Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 2nd, 2024

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 January, 2024 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 2024. Member Wertz nominated Paul Nichols. The nomination was seconded by McDonald. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Paul Nichols for Chair for calendar year 2024 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 2024.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair for calendar year 2024. Member McDonald nominated 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 2024 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Nichols and McDonald. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried and Ron Wertz was declared Vice Chair for 2024.

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

- Approval of the January 2nd, 2024 agenda
- Approval of the December 18, 2023 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 2024.
- 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 2024
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County representative on the West Central Nebraska Area Agency Board with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2024
- Appointment of Ron Wertz as County representative to the West Central Nebraska Development District with Scott McDonald as alternate for 2024
- Note perpetual appointment of Scott McDonald to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Directors

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$15,417.53
American Electric, repair	$ 92.10
Blue 360 Media, law library	$ 184.45

Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,452.36
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications ---------- $ 137.44
DataShield, shredding services ----------$ 190.25
Dollar General, supply ---------- $ 69.65
Jaclyn Drain, mileage/meals ----------$ 188.25
Eakes Office Solutions, supply ----------$ 109.96
Mike Erickson, mileage/meals ---------- $ 186.01
Fairfield by Mariott, lodging ---------- $ 2,518.95
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications ---------- $ 91.15
Glock Professional Inc., registration ---------- $ 250.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees ---------- $ 43.69
Lindemeier Law Offices, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,444.21
Marriott Hotels & Resorts, lodging ---------- $ 551.25
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NACO, annual conference registrations ---------- $ 1,050.00
National Assoc. of Counties, dues ---------- $ 450.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ----------$ 645.88
Margaret Pollmann, mileage ---------- $ 167.68
Protex Central, repair ----------$ 399.00
Regional West Medical Center, coroner fees ---------- $ 489.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ----------$ 2,238.23
Scoop Media, publications ---------- $ 299.10
Robert Scott, mileage/meals ---------- $ 183.23
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 600.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,436.44
Bud's Tire Repair, repair ---------- $ 202.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,790.95
Bart Monnahan, repair ---------- $ 112.50
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $10,806.72
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 423.42
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,489.50
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 22.50
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 167.40

E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., annual fee ---------- $ 129.21

E911 PSC FUND:

Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., annual fee ---------- $ 409.15

Regarding the appointment of County Highway Superintendent, the Board notes the following action taken at it's November 6, 2023 regular meeting: "*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."* The Board further notes that Lance Harter holds License #1426 (License Level A) and shall serve as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent for the term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Member Nichols moved to appoint the following persons to the Hitchcock County Safety Committee for 2024: Chair: Kyle Clapp, Members Marcus Proffit, Mike Erickson, Jared Vrbas, Justin Bright and Scott McDonald. Member Wertz 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 #24-1 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 #24-1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that during the year 2024 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, 2024.

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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 McDonald offered Resolution #24-2 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, 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 #24-2

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, 2024.

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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 #24-3 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 #24-3

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 8, 2024,

February 15, 2024 and February 22, 2024.

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, 2024.

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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 Wertz offered Resolution #24-4 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 #24-4

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, 2024.

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 offered Resolution #24-5 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, 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 #24-5

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, 2024 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, 2024.

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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

Member Nichols moved to appoint Aaron Kolbet to a three (3) year term (expiring 1-27) on the Hitchcock County Planning Commission. Member Wertz 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 Chris Williamson, Alex Pollmann and Chris Baker to three (3) year terms (expiring 1-27) on the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment. Member Nichols 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 moved to direct Chair to execute the Settlement Agreement by and between the County and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) regarding a claim occurring on June 29, 2023 (hail damage to Sheriff patrol vehicles). Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Electricians for the courtroom upgrade project were discussed

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Haues, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties For Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

The 2024 Holiday closing schedule was reviewed.

Board acknowledged receipt of the following Conservation Easement Application:

- DRH Farms, Inc. CRP SAFE SU59 in 33-2-35

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 adjourn at 10:25 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, 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: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

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Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 15, 2024

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 16th day of January, 2024 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 January 2nd, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 16th, 2024 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, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$55,393.96
Prior Service	$ 252.00
American Electric – McCook, repair	$ 96.10
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,671.65
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,563.65
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,333.46
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 908.23
Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, budgeted funds	$ 2,000.00
Capital One, supply/lease	$ 329.00
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Clerk of the District Court Assn., dues	$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,827.57
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 962.50
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 525.10
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,304.38
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 370.18
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel	$ 275.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,088.12
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds	$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 17.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 27.97
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 311.78
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 120.00
MIPS, Inc., data process	$ 1,990.94
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,853.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 285.58
Region II Services, ¼ assessment	$ 1,361.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,168.07

Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 333.50
Kenneth M. Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 10.73
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,109.89
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 432.30

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,368.72
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 463.81
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BS & BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 1,197.63
Brooks Construction LLC, services ---------- $ 3,480.00
C&K Distributors, small tools ---------- $ 43.37
Capital One, supply ---------- $ 27.59
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,187.98
Dans R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
EIA LLC, gravel ---------- $10,245.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $39,960.36
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 351.01
Inland Truck Parts Co., repair ---------- $ 44.38
League Builders Supply, Inc., supply ---------- $ 229.43
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., motor fuels tax ---------- $ 205.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 498.32
Oak Creek Engineering, engineering ---------- $ 1,700.00
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 7,052.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,489.50
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 58.90
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 1,190.22
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 74.18
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 138.02
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 150.81
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

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

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson advised as to snow removal practices. Trenton Village Board Chair Cindy Borges was also present. Village will take care of snow removal on the streets and County will take care of snow removal on courthouse parking areas and sidewalks.

Highway Superintendent Lance Harter met with the Board via phone conference on three bridge replacement projects.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Hitchcock County relating to the VetraSpec database. Member McDonald 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.

Chair executed the Final Settlement document relating to the sale of a Case IH 1896 tractor and a Case 2290 tractor by Vrbas Auction Service.

