,542.00
Capital One, supply	$ 494.48
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Comfort Inn, lodging	$ 129.95
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,108.31
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 278.41
CVSOAN, registration	$ 60.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 54.65
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 256.66
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 137.00
Hitchcock Co. Clerk, recording fee tax foreclosure	$ 10.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 126.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 102.30
JA Automotive, repair	$ 107.45
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS Inc., data process.	$ 2,002.91
NE Generator Service LLC, annual inspection	$ 1,218.20
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 527.45
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 478.15
Office Service Inc., supply	$ 261.30
Phelps County Sheriff, service fees	$ 18.50
Red Willow County Sheriff, service fees	$ 20.06
Redfield Direct LLC, supply	$ 545.32
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,934.22
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 1,506.55
SW Public Power, utility	$ 78.52
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,200.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 8,598.96
Bud's Tire Service, repair	$ 76.00
Capital One, tools	$ 17.72

Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,169.06
Heartland New Holland, blades ---------- $ 741.65
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 281.96
Marcus Profit, reimb. CDL ---------- $ 60.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,205.84
Rodney Rooney, mileage ---------- $ 98.38
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 119.94
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 51.09
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 342.57

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 248.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 923.81

E-911 PSC FUND:
CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 2,925.41

NIRMA Contact Bill Hagemann advised as to upcoming safety meetings.

John Rundel met with the board and advised as to his appointment as Southwest Weed Management Project Coordinator.

Sheriff Gerry Hunter met with the board regarding 2023/2024 budgetary items.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Two Conservation Easement Applications were referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission by this Board on February 6th, 2023 (Big Red Land Company LLC/Steve Fries). On March 2nd, 2023, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission found that said conservation easements conformed with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Member McDonald moved to find that the following Conservation Easement Applications conform with the County's Comprehensive Plan:

- Big Red Land Company LLC CRP/General in Pt. SW¼ of 4-2-32
- Steve Fries CRP/General in Pt. SW¼ 30-4-32 & N½ NW¼ 31-4-32

and to direct Chair to execute approval of the same. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried. This governing body shall send notice of approval to the owner of the land affected by the Conservation Easement within 7 days of this action.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- Justin Gessleman CRP/CREP in the S½ NE¼ 9-3-31

and the same is hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

The Board was in receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Alec Horton for the Board House LLC.

Chair Nichols opened the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. this date as published on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Alec Horton for the Boat House LLC to construct a self storage building for boats, campers, and RV's on Lot Two (2) Castaway Parkway Subdivision located in Section 32, Township 3, Range 33 West of the 6th P.M., Hitchcock County, Nebraska. The following Exhibits were received:

- Exhibit "A" - Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated February 15th, 2023 Notice of Public Hearings mailed to applicant Alec Horton;
- Exhibit "B" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated February 15th, 2023 Notice of Public Hearing mailed to property owners and municipalities;
- Exhibit "C" Zoning Administrator Darin Morgan's *Memorandum* dated January 31, 2023

- Exhibit "D" *Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission*.

Chair asked for those in favor of granting the conditional use as requested in the application. There were none. Chair asked for those in opposition of granting the conditional use. There were none. Chair asked for those representing a neutral position. There were none.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:34 a.m.

The Board finds that this conditional use is consistent with Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan and is permitted as a conditional use in the RCI (Rural Commercial Industrial) District pursuant to Section 502.05 (1) of Hitchcock County's Zoning Regulations.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-7 approving the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Alec Horton for the Boat House LLC moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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' website www.hitchcockco.ne.gov

RESOLUTION #23-7

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners having held a public meeting on March 6th, 2023, for the purpose of reviewing the Application for Conditional Use submitted by Alec Horton for The Boat House, LLC to construct a self storage building for boats, campers, and RV's on Lot Two (2) Castaway Parkway Subdivision located in Section 32, Township 3, Range 33 West of 6th P.M., Hitchcock County, Nebraska and after review and research of said application, to act to approve or disapprove the same; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners having held a public hearing on March 6th, 2023, for the purpose of hearing said application and for hearing comments thereon from the public in attendance and to receive information and documents, in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of said Public Hearing was published in the *McCook Gazette* on February 17th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the notice of said Public Hearing was duly mailed on February 15th, 2023 by U.S. Mail, proper first class postage prepaid, to adjacent landowners and interested parties as evidenced by the Certificate of Service on file in the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners have received the recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission recommending approval of said application; and

WHEREAS the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, having found that the requested conditional use of said land is consistent with the Hitchcock County Comprehensive Plan and is permitted as a conditional use in the RCI, (Rural Commercial Industrial District) pursuant to Section 502.05 (1) of Hitchcock County's Zoning Regulations on the following conditions to wit:

CONDITION(S):

1. NONE - Refer to Memorandum dated January 31st, 2023, submitted by Darin Morgan, Hitchcock County Zoning Administrator, attached hereto as "Exhibit C" and incorporated herein by this reference.

EXCEPTION(S): None

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conditional Use Application of Alec Horton for The Boat House LLC to construct a self storage building for boats, campers, and RV's on Lot Two (2) Castaway Parkway Subdivision located in Section 32, Township 3, Range 33 West of the 6th P.M., Hitchcock County, Nebraska, on the conditions and exceptions, if any, set forth hereinbefore be approved.

PASSED AND APPROVE THIS 6th day of March, 2023

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

Attorney Garner advised as to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of McCook and Hayes County for NCIC services.

Member Nichols moved to enter into an Interlocal Agreement by and between the County and the City of McCook and Hayes County for NCIC services. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered an update on this department.

County Commissioner Scott Olsen met with the Board via phone conference regarding a vacant weed superintendent position in Dundy County.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to oil and gas assessment and 2023 proposed valuations.

Chair Nichols advised as to an informational meeting sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation on March 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. regarding land transfers.

Attorney Garner advised as to planning commission discussions relating to zoning regulation updates.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 20th, 2023

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 20th day of March 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the March 6th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 20th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,620.42
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 906.63
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,347.29
BC&BS, health ins.	$21,355.03
Chuck Burr, mileage	$ 107.65
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,174.47
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 550.00
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 25.28
Mike DeCore, reimb. postal services	$ 9.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip.	$ 772.92
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/heating fuels/repair	$ 4,246.27
Suhr Enterprises Inc., supply	$ 832.57
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 495.00
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,108.30
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 98.88
Planning Commission per diem/mileage 3-2-23 meeting	$ 190.87
JEO, Hazard Mitigation Plan update	$ 2,320.00
Justice Data Solutions, software update	$ 250.00
L-Tron Corp., law enf. equip.	$ 2,576.75
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 34.45
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 256.76
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 5,116.25
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 220.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,875.28
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Postage	$ 500.00
Ramada Worldwide by Wyndham, lodging	$ 288.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, baliff	$ 1,411.55
Retirement Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,552.84
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 76.16
Justin Stewart, reimb. uniform supply	$ 200.00

Kenneth Adams, service ---------- $ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 76.02
Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage ---------- $ 364.80
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,126.11
VP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 286.66

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 9,409.55
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel supplement ---------- $ 177.32
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,537.83
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
Roy Edmundson, reimb. pesticide training ---------- $ 50.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/heating fuels ---------- $21,483.27
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 349.72
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees ---------- $ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 350.48
NE Machinery Co., grader blades ---------- $ 1,316.15
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair/grader blades ---------- $ 1,302.66
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,231.61
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 104.35
SW Farm & Auto Supply, supply/tools ---------- $ 45.97
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 14.49
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 158.32
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

S.T.O.P. PROGRAM FUND:
L-Tron Corp., law enf. equip. ---------- $ 2,576.75

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 15.42
NRIN, PSAP fees ---------- $ 720.00

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 48.84
NRIN, PSAP fees ---------- $ 2,280.00

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair Nichols advised as to conversations with Red Willow County Board of Commissioners regarding Road #378 and a canal bridge located on said road.

Member McDonald moved to approve the Application to Occupy Road Right of Way filed by Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC for an underground fiber optic line starting at Highway 6 and South Main Street intersection near the Village of Palisade, head south on the west side of South Main Street intersection near the Village of Palisade, head south on the west side of South Main Street until B Street; Proceed west on the north side of B Street until reaching 4th Street; Proceed south on the east side of 4th Street. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-8 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, 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' website www.hitchcockco.ne.gov

RESOLUTION 23-8

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed into law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, A Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Hayes, Frontier, and Hitchcock Counties with the assistance of JEO Consulting Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the counties and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect Hitchcock, Hayes and Frontier counties and prioritize migration strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards; and

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, does hereby adopt the Hayes, Frontier, and Hitchcock County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of March, 2023.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann
Hitchcock County Clerk SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: McDonald and Nichols
ABSTAINING: None
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSENT: Wertz

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Dawna Vap and Korky Vernon joined the meeting and further discussion was held on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to the annual tax sale held Monday, March 6th, 2023. The Treasurer's February 2023 pledged security report was on file.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 3, 2023

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 April 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Scott McDonald was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the March 20th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the April 3rd, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$12,896.10
Applied Connective Technologies, technical equipment	$ 1,984.95
Capital One, supply	$ 563.89
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,088.26
Dollar General, supply	$ 83.15
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 281.65
Eakes Office Solutions, supplies/equip.	$ 206.33
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 74.97
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 104.81
Thomas Jones, reimb. uniform cleaning	$ 21.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Midwest Radar & Equipment Inc., repair	$ 240.00
NE Assoc. Co. Treasurers, regist.	$ 150.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 514.70
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 307.20
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,909.20
Scoop Media, publications	$ 273.83
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,226.59
Sunset Law Enforcement, la enf. supply	$ 962.80
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,200.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 8,468.98
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,119.46
Bart Monnahan, repair	$ 325.00
James Howard, reimb. pesticide license/DOT physical	$ 190.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 271.31
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,185.08
SW Public Power, utility	$ 65.72

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:

CML Security, jail door replacement ---------- $64,600.00

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- Russell Schaffert CRP/CREP in Pt 25-332

and the same is hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application to Occupy Road Right of Way filed by Shirley McConnell for an underground water line crossing Road 711 from Section 17-2-33 to Section 20-2-33. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Public Defender Renewal Agreement by and between the County and Ryan R. Wilcox for a two year term at $42,000.00 annually. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and Wertz. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann and Mike Erikson joined the meeting. Discussion held on transition to new weed superintendent.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon and Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering advised as to Bridge C004404510 and Bridge C004404905P replacements and numerous road and bridge projects.