Paul Nichols advised as to potential road gravel sources and discussion was held on the same.

Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson joined the meeting and advised as to damage and repair to the District #1 shop overhead door, necessary measures to remove the house on county owned property east of the courthouse, having a NIRMA sponsored road sign class, obtaining road department documentation relating to daily road work performed, fire extinguisher inspections and the approval of a NIRMA assist grant for road safety signs.

The Treasurer's November and December 2023 pledged security reports were on file.

Craig Berning with Senator Deb Fischer's office joined the meeting via conference call for discussion relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Also joining the conference call Kevin Owens, Frontier County Commissioner. Present in person, Dawna Vap and Korky Vernon.

The Sheriff's Fourth Quarter reports were on file.

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

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 5th, 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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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 5, 2024

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 February 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, 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 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 16, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 5th, 2024 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: Nichols, and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$21,261.84
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 41.99
Board of Adjustment meeting per diem & mileage	$ 110.25
Planning Commission meeting per diem & mileage	$ 117.62
Capital One, supply	$ 29.29
Clerk District Court, advance costs	$ 110.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 6,648.22
Community Hospital, inmate medical	$ 2,762.34
Kimberly Cook, communications/mileage	$ 143.13
CVSOAN, dues	$ 100.00
D&S Hardware, supply	$ 326.87
Dollar General, supply	$ 7.10
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 145.56
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Nancy Frecks, communications/mileage	$ 108.96
Hitchcock County Court, costs	$ 170.00
Hitchcock County Sheriff, service fees	$ 104.69
Hometown Leasing, office equipment	$ 211.66
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding	$ 8,000.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply	$ 93.00
MIPS, Inc., supply	$ 1,006.61
NACO, registration	$ 150.00
NE Assoc. Co. Assessor's, dues	$ 75.00
NE Assoc. of County Extension Boards, dues	$ 100.00
NE Assoc. of County Treasurer's, dues	$ 50.00
NE County Court Assoc., dues	$ 5.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 1,086.53
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 351.75
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Protex Central, fire alarm inspections	$ 190.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, EM Contract ¼ payment	$ 7,064.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 3,182.06

Southwest Public Power District, utility ---------- $ 34.74
Kenneth Adams, pest control services ---------- $ 75.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,143.77
Haley Walker, mileage ---------- $ 26.80
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $15,300.65
Josh Bopp, repair ---------- $ 600.00
Bud's Tire Repair, repair/tires ---------- $ 804.24
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, repair ---------- $ 100.72
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,547.23
Hagan Transport LLC, repair ---------- $ 470.88
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 2,593.90
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 70.00
Michael Todd & Company, Inc., signs ---------- $ 2,243.70
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 781.03
Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement ---------- $ 2,250.57
Ruggles Truck & Trailer, repair ---------- $ 98.00
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair ---------- $ 125.90
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 80.69
Uline Shipping Supply specialists, traffic cones ---------- $ 438.74
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 290.18
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 164.37

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
NRIN, dues ---------- $ 720.00

E911 PSC FUND:
NRIN, dues ---------- $ 2,280.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers gave the agencies quarterly report.

The Board was in receipt of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission's recommendations on four conservation easements.

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

- 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
- DHR Farms, Inc., CRP SAFE SU59 Sec. 33-2-35 & Sec. 26-2-35

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

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson advised as to a sidewalk issue.

Chair Nichols advised that repair to the District #1 shop overhead door was complete.

Chair Nichols gave an update on proposed legislation regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfers, MSHA training and house demolition estimates.

Attorney advised as to a cyber security grant.

Informal quotes were received for road grader tires.

The Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report was on file.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols and McDonald. 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
February 20, 2024

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 February 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Also present Chris Baker and Dennis Egle. 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 5th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the February 20th, 2024 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$52,444.63
Advantage Laser Products Inc., supply	$ 185.00
Ambience Counseling Center, service	$ 203.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective Technologies, email/IT services	$ 4,443.64
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,487.79
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,585.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 2,815.10
City of McCook, NCIC services	$ 2,231.35
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,215.61
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 528.60
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 387.92
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel	$ 1,531.31
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,175.51
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 315.57
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees	$ 120.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 150.25
MIPS, Inc., supply	$ 90.30
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 140.07
NE Assoc. Co. Clerks/Election Comm./Regist. of Deeds, dues	$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,725.12
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc., registration	$ 235.00
NE State Patrol, licenses	$ 270.00
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration	$ 150.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
O'Reilly, supply	$ 20.41
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection	$ 134.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease	$ 214.59
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,669.95
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 209.80

Scoop Media, LLC, publications ---------- $ 1,166.61
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 31.67
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 361.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,554.58
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 31.51
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels/supply ---------- $ 1,871.54
C&K Distributors, supply/sign posts ---------- $ 246.27
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,903.36
Dan's R US Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel ---------- $ 9,374.18
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 355.31
Imperial NAPA, repair ---------- $ 200.08
Maris General Constructions, LLC, bldg. repair ---------- $ 9,340.00
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mis-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
Miller & Assoc. Consulting Engineers, survey services ---------- $ 2,366.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher inspections ---------- $ 192.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 450.06
PowerPlan, JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 546.13
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,364.40
Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel ---------- $ 787.77
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 2,171.60
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 349.13
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 65.07
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 53.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

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

E911 PSC FUND:

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

Chair Nichols advised as to tree removal on the property east of the courthouse and a building permit application.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Extensive discussion held on accumulation of vacation days and the employee handbook.

Discussion held regarding options for the County's road gravel needs.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the building permit relating to demolition of Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 12, Original Trenton. Member Wertz 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 11:09 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 4th, 2024 @ 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
March 4, 2024

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 March 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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. Also present Chris Baker and Dan Ladenburger.

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 20th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 4th, 2024 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: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,998.22
Capital One, supply	$ 29.67
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,190.14
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 184.67
CVSOAN, registration	$ 60.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 19.80
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 100.02
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 31.25
Hermann-Jones Funeral Chapel, transport	$ 621.00
Hometown Leasing, copier lease	$ 112.72
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Doris Morris, depositions	$ 110.00
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,198.04
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 604.33
O'Brien Electric, Inc., courtroom upgrade electrical	$ 2,414.43
Quill Corp., supply	$ 96.99
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,159.37
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 1,653.24
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 156.22
Haley Walker, mileage	$ 16.08
West Central Dist. Assessor's Assoc., dues	$ 25.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 354.43
Family Resource Center, budgeted funds	$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$10,616.01
Capital One, shop supplies	$ 51.60
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,858.37
D&S Hardware, small tools	$ 109.89
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., fire extinguisher recharge/repair	$ 140.00

NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 436.36
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 100.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,517.85
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 230.32

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

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

E911 PSC FUND:
CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 2,925.41

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Family Resource Center Service Agreement. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members vote in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Road 367 drop pipe options were discussed.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Mr. Garner advised as to a coroner transport claim from Hermann-Jones Funeral Chapel.

Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson gave a department update. Board directed Mr. Erickson to place anything of value from the county owned property east of the courthouse on an upcoming auction.

Dalton Lurz advised as to Globe Life Family Heritage offerings.

Attorney Garner advised as to the completion of the courtroom upgrade project and as to requested courtroom security.

Member McDonald moved to enter executive session at 10:32 a.m. to discuss personnel. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Those present in executive session, Wertz, Nichols and McDonald, County Attorney D. Eugene Garner and Sheriff Gerry Hunter.

Member McDonald moved to come out of executive session at 10:58 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's January and February 2024 pledged security report was on file.

Discussion held on employee handbook updates.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to proposed 2024 values.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 18th, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz 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
March 18, 2024

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 March 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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. Also present Christopher Baker and Daniel Ladenburger.

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 4th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the March 18th, 2024 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$52,011.04
American Counseling Center, services	$ 203.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 972.54
Applied Connective, IT services	$ 2,752.29
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,487.79
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,585.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/fuel	$ 1,940.38
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,994.21
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Ronald Daugherty, building repair	$ 3,750.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment lease	$ 758.91
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 207.74
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel	$ 1,272.06
FirstNet/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 87.50
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,097.51
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 51.00
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 107.36
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 144.30
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 320.93
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 120.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply	$ 256.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,169.14
NACO, registration	$ 75.00
NE Generator Service, LLC, inspections	$ 1,865.45
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., supply	$ 40.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,688.27
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging	$ 328.47
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 18.70
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, baliff	$ 1,432.18

Redfield Direct LLP, supply ---------- $ 510.24
Regional West Medical Center, coroner fees ---------- $ 320.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,578.44
Rippen Oil LLC, repair ---------- $ 643.00
RR Donnelley, supply ---------- $ 490.18
SW Environmental Engineering, asbestos report ---------- $ 726.41
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 75.00
Tyler Techologies, Inc., software renewal ---------- $ 449.00
Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage ---------- $ 364.80
US Bank, equipment ---------- $ 172.24
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,146.77
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
7-D Lockshop, key ---------- $ 5.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,436.36
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 841.81
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane/fuel ---------- $ 5,600.24
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 419.00
C&K Dist., supply/tools ---------- $ 43.17
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,213.42
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $ 435.59
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 355.31
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $ 220.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 189.95
Maris General Construction LLC, building repair ---------- $ 315.00
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply ---------- $ 27.50
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 503.23
Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires ---------- $12,971.40
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 1,587.68
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,500.19
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 82.55
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 80.62
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.78
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 159.09
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55
Ron Wertz, reimb. tools ---------- $ 32.15

VISITORS PROMOTIONAL FUND:

Valerie Paschall, lodging/mileage ---------- $ 597.33

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

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

E911 PSC FUND:

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

Jolene Schauer with Murphy Tractor introduced Jordan Gardner, the new territory sales manager.

Dennis Egle asked for help regarding roads in extreme northwest Eden precinct and suggested alternatives to current practices.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Nichols moved to accept the resignation of Gerry Hunter as Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:00 p.m. March 27, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Jason Swartz expressed interest in being appointed interim Sheriff. Also present Deputy Justin Stewart.

The Board declares a vacancy exists for the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:00 p.m. March 27, 2024.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Jason Swartz as interim Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4:01 p.m. on March 27, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to commence the search to fill the position of Hitchcock County Sheriff. 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 approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by David Le on behalf of MCI Metro Access Transmissions Services LLC (Olsson) for underground telephone lines in the North Half of Section 14, Township 2, Range 35, 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 Wertz offered Resolution #24-6 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: 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 24-6

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2359

Hitchcock County
Resolution No. 24-6

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 18th day of March, 2024 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:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the County Bridge Match Program Supplement Agreement #1 between the Nebraska Department Transportation and Hitchcock County. 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 recess at 10:51 a.m. this date to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to reconvene at 11:19 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates: residential asbestos report from Southwest Environmental Engineering; annual weed reports were approved by the Board; update on property east of the courthouse; Sheriff department kitchen repair completion; update on Weed Superintendent trainings; zoning updates.

The Board was in receipt of the Weed Departments Surplus Property Affidavit for a Lemark X500N printer.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson offered a department update.

Discussion held on the MIPS Time and Attendance program.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 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:

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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 15, 2024

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 April 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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. Also present Christopher Baker and Daniel Ladenburger.