John Webster with Murphy Tractor met with the Board and introduced Dan Holman, the County's new territory sales manager.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 17, 2023

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 April 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the April 3rd, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the April 17th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,584.43
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 906.63
Applied Connective Technologies, service/IT contract	$ 3,997.86
BC7BS, dental insurance	$ 1,347.29
BC&BS, health insurance	$21,355.03
City of McCook, Annual NCIC services	$ 1,792.00
Clerk Dist. Ct. Assn., registration	$ 75.00
Colfer Wood Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 168.82
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,932.49
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 257.08
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,020.00
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 25.28
Mike DeCore, reimb. fuel	$ 40.00
Jaclyn Drain, reimb. furniture purchase	$ 711.91
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 580.26
Farmers Coop, propane/supply	$ 4,008.62
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 90.71
Surh Enterprises, Inc., supply	$ 391.77
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,625.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,130.92
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 117.00
ICS, jail provisions	$ 298.00
JA Automotive, repair	$ 695.48
Planning Commission 4/6/23 meeting mileage/per diem	$ 190.87
JEO, Hazard Mitigation Plan update services	$ 2,650.00
League Builders Supply, Inc., equip.	$ 64.98
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 151.20
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 318.33
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 116.25
MIPS, Inc., data process	$ 2,002.91
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 356.10

NACO, registrations ---------- $ 150.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 2,801.26
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Postage ---------- $ 1,000.00
Prairie States Comm., Inc., repair ---------- $ 349.00
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 2,693.37
Region II Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 2,654.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,481.60
Terra Riggs, mileage ---------- $ 117.25
Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 166.00
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 2,040.00
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
U of NE, new equipment ---------- $ 1,539.69
US Bank, lodging/supplies ---------- $ 323.30
US Bank, equipment ---------- $ 371.35
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,249.92
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 286.66

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 9,280.31
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply ---------- $ 66.79
C&K Distributors, supply ---------- $ 39.95
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,491.27
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, highway supt. contract $ 1,000.00
Farmers Coop, propane/fuel ---------- $ 5,620.92
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 348.39
Hagan Transport LLC, repair ---------- $ 183.43
Heartland New Holland, repair ---------- $ 728.25
Larry Hubl, contract labor ---------- $ 260.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 479.90
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees---------- $ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 342.11
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $33,038.53
Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., tires ---------- $14,746.80
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 835.40
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,211.52
Richard's Gravel Pit, gravel ---------- $ 1,785.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 195.31
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 937.79
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 83.94
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.31
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 315.62
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 155.44
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 248.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.43

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service---------- $ 48.83

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson provided a department update. Chair executed the annual Report and Requirements acknowledgment.

Member Nichols moved to appoint Michael Erickson as the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) contact for Hitchcock County effective April 3rd, 2023. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Nancy Frecks provided the Extension's annual report. The following are 2023 Extension Board members: Diane Bohochik, Candy Carfield, Cindy McCollam and Karen Wertz.

Member Nichols moved to find that the following conservation easements conform with Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan and to direct Chair to execute approval of the same:

- Russell Schaffert CRP/CREP in Pt. of Section 25-3-32
- Justin Gessleman CRP/CREP in S ½ NE ¼ of Section 9-3-31

Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Karen Wertz and Ronald Barger to the Hitchcock County Visitor's Committee to a three-year term ending April 1, 2027. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the same. Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Discussion held on Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting and advised as to two recent zoning permits.

The Sheriff's First Quarter 2023 report was on file.

The Board visited the jail pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:22 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Friday, April 28th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 28, 2023

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 Friday, the 28th day of April 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the April 17th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the April 28th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$13,947.33
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 285.00
Capital One, supply	$ 538.66
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,181.65
Consolidated Management Co., meals	$ 33.00
Creative Product Sourcing Inc.-DARE, supply	$ 562.73
Data Shield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 24.45
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 88.39
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 121.95
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing	$ 35.00
Darin Morgan, zoning admin.	$ 1,097.36
Mow-Mentum Lawn Service, service	$ 800.00
NE Assoc. Co. Extension Boards, dues	$ 100.00
NE Law Enfoncement Training Center, tuition	$ 485.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 533.41
Postage	$ 3,000.00
Redfield Direct LLC, supply	$ 465.08
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, EM Contract	$ 6,283.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,036.07
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 729.94
Robert Scott, meals/mileage	$ 241.70
Justin Stewart, mileage	$ 230.56
US Bank, supply	$ 52.75
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 349.12
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,002.91

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 8,566.42
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,156.96
Larry Hubl, contract labor	$ 330.00

Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 928.32
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 35.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 279.96
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,200.76
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 800.75
Roy Edmundson, reimb. pesticide license ---------- $ 25.00
Justin Bright, reimb. pesticide license ---------- $ 25.00
Marcus Profitt, reimb. pesticide training/license ---------- $ 75.00
Rodney Rooney, reimb. pesticide training/license ---------- $ 75.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 185.84
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel ---------- $ 5,355.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 248.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
Prairie States Comm., 911 equipment. ---------- $24,653.04

E-911 PSC FUND:
Prairie States Comm., 911 equipment ----------$78,067.96

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Gerry Hunter discussed staffing and wages with the Board.

The Treasurer's March 31, 2023 pledged security report was on file.

Cindy Borges and Brandon Caddick representing the Village of Trenton met with the Board regarding the Village's newly implemented tree branch site policy.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered the agency's quarterly report and provided a demonstration of the agency's First Responder drone.

Member Nichols moved to designate Michael Erickson as Hitchcock County Zoning Administrator effective April 28th, 2023. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on various zoning administrator procedures.

Attorney Garner advised as to the State and Local Cyber Security grant program. Discussion held. No action taken.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
May 15, 2023

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 15th day of May 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the April 28th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the May 15, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,433.56
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 906.63
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Contract	$ 2,581.10
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,288.27
BC&BS, health ins.	$20,511.81
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 285.00
C&K Distributors, repair	$ 47.94
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Common Scents, tree spraying	$ 200.45
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,915.00
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 119.10
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 110.00
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 25.28
Datashield, shredding service	$ 85.00
Jaclyn Drain, reimb. supply	$ 188.98
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 2,431.22
Mike Erickson, reimb. registration	$ 55.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, heating fuels/repair/fuel	$ 2,607.00
Farrell's Pharmacy, inmate script.	$ 9.67
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 352.20
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 122.59
Suhr Enterprises, supply	$ 911.90
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 140.00
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 209.62
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 27.50
JEO, HMP update costs	$ 605.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Daily Gazette, publication	$ 167.40
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 250.87
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees	$ 116.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 569.66
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 300.13
NACO, registration	$ 125.00

NACO, assoc. dues ---------- $ 1,256.65
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 2,835.22
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Pritchard & Abbott Inc., mineral appraisal services ---------- $ 5,790.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc., postage meter ---------- $ 214.59
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply ---------- $ 271.96
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,514.80
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 82.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 296.17
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 281.09
Kenneth M. Adams, service ---------- $ 75.00
US Bank, supply ---------- $ 80.92
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 765.32
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 278.15
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 472.91
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,200.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 9,254.55
ARKS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 54.28
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy Ins., supply ---------- $ 5.69
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,481.98
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
EIA LLC, gravel ---------- $ 3,571.80
Farmers Coop, heating fuels/fuel/supply ---------- $20,559.19
Heartland New Holland, repair ---------- $ 106.17
Larry Hubl, contract labor ---------- $ 120.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 719.61
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees ---------- $ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 340.18
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 425.36
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,207.48
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 129.00
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 39.54
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 64.26
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 147.74
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

NESCA, regist. ---------- $ 30.00

E-911 PSC FUND:

NESCA, regist. ---------- $ 95.00

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Subgroup application for the 7-1-23 BC/BS renewal. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the NACO VSP Vision Insurance Plan Renewal. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to cast the 2023 Ballot of election to Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NIRN) Board of Directors on behalf of Hitchcock County for the lone candidate Brandon Myers. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the

following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Board was in receipt of a proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the Hitchcock County Sheriff's office and the Red Willow County Sheriff's office for law enforcement services. No action taken.