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 1, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the April 15th, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz 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 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	$47,803.27
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 27.99
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 924.96
Applied Connective Technologies, email/IT services	$ 2,774.97
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,460.50
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,585.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels/repair	$ 642.93
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$15,672.13
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 67.64
D&S Hardware, supply/equipment	$ 314.65
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 104.27
Election Systems & Software, ballot printing/programming	$ 763.57
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel	$ 1,310.84
Farrell's Pharmacy, inmate script.	$ 34.26
1st Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 127.05
Surh Enterprises Inc., supply	$ 260.38
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,071.05
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 118.00
Justice Data Solutions, relocation service/hardware	$ 250.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 140.40
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 304.18
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 120.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 58.48
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 3,930.18
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,514.67
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Postage	$ 1,000.00

Red Willow Co. Sheriff, prisoner housing/inmate medical ---------- $ 990.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 2,720.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 7,794.76
Rippen Oil, service ---------- $ 235.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 625.27
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,440.11
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 39.72
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 375.87
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,128.51
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 518.61
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,050.72
D&S Hardware, supply ---------- $ 29.99
Dan's R US Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ----------$ 634.28
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 354.63
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, bldg. repair ---------- $ 73.43
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ----------$ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 467.32
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,444.95
Rippen Oil, LLC, fuel ---------- $ 165.90
SW Farm & Auto Supply, supply ---------- $ 316.04
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 195.15
U-Save Pharmacy, knee immobilizer---------- $ 64.55
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 53.09
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 506.64

E 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.43

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.83

Mike Erickson advised as to cleanup progress on 423 East 3rd Street. Informal quotes will be obtained for stump removal on said property. Discussion held on an employee workman's compensation claim and spring weed spraying.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner advised as to a prisoner housing billing from Red Willow County.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-8 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 #24-8
(Road study on Rd 708)

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

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the Hitchcock County Clerk a petition requesting that the vacation or abandonment of:

"*East ½ of Road 708 between roads 366 and 367. From driveway of old Iola Berger residence east to Road 367. East ½ of road 708 between Section 31-2-32W & 6-1-32W*"

said petition having been signed by ten or more electors residing within ten miles of the east half of Road 708 (*f/k/a "Road 65"*); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1722 et. seq., within two weeks of the filing of said petition, the county board shall, by resolution, direct the county highway superintendent to study the use being made of such public road and to submit in writing to the county board within thirty (30) days, a report upon the study made and his/her recommendation as to the vacation or abandonment thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA that Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering LLC, the County Highway Superintendent, is hereby directed to study the use being made of:

East one half mile of Road 708 lying between Section 31 in Township 2 North and Section 6 in Township 1 North, all in Range 32, West of the 6th P.M., Hitchcock County, Nebraska

and to submit in writing to the County Board within thirty (30) days a report upon the study made and his/her recommendation as to the vacation or abandonment thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2024.

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

This resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Treasurer Jackie Drain presented the March 2024 pledged security report.

Attorney Garner advised as to legislative changes relating to the Treasurer's Tax Deed process.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-9 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: 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 #2024-9

WHEREAS, the County of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, is a duly organized county, existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1818 was amended by 2023 LB 727, §53 (operative September 2, 2023) to add subsection 2 so as to require that upon issuance of a tax sale certificate, the purchaser shall notify the property owner of the real property that was sold for taxes, by personal service, as follows: (a) that a certificate has been issued; (b) a brief description of the property owner's legal rights to redeem the real property; (c) identifying the real property by the street address listed in the records of the county assessor; (d) the total

amount of taxes, interest, and costs for which the property was sold and a recitation that interest and fees may accrue; and (e) a prominent warning that failure to act may result in forfeiture of the property after three years; and

WHEREAS, NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1818(2) further provides that an "administrative fee" "equal to the greater of one hundred dollars or the actual cost incurred by the purchaser for such service of notice" shall be allowed for any service of notice under said statute; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear whether the notice requirement set forth in NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1818(2) was intended to include tax sale certificates issued to the County for want of bidders pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having first been fully advised of the premises, finds that said administrative fee should be waived for tax sale certificates issued to the County for want of bidders pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, that the administrative fee allowed by NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1818(2) is hereby waived for any and all tax sale certificates issued to the County for want of bidders pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1809, and no such administrative fee shall be noted in the record or collected by the Treasurer in the event of redemption.

Voting Aye: Wertz, Nichols, McDonald
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2024.

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Attested:

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Margaret M. Pollmann
Hitchcock County Clerk

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

A phone conference commenced at 10:00 a.m. regarding the proposed Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyance Act. Those present in addition to those previously listed, Craig Berning with Senator Fischer's office, Sue Doak, Darla Walther and Steve Hall representing Frontier County, Dawna Val Corky Vernon, Bill Roddy, and Deputy Sheriff Justin Stewart.

Hitchcock County Deputy Sheriff Justin Stewart advised as to the need to relocate the evidence room for security purposes. Patrol vehicles were discussed.

Sheriff applications were reviewed. Two were received.

Member McDonald moved to appoint Jason Swartz as Hitchcock County Sheriff to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term ending January 7, 2027. 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 adjourn at 12:20 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 6th, 2024 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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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
May 6, 2024

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 May 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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. Also present Christopher Baker and Daniel Ladenburger.

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 15th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the May 6th, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz 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 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	$22,015.14
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 33.98
Acme Printing Co., supply	$ 84.50
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,984.15
Capital One, supply	$ 540.69
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., flag	$ 68.90
CDC Assoc., registration	$ 75.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 7,227.04
Poll worker Training	$ 764.63
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 152.51
D&S Hardware, equipment rental	$ 100.99
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 125.96
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy contract	$ 983.31
ES&S, coding & media burn	$ 2,301.07
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 79.70
GIS Workshop LLC, subscription	$ 5,985.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 52.00
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, registration	$ 150.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 347.85
Linda Kerchal, reimburse supply	$ 70.65
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Midwest Radar & Equipment Inc., repair	$ 246.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 1,965.09
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,350.89
NE Dept. Revenue, state tax	$ 1,240.15
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 326.96
Planning Commission, 4/18 per diem & mileage	$ 151.38
Margaret Pollmann, reimb. supply	$ 24.81
Postage	$ 2,000.00
Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., reappraisal contract	$ 5,790.00
Quill Corp., supply	$ 93.98
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, 3rd ¼ EM Contract	$ 7,064.75

Regional West Medical Center, drug test/toxicology ---------- $ 390.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 3,325.20
Robert Scott, meals/mileage ---------- $ 174.05
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 38.17
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,325.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 75.00
US Bank, supply ---------- $ 537.56
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,218.70
Volz, Ins., repair ---------- $ 334.49
Haley Walker, mileage ---------- $ 16.08
Western Pathology Consultants, PC, coroner fees ---------- $ 325.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,973.48
Capital One, supply ---------- $ 97.94
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,346.92
D&S Hardware, small tools ---------- $ 21.00
Kugler Co., chemical supply ---------- $ 1,012.46
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 9,028.25
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Michael Todd & Co., Inc., signs ---------- $ 518.86
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., shop supply ---------- $ 219.23
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 746.34
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $28,025.19
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 313.52
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,189.25
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $22,197.20
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 41.93
Van Diest Supply Co., chemical supply ---------- $ 834.63
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.47
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 176.27
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 164.47
Ron Wertz, reimb. traffic cone purchase ---------- $ 232.10

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:

Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom upgrade ---------- $ 1,330.14

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers presented severe weather week poster awards to Hitchcock County third graders: Madison Kollmorgen 3rd place; Jozie Topp honorable mention; Shaelyn Hagan 1st place plus honorable mention at the state level; Makenna Ruppert 2nd place. Following the awards ceremony, EM Myers presented the agencies quarterly report.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair Nichols executed a letter to the Nebraska Department of Revenue requesting a written list of lodging tax licenses within Hitchcock County.

Member McDonald moved to approve the Application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Wilcox Well Drilling for an underground water line located between 3-1-35 and 10-1-35. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following member voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation Statement of Acceptance and Possession and Future Responsibility of County regarding the courtroom upgrade project. 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 offered Resolution #24-11 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, 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 #24-11

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

   Jason Swartz, Hitchcock County Sheriff
   Justin Stewart, Deputy Hitchcock County Sheriff
   - Hitchcock County Sheriff # XXX-XX4

Robert A. Scott, Hitchcock County Veteran's Service Officer

- 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 6th day of May, 2024.

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

Weed Superintendent/Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson joined the meeting for departmental updates.

Informal quotes for stump removal were reviewed. Two were received: Scotts Sinclair, LLC in the amount of $2,500.00 and Wiley's Top Notch Tree Service LLC in the amount of $3,000.00.

Member Wertz moved to accept the quote of Scotts Sinclair LLC in the amount of $2,500.00 for stump removal on county owned property located at 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald, Abstained. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols opened the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. this date as published on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Kari Peter for R.Via Retreat LLC to develop a 10 spot RV park, to also include three cabins, on Lot 7A of the *Castaway Parkway Subdivision Filing #1*, being a part of the South ½, Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Applicant Kari Peter joined the meeting and advised as to said Conditional Use. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to his findings.

The Board was in receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Kari Peter for R.Via Retreat LLC.

The following Exhibits were received:

- Exhibit "A" - Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated April 8, 2024 Notice of Public Hearings mailed to applicant Kari Peter;
- Exhibit "B" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated April 8, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing mailed to property owners and municipalities;
- Exhibit "C" Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson's *Staff Report* relating to Conditional Use Application #01-2024;
- Exhibit "D" *Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission* dated April 18th, 2024.

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 10:41 a.m.

The Board finds that the requested use of said land is land is consistent with the Hitchcock County Comprehensive Plan and is a permitted use in the RCI Rural Commercial/Industrial District pursuant to section 502.03(7) of the *Zoning Resolution of Hitchcock County, Nebraska;* and;

The Board further finds that the requested conditional use of said land is consistent with the Hitchcock County Comprehensive Plan and may be permitted as a conditional use in the AG-G General Agricultural District pursuant to section 501.06(10) of the *Zoning Resolution of Hitchcock County, Nebraska*.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-10 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, 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 #24-10

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners having held a public meeting on May 6th, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing the Application for Conditional Use filed by R.Via Retreat, LLC to develop a 10 spot RV park, to also include three cabins, on Lot 7A of the *Castaway Parkway Subdivision Filing #1*, being a part of the South ½, Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 33 West, 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 May 6th, 2024, 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 *Hitchcock County News* on April 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the notice of said Public Hearing was duly mailed on April 8, 2024 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 use of said land is consistent with the Hitchcock County Comprehensive Plan and is a permitted use in the RCI Rural Commercial/Industrial District pursuant to section 502.03(7) of the *Zoning Resolution of Hitchcock County, Nebraska*; 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 may be permitted as a conditional use in the AG-G General Agricultural District pursuant to section 501.06(10) of the *Zoning Resolution of Hitchcock County, Nebraska*, on the following conditions/exceptions, to wit:

CONDITION(S):
Refer to Staff Report relating to conditional use application #01-2024, submitted by Michael Erickson, 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 filed by R.Via Retreat, LLC to develop a 10 spot RV park, to also include three cabins, on Lot 7A of the *Castaway Parkway Subdivision Filing #1*, being a part of the South ½, Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska on the conditions and exceptions, if any, set forth hereinbefore be approved.

PASSED AND APPROVE THIS 6th day of May, 2024

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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

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to cast the 2024 ballot of Election to Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for candidate Roger Powell. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols offered an update on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute a letter of support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvements Project. 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 appoint Austin Jensen as Planning Commission Representative on the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment for the three year term expiring January 2027. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain, Assessor Terra Riggs and Deputy County Clerk Linda Kerchal joined the meeting for discussion on the current employee handbook.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 12:59 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 20th, 2024 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: 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
May 20, 2024

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 May 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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 were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 May 6th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the May 20th, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$49,837.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 924.89
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,460.50
BC&BS, health ins.	$23,585.22
Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co., suppl. in.	$ 39.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,697.36
DAS Sate Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 457.52
Election Boards, Primary 2024	$ 3,495.50
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$ 855.91
First et/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.56
GIS Workshop, annual subscription	$ 4,095.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,167.52
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 148.72
Holy Family Alter Society, polling place rental	$ 50.00
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair	$ 137.56
Michael Pochop, supply	$ 15.00
Linda Kerchal, mileage	$ 36.05
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 70.20
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 311.55
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 120.00
Mid American Research Chemical, supply	$ 326.52
MIPS, Inc., supply	$ 233.60
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 355.82
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,697.16
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 111.02
Postage	$ 2,000.00
Peripety LLC, election supply	$ 63.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease	$ 214.59
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 2,721.42
Stratton Auto Parts, supply	$ 14.89

Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds repair ---------- $ 1,173.15
US Bank, anti-virus subscription ---------- $ 128.39
US Bank, uniform allowance/supply ---------- $ 98.89
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 380.31
Haley Walker, mileage ---------- $ 18.09
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 246.56
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,170.95

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,681.19
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 181.96
AFLAC, suppl. Ins. ---------- $ 290.10
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
C&&K Distributors, small tools ---------- $ 42.85
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,877.93
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $12,499.34
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 354.63
Ramsey Harders, repair ---------- $ 71.98
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair ---------- $ 468.76
Lakeside Sand & ravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 6,334.15
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 447.94
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $ 8,678.46
Rippin Oil LLC, fuel/oil ---------- $ 548.85
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair ---------- $ 55.60
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair ----------$ 175.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,428.53

LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:

Village of Trenton, dump fees ---------- $ 637.64

911 EMERGENCY SEVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service ---------- $ 528.02
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.43

E911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service ---------- $ 1,671.97
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.83

Motion by Wertz to approve the claim of Scott's Sinclair, LLC in the **Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund** in the amount of $2,500.00 for stump grinding on the County owned property at 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald Abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion held on cleanup and future plans for the County owned property at 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton.

Extension Educator Nancy Frecks presented the Hitchcock County Extension Service's 2023 Annual Report.

Member Nichols moved to approve the 2024 Extension Board consisting of the following members: Diane Bohochik, Alisha Lucero, Jolyn Hare and Karen Wertz. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols offered an update on *Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act Bill* FL024170 FKP.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board was in receipt of a response from the State of Nebraska regarding Hitchcock County businesses holding lodging tax licenses with the Department of Revenue. Said letter will be forwarded to Hitchcock County Visitor Committee members.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services Representative met with the board via phone conference regarding the upcoming Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance renewal.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Blue Cross Blue Shield Subgroup application for the plan year beginning July 1, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson offered a department update.

Discussion held on gravel pit.

Attorney Garner advised as to a letter from Judge Patrick Heng pertaining to the District Court bailiff position salary.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 3rd, 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: 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
June 3, 2024

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 June 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners 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 were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 May 20th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 3rd, 2024 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$ 15,943.65
Capital One, supply	$ 1,586.60
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 65.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,706.23
Dollar General, supply	$ 160.75
Primary 2024 Canvas Board	$ 288.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 145.64
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 81.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 755.42
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, inmate housing/medical	$ 10,240.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,335.25
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 37.73
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals	$ 201.60
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00
2024 NCRAAO Conference, registration	$ 300.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 9,786.84
Justin Bright, reimb. supply	$ 62.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,590.17
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair	$ 1,375.09
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel	$ 7,916.18
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 393.92
NE Machinery Co., 150—15AWD motor grader	$345,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,393.54
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair	$ 1,286.00
Village of Stratton, utility	$ 170.65
Weathercraft Co., building repair	$ 1,065.00

VISITOR'S PROMOTIONAL FUND:

McCook Gazette, visitors guide	$ 400.00

911 EMERGENCY SEVICES FUND:

Centurylink, service ---------- $ 720.00

E911 PSC FUND:

Centurylink, service ---------- $ 2,280.00

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Jason Swartz advised as to area law enforcement salaries and health insurance benefits and efforts in hiring additional deputies as well as offering an overall department update.

No action taken on the Great Plains Communications Service Order.

Discussion held on 2024 commercial appraisals. Assessor Riggs joined the discussion via phone conference.

Chair Nichols advised as to a support drive in progress relating to *Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act Bill* FL024170 FKP.

Chair Nichols offered an update on gravel pit and cleanup of county owned property at 423 East 3rd St., Trenton.

Member Wertz moved to adopt the following deductible funding schedule beginning 7-1-24 and to direct Chair to execute the Mind-American Benefits LLC Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for plan year 7-1-24 to 6-30-25. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 - BC/BS $6,100 QHDHP – Embedded - Health Insurance Deductible: $6,100.00 Single / $12,200 Family		
SINGLE POLICY		
$500.00 Employee	$3,000.00 Employer Funded by Hitchcock County HRA (Administered by Mid American Benefits)	$2,600.00 Employee
EMPLOYEE SPOUSE – EMPLOYEE CHILD(REN) EMPLOYEE FAMILY POLICIES		
$1,000.00 Employee	$6,000.00 Employer Funded by Hitchcock County HRA (Administered by Mid American Benefits)	$5,200.00 Employee
**BC/BS attributes the Mid American Benefits HRA contribution toward the employee deductible.*		

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 17th, 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, Wertz, and McDonald. 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 of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
June 17, 2024

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 June 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on June 13th, 2024 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 were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 3rd. 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the June 17th, 2024 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 offered Resolution #24-12 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 #24-12

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 Jail budget within the General Fund does 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 Jail function is hereby authorized to increase its' budget authority by $634.44 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Board function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of June, 2024.