John Rundel met with the Board via phone conference regarding a letter of support relating to the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project and discussion was held.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute a letter of support regarding the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Saesha Heffner met with the Board regarding social media marketing management services. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this offering with elected officials at the June 5th, 2023 meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed the Federal Bridge Investment Program with the Board. Various road and bridge projects were also discussed.

NIRMA Contact/Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson offered insurance and zoning updates.

Chair Nichols provided an update on Bureau of Reclamation issues.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 5, 2023

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 5th day of June 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the May 15th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 5th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The following *DISASTER DECLARATION* was signed by Chair Nichols on May 26th, 2023:

"*Hitchcock County, Nebraska, has suffered from flooding and flash flooding due to heavy rain that has occurred 26 May 2023, causing severe damage to public and private property, and the endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens of Hitchcock County.*

Therefore, the Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of Hitchcock County, and will execute for and on behalf of Hitchcock County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available resources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources that he deems necessary in the fulfillment of his duties."

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$18,399.95
Boarders Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 285.00
Capital One, supply/equipment	$ 676.32
Carpennter-Breland Funeral Home, coroner transport	$ 920.00
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 5,933.96
Dollar General, supply	$ 18.80
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 290.87
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,171.25
GIS Workshop, annual fee	$10,080.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 118.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 91.98
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Midwest Connect LLC, supply	$ 223.00
MIPS, Inc., data process costs	$ 2,438.85
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 887.79
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 385.80
NIRMA, liability/work comp./auto/bonds/E&O/physical damage	$36,393.00
Peckhan Dental Clinic, inmate dental	$ 200.00
Postage	$ 1,000.00

Protex Central, inspection ---------- $ 69.50
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply ---------- $ 14.99
Quality Urgent Care, new hire testing ---------- $ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,751.47
Safe Life Defense, uniform ---------- $ 234.37
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,503.67
Bud's Tire Service, repair ---------- $ 1,734.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,031.24
Dust Cloud Construction Inc., contract labor ---------- $ 5,865.00
EIA, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 5,202.72
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 348.03
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 2,450.76
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 648.23
NIRMA, work comp./liability/physical damage/vehicle/E&O insurance --- $35,738.00
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,092.88
Richard's Gravel Pit, gravel ---------- $14,688.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 158.04

VISITOR'S PROMOTIONAL FUND:
McCook Gazette, visitor's guide ---------- $ 400.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 248.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
Centurylink, service ---------- $ 528.00
GEO-Com., GIS maint. ---------- $ 1,527.84
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:
Centurylink, service---------- $ 1,672.01
GEO-Com., GIS maint. ---------- $ 4,838.16
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

County Attorney D., Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon and Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering advised as to estimated county road repair costs as a result of the recent flooding.

Member Wertz moved to authorize and direct Oak Creek Engineering and County Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon to make assessments of damages to county roads including without limitation major collectors caused by recent flood events as are necessary and proper for seeking possible emergency relief funding. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hunter and Assessor Riggs joined the meeting regarding 2023/2024 employee salaries and the proposed County Facebook page. Treasurer Drain was present via phone conference.

Kathy Haas and Evelyn Pettit with Family Resource Center provided information as to the Center's offerings and budgetary items for the past fiscal year. It was the consensus of the Board to consider $4,000 in the upcoming 2023/2024 County budget.

Hitchcock County Sheriff's office Dispatch Supervisor Kayla Hodges advised the board as to the Hitchcock County Sheriff's Department Severe Weather policy specifically in relation to tornado watch/warning notifications.

Weed Superintendent, Zoning Administrator and NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates. Discussion held on tank batteries in county road right of ways.

Building and Grounds manager Dave Swanson gave a departmental update.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Min-American Benefits, LLC Administrative Services Agreement. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement by and between the County and Daniel D. Miller, CPA PC for 2023/2024 budget preparation services in the amount of $3,000.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to statues relating to bridge's located county line roads.

The Treasurer's 4/30/23 and 5/31/23 pledged security reports were on file.

Member Wertz moved to recess at 12:34 p.m. and to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

The Board reconvene at 7:00 p.m. this date as per recess.

Those present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, County Attorney D., Eugene Garner and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. There were 70 patrons in attendance. All proceedings hereafter shown where 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.

Chair Nichols stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide information and hear comments from those in attendance relating to Bureau of Reclamation redevelopment plans for Swanson Reservoir concession and mobile home/cabin areas and its' effect on the local economy. Chair Nichols advised as to the County's efforts to date, those being meetings with Aaron Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation Manager for the Nebraska area, correspondence with Senator Deb Fischer's office, letters written to Senator Pete Ricketts, Representative Adrian Smith, Representative Don Bacon, Representative Mike Flood, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton and President Biden. Chair Nichols offered a beginning to current synopsis of meetings/conversations with Manager Thompson and indicated any mutually agreeable resolution had been futile. In closing, Chair Nichols indicated that as the Bureau of Reclamation is a federal government agency, contacting senators and representatives in an effort to effect legislation seemed to be the only solution and opened the meeting up to comments and questions.

Dawna Vap representing Good Life Marina read a news release dated June 5th, 2023 entitled *Reclamation announces redevelopment plans for Swanson and Red Willow Reservoir concession areas* and noted plans for redevelopment could be viewed at https://www.usbr.gov/gp/nkao/redwillow/redwillow_swansonconcession.pdf

Those recognized and offering comments were: Susan Doak (Lighthouse Marina), Tom Faimon, Robert Peterson, Val Jansante (Adrian Smith's office), Kari Clausen, Karla Heble, Al Dunworth, Jennifer Baker, Tammy Faimon, Bill Roddy, Rob Housz, Korky Vernon, Scott Chvatal, Bonni Brown, Melanie Standiford (Midwest Media by Melanie) Tim Daum, Nicole Peterson, Pennie Peterson, and Penny Walter. Comments/questions included but were not limited to: infrastructure (septic systems); if Bureau doesn't follow through with redevelopment in a timely manner what can be done; effect on local economy; Game and Parks withdraw from management; observations relating to RV site low occupancies; no park superintendent; Bureau directives not being followed; litigation options; Bureau options (nothing HAS to be done); environmental and fire codes are not being violated at present; frustration with lease signing delays and undisclosed changes in leases; contacting DC elected officials to affect change; utilizing social and news media to inform the public of the impending change and its' effect;

private and exclusive uses pertaining to mobile home sites on Bureau lands; lack of Bureau feasibility study and site survey; the SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) survey for this area; the "Dingell Act"; Bureau of Reclamation's mission statement.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 20, 2023

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 Tuesday, the 20th day of June 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the June 5th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 20th, 2023 agenda. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

NACO Legal Counsel Beth Farrell advised as to various legislative bills effecting counties.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-9 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. 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:

RESOLUTION #23-9

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

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk that the Hitchcock County Planning and Zoning budget within the General Fund do not have sufficient budget authority to meet current expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the Hitchcock County Planning and Zoning function is hereby authorized to increase its' budget authority by $396.20 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Assessor function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2023.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST: _____
Paul Nichols Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$ 51,832.75
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 744.26
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services	$ 2,568.30
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,385.85
BC&BS, health ins.	$ 22,434.18
Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers	$ 979.57
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 16,744.63
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 197.70
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 279.90
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 620.00
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 25.28
Jaclyn Drain, mileage/lodging	$ 629.96
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 583.34
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair	$ 1,846.08
Farrell's Pharmacy, supply	$ 10.76
First Net/AT&T Mobile, service	$ 431.65
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 105.12
Garner Law Office LLC, mileage	$ 295.74
Garrisons McCook Lettering, extension shirts	$ 163.00
Suhr Enterprises, supply	$ 564.02
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 465.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,168.91
Herrmann Jones Funeral Chapel, transport/cremation services	$ 1,800.00
University of NE, extension intern salary	$ 318.60
Karrie Jones, mileage	$ 364.18
League Builders Supply Inc., supply	$ 54.99
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 305.89
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees	$ 116.25
Med American Research Chemical, supply	$ 169.81
MOW-Mentum Law Service, service	$ 425.00
NACO, registration	$ 200.00
NE County Attorneys Assoc., dues	$ 515.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,720.52
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Prairie States Comm., equipment	$ 2,827.45
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, bailiff	$ 1,411.55
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,156.46
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 74.50
Scoop Media, publications	$ 214.61
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 60.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control service	$ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., sprinkler repair	$ 1,137.76
Trails West Texaco, fuel	$ 125.00
Twin Rivers Transfer, coroner costs	$ 440.30
US Bank, registrations	$ 314.00
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,616.98
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins.	$ 306.32
Western Pathology Consultants PC, coroner fees	$ 1,325.00

ROAD FU ND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 11,926.44
AKRS Equipment, repair	$ 285.74

AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 428.09
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 282.06
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,040.75
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply/chemical ---------- $ 477.84
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ----------$ 2,774.00
C&K Distributors, supply ---------- $ 44.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,085.36
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ----------$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/reimb. lodging ---------- $ 1,121.14
ED Enterprises, supply ----------$ 127.56
EIA LLC, gravel ---------- $ 6,670.20
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel ----------$ 5,835.53
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 348.03
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 2,664.33
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 5,824.32
League Builders Supply Inc., supply ----------$ 54.10
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees ----------$ 23.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ----------$ 431.54
NE Machinery Co., motor grader/repair ---------- $312,418.33
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 802.08
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,574.67
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ----------$ 4,590.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 227.56
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 36.10
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.16
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 139.35
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 62.35

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Centurylink, Lumen contract---------- $ 1,609.41
Geo-Comm, Inc., contract ---------- $ 1,586.08
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service---------- $ 5,096.47
Geo-Comm, Inc., contract ---------- $ 5,022.60
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

Chair Nichols provided an update on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers relating to concessions and mobile homes at Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs. Present were Susan Doak, Korky Vernon, Dawna Vap, Bill Roddy and Michelle Roddy. Extensive discussion held on drafting a response to Aaron Thompson's (Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager) letter dated June 9th, 2023.

Lenard Paxton joined the meeting and requested an update on moving of oil field tank batteries. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to correspondence with Great Plains Energy regarding tank batteries.

2023/2024 Employee salaries were discussed.

Member Nichols moved to authorize a 7.5% increase in employee salaries/wages for the ensuing budget year. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner provided statutes relating to bridges over waterways on and near county roads. Discussion held on the Meeker Canal bridge located on County line road #378. It was the consensus of the Board to cost share with Red Willow for up to one half cost of the CMP.

Attorney Garner advised as to payments to charitable organizations.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Wednesday June 28th, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 28, 2023

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 Wednesday, the 28th day of June 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the June 20th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 28th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

No budget authority transfer resolution was necessary.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

American Electric, repair	$ 27.13
Capital One, equip./supply	$ 518.43
Clerk Dist. Court, GAL fees	$ 75.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 105.80
Eakes Office Solutions, equip. contract	$ 46.55
JEO, HMP update	$ 2,100.00
Kiesler Police Supply, law enforcement supply	$ 1,155.00
Kugler Co., chemical supply	$ 141.20
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding	$ 5,000.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 364.41
Margaret Pollmann, mileage/lodging	$ 259.82
Protex Central, repair/service	$ 2,182.50
SW Public Power, utility	$ 148.89
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,210.00
US Bank, license	$ 99.99
Weld County Combined Courts, transcripts	$ 51.50

ROAD FU ND:

EIA, LLC, gravel	$10,083.24
Kugler Co., chemical supply	$10,228.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel	$ 3,022.56
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades	$18,432.68
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel	$20,145.00
Village of Stratton, utility	$ 117.82

Dennis Egle inquired as to recent Bureau of Reclamation issues relating to concession and mobile homes at Swanson and Red Willow Reservoirs. Chair Nichols advised as to developments to date.

Member Wertz moved to enter executive session at 3:49 p.m. this date to discuss possible real estate purchase. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried. Attorney Garner present.

Motion by McDonald to come out of executive session at 4:05 p.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz.

County Attorney is authorized to proceed with negotiations.

Chair Nichols and Commissioner McDonald met with Frontier County Board of Commissioners and the Frontier County Board is willing to partner with Hitchcock County to explore options regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfers on Goodlife and Light House Marinas.

Member Wertz moved to authorize Chair Nichols to serve as spokesperson/coordinator in relation to necessary steps on land transfer legislation relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
July 3, 2023

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 July 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the June 28th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the July 3rd, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$15,593.07
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,553.48
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 33.72
Kugler Co., chemicals	$ 133.35
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process	$ 2,059.93
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 669.06
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 334.71
Office Service Ins., supply	$ 65.26
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,270.90
US Treasury, PCORI annual filing	$ 123.00
West Central NE Development District, dues	$ 2,730.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00

ROAD FU ND:

Road Fund Payroll	$11,199.34
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,818.28
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 385.67
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,571.58

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 253.12

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the 2023 annual IRS Form 720 relating to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Fee. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent, Zoning Administration and NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates.

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered a departmental update.

Board reviewed the Cultural Resources Evaluation on NDOT Project STP-25-1 (112) CN 71227 Kansas Line – Trenton South.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109, the jail was visited.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Dawna Vap from Good Life Marina advised as to the Bureau of Reclamation public comment period to seek input in the planning for the upcoming improvements at Swanson and Red Willow Reservoir concession areas. The public comment period is open from June 30th to July 31, 2023.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 17th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
July 17, 2023

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 July 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the July 3rd, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the July 17th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Scott McDonald advised that he has had complaints regarding the County mowing weeds and that NEB. REV. STAT. §39-1811 provides in part that it shall be the duty of the landowners to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands at least twice each year, namely, before July 15th, for the first time and sometime in August for the second time.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$ 53,790.51
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 967.21
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services	$ 2.577.35
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,440.91
BC&BS, health ins.	$ 23,327.02
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 17,504.40
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 164.51
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 460.00
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data. process.	$ 25.28
DATA/Sheild, shredding services	$ 85.00
Mike DeCore, reimb. supply	$ 11.30
Harvest Homes, LLC, repair	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy chg.	$ 892.59
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 2,107.98
Gilliam Fell, mileage	$ 153.71
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 397.44
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 93.55
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 335.00
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,137.71
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 71.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 37.32
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 170.38
League Builders Supply Inc., supply	$ 4.90
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 322.26
Mid American Benefits, admin. fees/SBC prep.	$ 218.75

NE Generator Service LLC, annual service fee ---------- $ 1,832.58
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 2,904.85
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Regional West Medical Center, coroner fees ---------- $ 171.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,547.74
Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 143.50
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 418.65
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., repair ---------- $ 578.35
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 111.03
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,174.44
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 370.62
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 510.25
US Bank, lodging/supply ---------- $ 410.66

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 10,972.49
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 494.86
AKRS Equipment, 6110M tractor ---------- $114,540.71
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., tires ---------- $ 702.00
C&K Distributors, supply ---------- $ 127.83
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,887.47
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $ 19,328.11
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 348.03
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 393.92
League Builders Supply, Inc., supply ---------- $ 13.75
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply ---------- $ 27.50
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., Motor Fuels, tax ---------- $ 430.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 408.28
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 408.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,440.46
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 76.40
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 232.97
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 36.83
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.93
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 152.62
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 57.93

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Culbertson Community Foundation, special project ---------- $ 2,500.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND:

NE Department of Economic Development, reuse funds ---------- $ 1,732.25

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service---------- $ 48.84

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application To Occupy Hitchcock County Road Right of Way filed by Great Plains for underground fiberoptic in Section 15, Township 3, Range 32 Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Dawna Vap and Korky Vernon met with the Board advised as to a recent meeting with Senator Fisher, Senator Pete Ricketts, and Congressman Adrian Smith in Washington, DC regarding the Bureau of Reclamation land transfer issue.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Kiley Joyce and Mary Lawson with Region II Services Developmental Disabilities gave an overview of the agency's services.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-10 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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.

RESOLUTION 23-10

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners have identified the opportunity for the expansion of access to broadband internet for residents of rural Hitchcock County through various programs administered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believe that access to high speed broadband internet in a modern, information drive age, is an important to residents of Hitchcock County as the electrification of rural homes and farms was in the 1930's and 1940's.

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believe that the first step toward connecting rural Hitchcock County residents with broadband internet access is the identification and formulation of plan to fairly distribute and implement such broadband access to areas with limited or no current broadband access.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, offers technical assistance grants which are designed to assist political subdivisions, such as Hitchcock County, with identifying areas of inadequate broadband service and formulate plans for how to extend service to those areas.

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County has a long standing relationship with West Central Nebraska Development District, which in turn has partnered with the South East Nebraska Development District to pool resources and expertise in the application for technical assistance grants from the United States Department of Agriculture and the distribution and administration of grant funds received.

WEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believe that the South East Nebraska Development District, in cooperation with the West Central Nebraska Development District, are well suited to represent the interest of Hitchcock County and its residents in the application and administration of technical assistance grants from the United States Department of Agriculture and thus to begin the important process of bringing high speed broadband internet access to the areas of Hitchcock County that are now underserved or without any broadband access.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, due to the generationally transformative change that access to broadband internet represents for many rural Hitchcock County residents, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, fully and formally supports the application of the South East Nebraska Development District to receive a technical assistance grant from the United States Department of Agriculture in order to conduct comprehensive broadband planning, feasibility studies, and project development initiatives.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of July, 2023.

Voting for the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols

Voting against the motion: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Nichols

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Paul Nichols, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Margaret Pollmann, County Clerk

Chair Nichols executed a letter of support regarding West Central Nebraska Development District Application to United States Department of Agriculture for a broadband technical assistance grant.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed various road and bridge projects with the Board.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Certification and Verification of Information relating to CDBG Program Income amounts. Member Wertz seconded the and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement on Lots, 1, 2, and 3, Original Town of Trenton.

Member Wertz moved to enter into a contract to purchase Lots 1, 2, and 3, Original Town of Trenton, Hitchcock County, Nebraska for the total purchase price of $25,000 pursuant to Real Estate Purchase Agreement executed by Renae Huber. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members vote in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Lenard Paxton met with the Board regarding tank battery removal/relocation. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson was also present. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Weed Superintendent and NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson advised to departmentmental activities.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-122 et seq. Hitchcock County job titles and current salaries are being published.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner $24,999.96; County Clerk $57,000.00; Chief Deputy Clerk $42,632.18; Deputy Clerk $38,112.66; County Attorney $57,000.00; County Sheriff $67,999.92; Chief Deputy Sheriff $53,506.27; Deputy Sheriff(s) $51,286.61/$50,781.30; County Treasurer $57,000.00; County Assessor $57,000.00; Extension Office Manager $32,282.25; Veteran's Service Officer $24,741.99.