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 Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols 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	$50,779.32
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, equipment	$ 55.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 841.98
Applied Connective Technologies, IT/email services	$ 2,821.50
Arapahoe Co. Combined Court, transcripts	$ 24.50
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,371.84
BC&BS, health ins.	$21,838.10
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 1,345.71
C&K Distributors, repair	$ 15.70
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Colorado Dept. Revenue, transcripts	$ 10.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,984.35
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 170.82
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Data Shield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 230.48
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 2,564.01
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/supply	$ 1,178.61
First Net / AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.56
Nancy Frecks, mileage/communications	$ 92.88
Garner Law Office, LLC, mileage	$ 399.09
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,175.06
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 17.00
JA Automotive, repair	$ 200.16
Kugler Co., chemical	$ 961.98
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 297.48
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing	$ 70.00
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees	$ 112.00
Midwest Connect LLC, supply	$ 78.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,087.29
NACO, dues	$ 1,260.97
NE Assoc. County Attorney's, dues/registration	$ 275.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,742.01
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
NIRMA, liability/work comp./physical damage/bonds annual premiums	$45,157.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage/lodging	$ 531.17
Quill Corp., equipment	$ 104.99
Ramada Midtown Conference Center, lodging	$ 321.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, Dist. Court bailiff	$ 1,432.18
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,219.42
Rippen Oil LLC, repair	$ 1,336.50
Shauna Schutz, reimb. supply	$ 245.49
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 362.66
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 700.00
TKA Pest Control, service	$ 75.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel	$ 70.01
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,872.86
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins.	$ 356.58
Ron Wertz, mileage	$ 249.24
7-D Lockshop, keys	$ 10.20

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$12,143.71

AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 449.15
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 369.79
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,241.36
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating & equipment fuels---------- $ 6,082.14
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,337.04
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/supply ---------- $ 797.65
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 362.27
Kohl's Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 25.42
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, repair ---------- $ 89.98
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 513.96
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 1,648.28
NIRMA, work comp./liability/physical damage/E&O annual premiums --- $37,768.00
Oak Creek Engineering, hwy. supt. ---------- $ 2.332.65
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 4,647.14
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, admin. fees ---------- $ 1,591.99
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 273.10
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 170.85
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 36.73
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 28.47
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 53.09
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 155.56
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

ROAD & BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND:
The Railroad Yard, Inc., culverts ---------- $39,900.00

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

911 EMERGENCY SEVICES FUND:
Centurylink, service ---------- $ 889.41
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E911 PSC FUND:
Centurylink, service ---------- $ 2,816.47
Great Plains Communications, service ----------$ 48.84

Gregg Mooney NACO Blue Cross and Blue Shield Benefit Services Specialist introduced himself to the Board and discussion was held on the county's health and dental insurance offerings. Heath Reimbursement and Health Savings Accounts were discussed.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the study and recommendation as to the abandonment of that portion of Road 708 beginning 2,640 feet (½ mile) east of the centerline of Road 366 and extending east approximately ½ mile to the west right-of-way line of Road 367, also described as the East one half mile of the South Line of Section 31, T2N, R32W or the East one half mile of the North Line of Section 6, T1N, R32W.

Kathy Haas with Family Resource Center provided documentation required by the State Auditor for County contributions and presented the agencies annual report. The Family Resources, Inc. Services Agreement will be placed on the July 1st, 2024 agenda and it is the consensus of the board to consider $4,500.00 in funding for the 2024/2025 budget.

Jolyn Hare, Culbertson Village Clerk met with the Board regarding the Hitchcock County – Village of Culbertson Interlocal Agreement For Law Enforcement Services. The Village is requesting termination of said interlocal agreement.

Member Nichols moved to agree to terminate the Hitchcock County - Village of Culbertson Interlocal Agreement For Law Enforcement Services effective July 1st, 2024. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols updated the board on Bureau of Reclamation land transfer legislation.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the Mid-American Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan Document and Summary Plan Description Amendment #1 Effective July 1, 2024. Member Wertz 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 Interlocal Agreement For District Court Bailiff services. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald and Wertz. Member Nichols voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute a Disaster Declaration regarding the severe storms that occurred beginning May 19, 2024 through June 2, 2024 causing severe damage to public and private property and endangering the health and safety of Hitchcock County citizens. 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 add Scoop Media News as one of the official newspapers of the County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Assessor Terra Riggs offered an update on contracting for commercial appraisal services. No action taken on the Kubert Appraisal Group Engagement Letter for Commercial Appraisal Services.

The Board was in receipt of the April 30, 2024 Treasurer's pledged security report.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director joined the meeting. Discussion held on numerous county related issues.

Missy Nelson advised as to Colonial Life and Accident offerings, specifically county sponsored term life insurance coverage.

Member Wertz moved to provide as an additional benefit, Colonial Life guaranteed term life insurance in the amount of $10,000 for $2.00 a month. Member Nichols 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 12:54 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 1st, 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, 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
July 15, 2024

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 July 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 11th, 2024 in Scoop Media News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

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 1st, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the July 15th, 2024 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 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	$49,621.55
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 22.13
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 967.23
Applied Connective, IT services	$ 2,891.20
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
C&K Distributors, repair	$ 27.59
Colfer, Wood, Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,030.82
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 428.14
Common Scents, spraying service	$ 325.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,369.59
D&S Hardware, repair	$ 7.89
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dept. of the Treasury, Form 720 return	$ 138.46
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 344.13
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 965.68
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.56
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,166.91
Great Plains Reporting Co., depositions	$ 345.40
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 54.00
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair	$ 23.00
JD Skiles Co., Inc., repair	$ 271.90
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 345.05
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 104.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 380.15
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,640.01
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 293.46
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 20.10
Region II Human Services, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, qtr. 2023/2024 assessment	$ 8,322.56
Region II Services, ¼ assessment	$ 1,393.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,040.07

Safe Life Defense, uniforms ---------- $ 258.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 835.24
Snell Services Inc., repair ---------- $ 926.48
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 225.00
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 18.04
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds care ---------- $ 732.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 35.01
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,123.34
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 455.60
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, dues ---------- $ 2,530.92
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00
7-D Lockshop, keys ---------- $ 15.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $12,260.32
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., headwalls ---------- $ 6,720.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 321.17
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 320.56
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,426.93
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel ---------- $16,837.51
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 31.92
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,316.73
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., repair/fuel ---------- $12,828.73
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 354.63
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 3.04
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair ---------- $ 7.79
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 9,333.19
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 511.46
NE Machinery Company, repair ---------- $ 1,004.17
Powerplan John Deere Financial, repair ---------- $ 2,165.21
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,595.37
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $ 5,912.88
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 84.70
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 29.97
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 41.25
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 67.99
Van Diest Supply Company, chemical ---------- $11,333.95
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.78
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 144.40
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 67.55

CDBG HOUSING FUND:

Ne Dept. of Economic Development, RLF funds return---------- $ 4,684.40

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 13.34
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service ---------- $ 42.24
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

The following inventories were acknowledged: Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, County Owned Real Estate, County Board, District Court, County Court, Assessor, and District Judge.