HOURLY WAGES

Attorney Legal Assistant $21.74; Chief Deputy Treasurer $21.88; Treasurer Clerical $16.86; Chief Deputy Assessor $21.88; Road Maintenance $20.00/$24.00; Part Time Road Maintenance $12.00/$16.00; Janitorial $18.82; Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact/Zoning Admin. $20.43; Communications Supervisor/Dispatcher Jailer $20.17; Dispatcher Jailer $18.92/19.60; Planning Commission Secretary $13.65.

The Hitchcock County Sheriff's Office Distress Warrant Return report was on file.

The Treasurer's May 31st and June 30th, 2023 Pledged Security Report was on file.

Member moved to direct Chair to execute the certification and verification of information relating to the semi-annual report pertaining to Community Development Block Grant Program

Income. Member seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 7th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 7, 2023

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 7th day of August 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the July 17th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 7th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$19,397.24
Anna Lambert, grounds maint.	$ 405.00
Byron Alberts, refund Inheritance Tax overpayment	$ 1,280.72
Applied Connective, IT/email service	$ 2,573.35
BC&BS, alleged balance due	$ 2,784.46
Capital One, supply	$ 643.86
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Common Scents, tree spraying	$ 250.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 5,866.80
Consolidated Mgmt. Co., meals	$ 82.50
CVSOAN, registration	$ 60.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 8.30
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/lease	$ 438.60
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 385.28
Suhr Enterprises, Inc., supply	$ 702.79
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 67.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 55.32
Kayla Hodges, reimb. supply	$ 8.10
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 209.62
Lincoln Co. Clerk, annual probation cost	$ 4,200.81
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 510.51
National Assoc. Vet. Serv. Officers, dues	$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 979.04
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 277.07
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical	$ 130.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, District Judge annual costs	$ 157.11
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, emergency mgmt. contact	$ 6,283.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,859.16
Terra Riggs, reimb. bldg.. repair/postal services	$ 106.28
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 118.50
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 974.29

SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 40.98
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 630.00
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control service ---------- $ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 66.01
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,217.58
Haley Walker, mileage ---------- $ 158.51
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $16,440.75
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 784.69
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair ---------- $ 156.50
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,631.60
Hagan Transport LLC, repair ---------- $ 2,515.11
Heartland New Holland, repair/blades ---------- $ 441.32
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 214.95
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 7,999.20
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT Testing ---------- $ 35.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 799.54
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 4,551.10
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,386.14
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $ 6,120.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 177.75
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 686.99
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 35.33
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 178.78
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 121.06
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 152.76

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS Inc., data process. ---------- $ 253.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 775.01

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service---------- $ 2,454.18

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers provided the agencies quarterly report. EM Myers advised as to an Orion damage assessment program and its benefits in the event of a natural disaster. Initial cost is $2,000 with a $1,000 monthly fee. It was the consensus of the board to budget for this damage assessment program.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute a letter of support regarding the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project for the 2024-2025 grant period. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to designate the State Print Shop for LB 727 postcards. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Letters of solicitation for informal quotes for propane for the 2023/2024 winter season for the courthouse and county shops were signed by Chair Nichols.

The board acknowledged and approved the Veteran's Service Committee members effective 7-1-23 as follows: Todd Wagner, Dennis Kennedy, Richard Baxter, Thomas Jones and Cliff Johnson.

Discussion held on District Court bailiff salary increase.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the *Recommendation/Resolution of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission* this date.

Chair Nichols recessed the regular meeting at 10:09 a.m. and opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public in attendance and receive evidence regarding the proposed amendment(s) to Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. Said proposed amendment(s) address oil storage and lease tanks within the AG-G District, specifically including permitting and setbacks thereof. Those present Assessor Terra Riggs, Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson, and Leonard Paxton.

Chair Nichols asked if there were any comments from proponents of the proposed amendment(s) to Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. John Rundel inquired as to permitting existing tank batteries. Leonard Paxton offered and the Board received Exhibit #1, an Oil and Gas Lease specifically referencing the following paragraph: "*All express or implied covenants of this lease shall be subject to all Federal and State Laws, Executive Orders, Rules or Regulations, and this lease shall not be terminated in whole or in part, nor lessee held liable in damages, for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or if such failure is the result of any such Law, Order, Rule or Regulation."* Mr. Paxton inquired if said paragraph applied to local zoning and attorney Garner advised as to the same. Nebraska Oil and Gas Commissioner John Rundel stated he supports the amendments as they are reasonable and not an undue burden and further said commission will advise operators that county has zoning regulations pertaining to placement of tank batteries in Hitchcock County.

Chair asked if there were any comments from opponents of the proposed amendment(s). Leonard Paxton inquired if permitting applied to all existing tank batteries and Attorney Garner affirmed. Commissioner Rundel advised that the Oil and Gas Commission has maps of all wells and tank batteries.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from a neutral position. Assessor Riggs suggested a spreadsheet approach in the permitting process. Attorney Garner offered a synopsis of the Planning Commission's August 3rd, 2023 meeting.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:55 a.m. and the regular meeting that was previously recessed was re-opened.

Extensive discussion held on current tank batteries and county road right of ways.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-11 incorporating the proposed amendments from the planning commission and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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.

RESOLUTION #23-11
(Amendment to *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*)

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", is a duly organized political subdivision, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska and acting by and through the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "BOARD"); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY previously adopted and implemented the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, which are on file in the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission did on August 3rd, 2023, having first held the requisite public hearing(s) and public meeting(s) did recommend to COUNTY, approval of amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, as set forth in the

Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission which recommendation was presented to the COUNTY on August 7th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY held a public hearing August 7th, 2023 to hear comments and to receive evidence regarding the proposed amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*; and

WHEREAS, notice of said hearing was first duly provided in accordance with law by publishing notice thereof in the *Hitchcock County News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, on July 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a true and complete copy of the proposed amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations* was available for inspection during the regular business hours at the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website at least ten days prior to said hearing; and

WHEREAS, a true and complete copy of the proposed amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is entitled *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations* and is incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth at length at this point; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, having first duly considered said recommendation and the public comments offered at said public hearing by the parties in interest and the citizens of the COUNTY in attendance thereat, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that the amendment to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations* as recommended by the Hitchcock County Planning Commission are appropriate, are in furtherance of the *Hitchcock County Comprehensive Development Plan* previously adopted and are in the best interests of the COUNTY and are designed for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the BOARD finds that the Hitchcock County Planning Commission recommends the amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD being first duly advised and satisfied in the premises, finds that it is in the best interests of the COUNTY to adopt and implement the proposed amendment to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD does hereby amend the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, accordingly and the same are hereby adopted to become effective August 8th, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution does not effect, amend, modify or otherwise terminate in any manner whatsoever, the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations or the Hitchcock County, Nebraska Official Zoning Map which became effective June 1, 2001, as subsequently amended, except as specifically set forth herein, and the same shall continue in full force and effect subject to amendment as specifically set forth herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 7th day of August, 2023.
VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Scott McDonald, Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols
ABSTAINING: None.
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Hitchcock County, Nebraska

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Discussion held on zoning permit fees. Zoning Administrator Erickson advised as to area permitting fees.

Member Wertz moved to set a zoning fee of $10.00 per location for those tank battery facilities existing as of August 8th, 2023 and not previously permitted. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

The following inventories were acknowledged by the Board: Clerk, District Court, Board, Assessor, County Court, Weed Superintendent, County Real Estate, Attorney, District Judge, and Sheriff.

Sheriff Gerry Hunter discussed personnel and equipment with the Board.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:42 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 21st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 21, 2023

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 21st day of August 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the August 7th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 21st, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer to General Fund.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-12 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12

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

WHEREAS, the 2023/2024 budget has yet to be adopted and it is anticipated that an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer, in an amount to be determined, will be part of said adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer is necessary to meet current expenditures in the General Fund in the current fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of $100,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$51,202.07
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
BC & BS, dental ins.	$ 1,440.91
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,327.02
Clerk Dist. Court, adv. costs	$ 37.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,816.08
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 202.94
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 675.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 31.50
Eakes Officed Solutions, supply	$ 32.99
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,883.47
Gillian Fell, mileage	$ 151.96
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 188.09
Goodwin Siegfried, LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 418.75
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,093.65
Jacks Uniform & Equipment, uniform allowance	$ 565.59
Justice Data Soluitions, supply/equip.	$ 2,300.00
Planning Commission Meeting per diem/mileage	$ 150.98
Lynn Peavy Co., law enf. supply	$ 169.54
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 321.61
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,128.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 461.92
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,757.23
Neopost Postage, annual renewal, postage meter	$ 50.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Parde Electric LLC, supply	$ 303.84
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease	$ 214.59
Redfield Direct LLC, supply	$ 240.70
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment	$ 2,774.19
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,102.42
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 41.63
Total Turf Co., Inc., repair	$ 723.00
US Bank, uniform allow./postage service	$ 402.71
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins.	$ 370.62
Ron Wertz, mileage	$ 185.37
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, dues	$ 2,453.64

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$12,785.21
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins.	$ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., grease	$ 66.79
C&K Distributors, supply	$ 126.18
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,492.41
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service	$ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract	$ 1,000.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$26,953.26
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 349.01
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel	$13,607.88
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mis American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 535.85
NE Truck Center, repair	$ 381.64

Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,722.39
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $12,240.00
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 480.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

LATCF FUND:
Southwest Title Co., property purchase ----------$25,384.12

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Comm., service---------- $ 48.54

Winter season propane quotes were opened at 9:32 a.m. as published. Two quotes were received: Farmers Coop Grain and Supply $1.379 per gallon and Bosselman Energy, Inc. $1.36 per gallon.