The annual IRS Patient Centered Outcomes Research Fee Form 720 was reviewed. Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the same. Member McDonald seconded the motion and

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

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

County shop surveillance quotes were reviewed.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Truck bids were opened as published at 10:00 a.m. One bid (for three trucks) was received from Master Tech Truck and Equipment, Wichita, Kansas.

Member McDonald moved to accept the bid of Master Tech Truck and Equipment in the amount of $120,800.00 plus delivery fees, for two 2020 Kenworth T880 day cab semi tractors. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Chair Nichols advised as to drainage concerns on Road 374 north of Culbertson. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson met with the Board and offered a departmental update.

Treasurer Jackie Drain offered the June 30th, 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program Report.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Certification and Verification of Information and data attached on the semi-annual report as submitted. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Treasurer Drain provided the May and June 2024 pledged security reports.

Treasurer Drain and Assessor Terra Riggs provided information and discussion was held on courthouse hallway renovations.

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

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner $25,625.00; County Clerk $58,425.00; Chief Deputy Clerk $43,697.98; Deputy Clerk $39,065.48; County Attorney $58,425.00; County Sheriff $69,700.00; Chief Deputy Sheriff $63,960.00; County Treasurer $58,425.00; County Assessor $58,425.00; Veteran's Service Officer $25,360.54.

HOURLY WAGES

Attorney Legal Assistant $22.28; Chief Deputy Treasurer $22.93; Treasurer Clerical $18.03; Chief Deputy Assessor $23.06; Extension Office Manager $18.18; Road Maintenance $20.50/$24.60; Part Time Road Maintenance $12.00/$16.00; Janitorial $19.29; Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact/Zoning Admin. $21.53; Dispatcher Jailer $18.45/22.55; Planning Commission Secretary $13.99.

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

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 5th, 2024 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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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 5th, 2024

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 August 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Christopher Baker was also present. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 1st, 2024 in Scoop Media News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

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 15th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 5th, 2024 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the 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 the motion: McDonald, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$	22,780.99
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$	135.26
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., tires	$	398.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$	7,363.11
CVSOAN, registration	$	60.00
D&S Hardware, supply	$	94.78
Dollar General, supply	$	5.95
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy chg.	$	546.98
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$	51.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$	113.12
Jacks Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms	$	387.74
Lincoln Co. Clerk, probation costs	$	3,557.07
MASA, suppl. ins.	$	6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$	2,033.89
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$	1,726.55
NE Generator Service, LLC, emergency generator inspections	$	1,900.06
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$	1,249.36
Paul Nichols, mileage	$	353.76
Pit Crew, repair	$	910.99
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, inmate housing/medical	$	6,567.12
Red Willow County Treasurer, district judge costs	$	85.21
Lincoln County Treasurer, Emergency Management contract	$	7,064.75
Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement	$	3,424.60
Safe Life Defense, uniforms	$	258.00
SW Public Power, utility	$	41.26
TKO Pest Control LLC, service	$	85.00
Dennis G. O'Brien, prisoner transport	$	523.55
Haley Walker, mileage	$	110.55
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$	3,500.00
Brenda Yeager, mileage	$	567.49
Mid-State Organized Crim Info Center, membership fee	$	100.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $ 15,970.15
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 50.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,701.07
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 2,198.79
Marubeni America Corp., chemicals ---------- $ 4,553.20
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 1,926.26
Levi Lucero, chemicals ---------- $ 8,161.85
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Master Tech Truck & Equipment LLC, (2) 2020 Kenworth trucks --------- $121,434.00
Medical Enterprises Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 35.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 800.63
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,342.51
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 40.78
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals ---------- $ 2,037.80
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 124.82

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 255.32

Member Nichols moved to pay the claim of Maris General Construction LLC as it is a special and unique purchase of a gravel dredge and related equipment in the amount of $68,500.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Sheriff Jason Swartz met with the board regarding patrol vehicle purchases.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair opened the public hearing regarding the vacation or abandonment of a portion of Road 708, beginning 2,640 feet (½ mile) east of the centerline of Road 366 and extending east approximately ½ mile to the west right-of-way line of Road 367, also described as the East one half mile of the South Line of Section 31, T2N, R32W or the East one half mile of the North Line of Section 6, T1N, R32W as published at 10:00 a.m. this date. Present were Levi Lucero and Marjorie Brown.

Chair asked for comments from those in favor of said vacation or abandonment. Levi Lucero advised he was in favor of closing the road noting lack of maintenance and lack of regular public travel. Marjorie Brown inquired as to access if said road was closed.

Attorney Garner inquired as to Mr. Lucero willingness to execute a written easement to an adjacent land owner(s). Mr. Lucero advised he was willing to do so.

Chair asked for comments from those against said vacation or abandonment.

Chair asked for comments from a neutral position.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:12 p.m.

Attorney Garner advised as to the proposed resolution #24-14. It was the consensus of the board to table action on said resolution until the August 19th, 2024 meeting.

Sheriff Jason Swartz met the board to discuss the opportunity to purchase two (2) 2020 Dodge Durango police package vehicles from the Kanas State Patrol, each containing specified law enforcement equipment included and each with 50,000 +/- miles. Informal quotes were previously requested by Hitchcock County Sheriff Jason Swartz but none were provided due to the non-competitive/unique items sought.

Board finds that based upon the unique and non competitive nature of said specially equipped vehicles, informal quotes were requested but no informal quotes for similar equipment