Member McDonald moved to accept the quote of Bosselman Energy, Inc. for 2023/2024 winter season propane for the county shops located in Culbertson, Trenton, and Stratton and the courthouse located in Trenton at $1.36 per gallon. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The following inventories were acknowledged by the Board: Emergency Manager, Veteran's Service Officer, Emergency Manager, and Road District #1.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-13 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2023

Resolution 23-13

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2110 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Hitchcock County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2023 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

_____ _____ _____
Paul Nichols Ron Wertz Scott McDonald

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:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

Chair executed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2023.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Member Nichols moved to recess the regular meeting at 10:27 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization Proceedings. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Clint Johnston with Southwest Title Company joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute closing documents on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 12, Original town of Trenton. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting and the County's 2023/2024 budget was discussed.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed bridge projects and the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Plan with the Board.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 30, 2023

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 Wednesday, the 30th day of August 2023 commencing at 8:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Vice Chair Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Gazette, a 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the August 21st, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 30th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-14 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, 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 #23-14

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	$ 6,991.02
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.002714
	Sinking Fund Tax Request	$ 5,100.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.001980
Stratton Rural Cemetery District:	General Fund Tax Request	$15,000.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.007398
Trenton Cemetery District:	General Fund Tax Request	$ 11,200.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.004600
	Sinking Fund Tax Request	$ 5,000.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.002055
Culbertson Fire Protection District:	General Fund Tax Request	$ 64,594.00

	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.027796
Palisade Rural Fire District:	General Fund Tax Request	$ 66,596.08
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.035666
	Sinking/Bond Fund Tax Request	$ 30,000.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.016067
Stratton Ambulance & Fire	General Fund Tax Request	$ 85,000.00
Protection District:	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.040357
Trenton Rural Fire Protection	General Fund Tax Request	$ 15,000.00
District:	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.006704
	Sinking Fund Tax Request	$ 25,000.00
	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.011173
Hitchcock County Agricultural	General Fund Tax Request	$ 70,289.00
Society	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.008571
Hitchcock County Historical	General Fund Tax Request	$ 5,122.00
Society	Preliminary levy allocation/authority	.000625

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 30th day of August, 2023.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: Scott McDonald

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

_____ SEAL
Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald and Nichols. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 5, 2023

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 Tuesday, the 5th day of September 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the August 30th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the September 5th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$ 14,953.05
Capital One, supply	$ 1,222.27
Clerk, District Court, jury fees	$ 1,146.91
Colfer Wood Lyons Wood, special deputy county attorney	$ 1,062.50
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,089.16
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 225.58
D&S Hardware, repair	$ 250.24
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage/reimb. office supply	$ 171.42
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/lease	$ 369.82
Farrell's Pharmacy, inmate script.	$ 52.74
Gillian Fell, mileage	$ 157.20
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 110.80
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, shirts	$ 100.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease	$ 209.62
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,158.99
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 583.36
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 300.65
NSA/POAN conference, registration	$ 130.00
Postage	$ 2,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,165.86
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel	$ 215.00
Targets Online, law enf. supply	$ 184.66
US Bank, regist.	$ 90.00
Karen Wertz, contract labor	$ 1,770.00
West Central Dist. Assessor's Assoc., regist.	$ 200.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contact/reimb. exp.	$ 4,094.06
20/20 Technologies, law enf. supply	$ 60.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 12,513.93
American Textile Mills, supply	$ 546.63

Bud's Tire Repair, repair ---------- $ 50.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,254.50
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, shirts ---------- $ 100.00
Heartland New Holland, repair ---------- $ 604.69
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 3,385.80
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 491.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,774.03
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 38.26
US Bank, safety signs ---------- $ 71.18
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 124.95
EIA, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 13,832.52

ROAD AND BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:
B&H Paving, chip sealing ---------- $155,200.00
Lakeside Sand and Gravel, chip sealing gravel ---------- $ 5,244.80

VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND:
NE Travel Assoc., dues ---------- $ 300.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ----------$ 253.32

The following inventories were acknowledged by the Board: District #2, District #3, Combined Road District and Courthouse Equipment, Treasurer, Buildings and Grounds.

Zoning Administrator/Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact met with the Board and provided updates on his various departments.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting to assist in finalizing the County's 2023/2024 budget. The budget hearing was set for Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 18, 2023

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 18th day of September 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the September 5th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the September 18th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$55,053.39
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,582.85
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,413.62
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,456.68
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 35.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,994.67
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 300.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, repair/fuel	$ 4,492.00
Farrell's Pharmacy, inmate script.	$ 207.00
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 385.28
Suhr Enterprises, supply	$ 398.69
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 362.50
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,127.07
Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel, buriel assist.	$ 1,800.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 51.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 37.65
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 1,285.21
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 9.67
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 301.96
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., equipment rental	$ 696.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin./SBC fees	$ 203.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 294.85
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, budget prep.	$ 3,000.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,692.85
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,988.31
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Parde Electric LLC, supply	$ 186.06
Quill Corp., supply	$ 1,360.78
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, baliff	$ 1,432.19
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,141.60

Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 111.00
Safe Life Defense, law enf. supply ---------- $ 32.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 758.58
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 41.63
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 7.77
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control service ---------- $ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care ---------- $ 636.00
Trails West Texaco, supply ---------- $ 124.22
UNL-Haskell Ag Lab, regist. ---------- $ 95.00
US Bank, postage services/supply ---------- $ 287.27
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,448.45
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 275.10

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $13,249.03
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 206.31
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy Inc., chemical supply ---------- $21,087.95
Bud's Tire Service, repair ---------- $ 85.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,596.38
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract/bridge inspections ---------- $ 3,250.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/oil ---------- $ 8,134.01
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 349.23
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 624.70
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 3,383.76
League Builders Supply, Inc., supply ---------- $ 20.97
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 564.52
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 7,241.45
O'Reilly, repair ---------- $ 23.17
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering ---------- $ 6,148.36
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 494.16
Prairie States Comm., Inc., repair ---------- $ 110.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,746.34
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $10,455.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 199.87
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 548.09
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 227.82
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 41.02
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 51.86
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 153.71
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

911 PSC FUNDS:

Great Plains Communications, service---------- $ 48.84

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and various road and bridge projects with the Board.

The 2023 property tax exemption list publication was reviewed. Chair executed the same.

Weed Superintendent/Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered department updates.

Chair opened the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing on the Hitchcock County budget as published in the *Hitchcock County News* on September 14, 2023. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA was present made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with prior year's budget. Summary copies of said budget were made available.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair closed the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. this date.

Board noted that the use of Inheritance Tax funds is crucial to the implementation of the budget and allows for the reduction of property taxes, purchase of capital items, and the payment of unforeseen expenses.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-15 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. 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:

RESOLUTION #23-15

Hitchcock County

Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 18th day of September, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Hitchcock County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

PASSED AND APPROVIED on this 18th day of September 2023.
VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

SEAL

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Chair opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2023/2024 County budget at 10:48 a.m. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair closed the public hearing at 10:50 a.m. this date.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-16 and moved for its' adoption. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 23-16

WHEREAS, NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE §77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the HITCHCOCK County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of HTICHCOCK County resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:
General Fund $2,013,476.00
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.3%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.239579 per $100 of assessed value.
4. HITCHCOCK County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.245514 per $100 of assessed value.
4. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of HITCHCOCK County will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 2.21 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 16, 2023.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by McDonald to adopt Resolution #23-16.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Paul Nichols, Ron Wertz, and Scott McDonald.
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

Dated this 18th day of September 2023.
The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-17 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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:

RESOLUTION 23-17

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Whereas: Hitchcock County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal Funds; and

Whereas: Hitchcock County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Hitchcock County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County that:

The Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Hitchcock County and the NDOT.

Hitchcock County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement:

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)
NDOT Control Number: 01063
NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 18th day of September, 2023 at Trenton, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County

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Paul Nichols, Chair	Ronald L. Wertz, Vice Chair	Scott McDonald, Member

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

ATTEST:

_____ (Seal)
Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-18 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. 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:

RESOLUTION #23-18

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the office of the Hitchcock County Treasurer that certain parcels of real estate in the County of Hitchcock, State of Nebraska, on which taxes are delinquent were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale held in such county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809 the County Treasurer shall issue Tax Sale Certificates to the County upon such parcel(s) of real estate upon which there are delinquent taxes.

This resolution rescinds any and all former resolutions of this Board concerning this matter, which may be in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th, day of September, 2023.

Voting for the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols
Voting against the motion: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

The Sheriff's 2nd quarter report was one file.

Board acknowledged receipt of the County Treasurer's July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023 Pledged Security Reports.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 2nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 2, 2023

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 2nd, day of October 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the September 18th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the October 2nd, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on El Dorado Manor closure.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,062.72
Capital One, supply	$ 862.57
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,884.86
Country Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 249.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 154.80
Eakes Office Solutions, copier lease	$ 50.84
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms	$ 1,042.88
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Jennifer McCarter, court reporter services	$ 243.75
McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds	$ 500.00
NCSEA, registration	$ 45.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 560.91
Nebraska.gov, driving records	$ 8.50
Peckham Dental Clinic, inmate services	$ 120.00
Margaret Pollmann, milage	$ 113.05
Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement	$ 2,019.30
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 852.33
Robert Scott, mileage/meals	$ 327.82
Secretary of State, registration	$ 60.00
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel	$ 425.00
Dennis G. O'Brien, coroner transport	$ 449.55
Volz, Inc., repair	$ 489.99
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,771.29
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 448.68

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$11,955.32
Community 1st Band, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,128.18
Modern Farm Equipment, repair	$ 262.31
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel	$ 6,986.08

League Builders Supply, repair	$	624.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$	6.25
NE Dept. Rev. motor fuel tax	$	96.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$	470.95
Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement	$	1,697.12
SW Public Power, utility	$	36.74
Unline Shipping Supply specialists, supply	$	442.66
Village of Stratton, utility	$	115.88

ROAD & BRIGE BUYBACK FUND:

Ace Irrigation, culverts	$16,135.20
The Railroad Yard, Inc., culvert	$46,076.20

The highway superintendent publication was finalized.

Discussion regarding Crime Stoppers was had.

County Attorney D. Eugene joined the meeting.

Motion by Wertz to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services by and between the County and Oak Creek Engineering for the 2023 Routine Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Motion by Nichols to solicit bids for a 2023 or newer production model, all wheel drive motor grader. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to the TERC hearing on September 28, 2023 in North Platte.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §47-109 the jail was visited.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 16th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz and McDonald. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 16, 2023

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 16th day of October 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the October 2nd, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the October 16th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$55,240.79
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply/equipment	$ 659.92
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services	$ 2,592.65
Axon Enterprises, law enforcement supply	$ 3,449.92
BC&BS, dental insurance	$ 1,502.28
BC&BS, health insurance	$21,586.34
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,063.55
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 800.00
Lacey Daniels, meals	$ 91.98
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
DataShield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Davidson Law LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,000.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 116.59
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 1,169.07
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$ 2,806.25
Farrell's Pharmacy, inmate prescription	$ 58.26
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 385.28
Suhr Enterprises Inc., supply	$ 251.68
Hampton Inn, lodging	$ 318.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 51.00
Gerry Hunter, mileage	$ 149.34
Justice Data Solutions, equipment	$ 6,125.00
Lindemeier Law Office, ct. appt. counsel	$ 37.50
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 274.45
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 112.00
Midwest Special Services, prisoner transport	$ 344.10
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 553.82
NACO, registrations	$ 135.00

NE Dept. Rev., stat tax ---------- $ 3,007.13
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees ---------- $ 44.03
Region II Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 1,360.00
Regional West Medial Center, coroner fees ---------- $ 709.35
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 9,159.23
Andrea Richards, mileage ---------- $ 146.65
Terra Riggs, meals ---------- $ 33.80
Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 822.50
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 35.00
Sunset Law Enforcement, supply ---------- $ 445.80
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 115.00
Dennis G. O'Brien, coroner fees ---------- $ 449.55
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,699.81
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 355.67

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $13,262.53
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 5,241.39
BC&BC, health ins. ---------- $ 320.56
Bosselman Energy, Inc., supply ---------- $ 53.05
Chances Welding & Backhoe, culverts ---------- $ 920.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,606.76
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., propane/fuel ---------- $ 1,111.96
Larry Hubl, reimb. repair ---------- $ 72.72
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $ 1,650.75
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 51.25
Jay Bird Express LLC, repair ---------- $ 20.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $15,060.24
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Medical Enterprises Inc., DOT drug testing ---------- $ 6.25
Mid American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 563.86
NE Machinery, dozer blades/repair ---------- $ 8,645.22
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 362.46
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,748.88
Richards Gravel Pit, gravel ---------- $ 3,570.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 197.21
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, culverts ---------- $ 750.59
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 225.79
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 15.48
Stratton Country Market, supply ---------- $ 9.38
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 579.20
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 50.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 157.82
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 253.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Justice Data Solutions, CAD system---------- $ 1,500.00

911 PSC FUND:

Justice Data Solutions, CAD system ---------- $ 4,750.00

The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m. Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon was present. Chair asked for comments in favor of the

One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments opposing the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comment from a neutral position. Chair asked is there were any further comments. There were none and the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 9:42 a.m.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #23-19 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. 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:

RESOLUTION #23-19

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION & APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ONE & SIX YEAR PLAN FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD & STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County annually develops a One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road and Street Improvements in Hitchcock County, Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 39-2115 to 39-2117, and 39-2119; and

WHEREAS, a legal Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was published in the *Hitchcock County News* on October 5th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov on October 3rd, 2023.

WHEREAS, a copy of said Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was mailed for posting to the following four (4) locations: US Post Office, 402 Main Street, Trenton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 105 North Main Street, Palisade, Nebraska; US Post Office, 310 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska; and US Post Office, 408 Wyoming, Culbertson, Nebraska on October 3rd, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements has been duly published and posted and is hereby approved and adopted as submitted, without change.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2023.

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Paul Nichols Ron Wertz Scott McDonald

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None
ABSTAINING: None

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-20 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. 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:

RESOLUTION 23-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners, Hitchcock County, Nebraska,

that for the purpose of transferring money from the General Fund to the County Road Fund per the supporting schedule of transfers budgeted found in the County Budget, that the Board directs the County Treasurer to transfer as needed and available a portion of the monies collected pursuant to the General levy for 2023 to the Road Fund, and that said transfer(s) be made by the County Treasurer after collections have been calculated.

The total portion from the 2023 County General levy to be transferred to the Road Fund is .290319 not to exceed $584,550.00 for the budget year ended June 30, 2024.

The County Board believes that this is the most accurate way to keep track of Road Fund and General Fund revenues.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of October, 2023.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Voting for the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald
Voting against the motion: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: None

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to the Community Development Block Grant home loan program and provided the September 2023 pledged security report.

Doug Breinig, Patrick Breinig, and Cameron Breinig with Square On Tech met with the Board and presented information relating to IT and phone services.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 6th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 6, 2023

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 6th day of November 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the October 16th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the November 6th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$20,161.95
AmericInn, lodging	$ 222.30
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services	$ 5,679.59
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Comfort Inn, lodging	$ 209.90
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 6,341.72
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 425.30
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 243.90
Dollar General, supply	$ 45.55
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds	$ 3,400.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 114.08
Mike Erickson, meals/fuel	$ 168.94
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 277.06
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,101.93
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 50.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 114.95
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease	$ 209.62
Gerry Hunter, meals	$ 27.70
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Jennifer McCarter, transcript preparation	$ 530.20
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding	$ 8,000.00
Midwest Connect, supply	$ 223.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 342.63
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 1,058.44
NE Sheriff's Assoc., membership	$ 175.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., membership	$ 125.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 455.23
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds	$ 100.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 159.03
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 21.43
Lincoln County Treasurer, Emergency Management Contract	$ 7,064.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 3,006.74

Safe Life Defense, uniforms ---------- $ 179.44
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 455.75
SW Public Power District, utility ---------- $ 165.26
Amanda Speichert, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 675.00
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds ---------- $ 100.00
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services---------- $ 75.00
University of NE, summer intern wages ---------- $ 281.90
US Bank, uniform allowance/postal services ---------- $ 162.04
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,278.68
Haley Walker, reimb. fuel/meals---------- $ 213.81
Capital One, repair/supply ---------- $ 230.59
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $16,749.52
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 231.83
Bud's Tire Repair, repair ---------- $ 74.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,972.43
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 349.01
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 1,298.82
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 4,589.28
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 150.00
Michael Todd & Company Inc., signs ---------- $ 664.66
Midwest Service & Sales Co., sign hardware---------- $ 658.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 873.52
NE Machinery Co., blades ---------- $ 7,000.00
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 186.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,465.05
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 33.95
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 150.67

VISIITOR PROMO FUND:

Valerie Paschall, reimb. lodging/mileage/registration ---------- $ 893.11

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 253.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42
Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., TXT29 contract ---------- $ 360.00

911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84
Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., TXT20 contract ----------$ 1,140.00

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Murfin Drilling for an underground electric line in Section 23, Township 2, Range 32, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Management Representation letter relating to the recent 2022/2023 audit was reviewed. Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Management Representation letter. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #23-21 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. 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 available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #23-21
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (NEB. REV. STAT. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed those provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Board, hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member McDonald and seconded by member Nichols, the following members voted by roll call in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: None

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th, day of November, 2023.

ATTEST: Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow

Counties Regarding Authority To Sign Contracts On Behalf of Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services and 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 seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols executed the Primary 2024 Election Certification.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Applications were received. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering was present.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services relating to the appointment of Lance Harter as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent beginning January 1, 2024. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Dan Homan with Murphy Tractor inquired as to any needs the county may have.

Chair Nichols advised as to discussion with auditor Don Wilson regarding the 2022/2023 audit. Attorney Garner advised as to competitive bidding statutes.

Attorney Garner advised as to process with regards to enforcement of CDBG loan funds/housing program and board requested attorney Garner to send letter regarding delinquency.

Senator Teresa Ibach met with the Board on current issues. Discussion included but was not limited to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1301 as it pertains to Destroyed Real Property, Inheritance Tax, the EPIC movement, child care and elder care funding, mental health services, and Bureau of Reclamation issues and legislation.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 20, 2023

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 20th day of November 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the November 6th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the November 20th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,895.75
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,502.28
BC&BS, health ins.	$21,586.34
C&K Distributors, repair	$ 5.35
CAN Surety, Treasurer bond	$ 425.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,968.05
Community 1st Bank, Annual ACH payroll processing	$ 150.00
Kerwin Propp, repair	$ 1,000.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dundy Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 18.66
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 25.69
Mike Erickson, mileage/reimb. CDL	$ 146.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair	$ 1,681.65
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 385.68
Government Forms & Supplies, supply	$ 162.75
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,128.27
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 316.86
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 164.67
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 256.11
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 104.00
NACO, registrations	$ 1,256.65
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,980.65
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc., membership	$ 15.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Prairie Plains CASA, services	$ 3,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA Inc., postage meter	$ 214.59
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,090.02
Secretary of State, Election Division, supply	$ 10.00
SW Public Power, utility	$ 78.96

Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care ---------- $ 150.00
Trails West Texaco, supply/court costs ---------- $ 66.19
Trenton Public Library, expense ---------- $ 100.00
US Bank, uniform allowance/postal services/supply ---------- $ 350.72
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Western Pathology Consultants PC, coroner fees ---------- $ 1,325.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,308.16
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel/heating fuels ---------- $ 433.65
C&K Distributors, tools ---------- $ 106.30
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,188.54
Dans R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $ 7,695.00
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 351.46
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $16,428.24
League Builders Supply, Inc., supply ---------- $ 107.91
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Michael Todd & Company, Inc., signs ---------- $ 6,573.96
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co., culvert rivets ---------- $ 658.00
NKC Tire/McWhorter's Tire, repair ---------- $ 52.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 503.65
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,483.55
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $ 750.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 183.33
Ruggles Truck & Trailer, repair ---------- $ 19.00
Sensel Welding & Repair, supply ---------- $ 132.51
James Dailey, sign post ---------- $ 31.50
Stratton Auto Parks, repair/supply ---------- $ 215.65
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.31
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 168.33
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:

Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC, tube setting service ---------- $ 6,430.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES:

GEO-Comm, Inc., data hub subscription---------- $ 269.20
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

911 PSC FUND:

GEO-Comm, Inc., data hub subscriptions ---------- $ 725.80
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers provided the Region 51 Emergency Management Quarterly Report. Also present Deputy Emergency Manger Kyle Clapp and presented the completed updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon discussed various road and bridge projects with the Board. NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson joined the meeting and discussion was held regarding an incident on October 18, 2023 on Valley Drive in 26-3-32.

Member Wertz moved to enter into executive session at 10:30 to discuss litigation. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried. Those present in executive session,

Wertz, Nichols, McDonald, Attorney D. Eugene Garner, NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson and Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon.

Member Wertz moved to come out of executive session at 11:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Greg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery Co. and Jolene Schauer with Murphy Tractor Co. joined the meeting. Motor grader bids were opened at 11:00 a.m. as published. Two bids were received:

- Nebraska Machinery Company – Outright bid $405,200.00 and Trade Bid $345,000.00
- Murphy Tractor Company – Outright bid $411,478.00 and Trade Bid $359,478.00.

Said bids were reviewed and discussed.

Member Nichols moved to accept the bid of Nebraska Machinery in the amount of $345,000.00 for a 2024 production model, 150 AWD motor grader. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Moorhouse Irrigation for an underground water line on Road 363, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #23-22 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. 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 available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2023

Resolution No. 23-22

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 annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transpiration (NDOT) requires that each county must annually 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), the 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).

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Hitchcock County is hereby authorized to sign the attached County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2023 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Paul Nichols	Ron Wertz	Scott McDonald

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

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

Treasurer Jackie Drain provided the 2023 Annual Distress Warrant Report and the October 2023 Pledged Securities Report.

Paul Nichols advised as to trees in county road right of way on Old Highway 17.

The Sheriff's 3rd Quarter Report was on file.

The Financial Statements with Independent Auditor Reports Thereon for the year ended June 30, 2023 was received and acknowledged. Said report will be posted on the County's website as a link on the County Board page.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 4, 2023

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 4th day of December 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the November 20th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 4th, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,831.07
Capital One, supply	$ 1,292.17
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,204.68
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 195.08
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted expenses	$ 100.00
D&S Hardware, rental	$ 50.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 35.15
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 809.89
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 633.58
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 334.71
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 332.45
Postage	$ 3,000.00
Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 141.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,145.90
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 382.65
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 875.00
Kent Turnbull, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,444.21
Donald D. Wilson CPA, audit	$ 7,800.00
20/20 Technologies, equipment	$ 5,900.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$10,426.44
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,845.18
D&S Hardware, supply	$ 46.32
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair	$ 53.40
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 441.08
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,496.25
Village of Stratton, utility	$ 307.67

S.T.O.P. PROGRAM FUND :

20/20 Technologies, equipment	$ 5,500.00

The Board directed clerk to contact O'Brien Electric for an estimate for wiring relating to the February 2024 courtroom upgrade project.

Member McDonald moved to approve the Financial Statements with Independent Auditor Reports Thereon for the year ended June 30, 2023. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried. Said report is available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk and is posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcountyne.gov as a link (2022/2023 County Audit Report) on the County Commissioner page.

The following surplus property affidavits were received by the Board: Weed Superintendent, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer. Said surplus property consisting of various types of chairs, will be available for inspection and purchase beginning Wednesday, December 6th at 8:30 a.m. in the main hall of the courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska.

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson presented the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Activity reports for 2023. Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute said reports. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson advised as to insurance estimates for hail damage on Sheriff patrol vehicles.

Sheriff Gerry Hunter advised as to the grant for patrol laptops and surplus vehicles from Kansas Highway Patrol.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and advised as to settlement of a claim submitted to the County. Board acknowledged receipt of Decision and Order Affirming the Decisions of the Hitchcock County Board of Equalization on Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Cases 21A 0210, 21A 0211, 21A 0212, 21A 0213, 21A 0214, 22A 0426, 22A 0427, 22A 0428, 22A 0429, and 22A 0430.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 18th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 18, 2023

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 18th day of December 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County 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 where 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.

Chair Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the December 4th, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 18th, 2023 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,843.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, email/IT services	$ 2,637.65
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,502.28
BC&BS, health ins.	$21,586.34
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 1,849.54
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OAIS/Fed.	$ 17,969.22
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/contract	$ 722.60
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,254.58
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 385.68
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 140.71
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 50.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,073.07
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 57.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease	$ 209.62
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 287.55
Mis-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 112.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 658.96
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,979.63
NE Weed Control Assoc., regist.	$ 150.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, court baliff	$ 1,432.19
Redfield Direct LLC, supply	$ 507.57
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,085.50
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 208.50
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 300.00
Kenneth Adams, pest control services	$ 75.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care	$ 636.00
Trails West Texaco, supply	$ 121.83

Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,240.26
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 210.26
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,300.88
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts ---------- $27,016.91
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 69.20
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 253.95
C&K Distributors, supply/tools ---------- $ 158.95
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,235.27
Dan's R US Sanitation, service ---------- $ 24.63
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. contract ---------- $ 1,000.00
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 351.01
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 8,345.28
League Builders Supply Inc., supply ---------- $ 219.93
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 518.87
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $12,867.10
NKC Tire/McWhorter's Tire, repair ---------- $ 298.00
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $15,089.87
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,489.50
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 100.08
SW Farms & Auto Supply, supply ---------- $ 324.29
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 40.61
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 485.62
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair ---------- $ 150.00
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 163.32
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culvert ---------- $13,910.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 253.32

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

Member McDonald moved to approve the claim of Ron Wertz for reimbursement of a Big Iron purchase of a nurse tank in the amount of $3,450.00. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, roll call was held: McDonald, Aye; Wertz, Abstain, Nichols, Aye. Motion carried.

Patron Dennis Egle inquired as to the road budget.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the South Central/Panhandle Nebraska 911 Regional Interlocal Agreement. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Applications:

- Swanson Lake Ranch – CRP Continuous in S½S½ & Part of the N½ of the SW¼ Section 17-2-34
- Crews Farms – CRP Access Control & Upland/Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt. in NE¼ 24-3-32
- Ron Wertz – CRP General in 36-3-33

and the same are hereby referred to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for review pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §76-2,112.

NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson advised as to an approved NIRMA Assist Grant and a settlement agreement on hail damage to sheriff patrol vehicles.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk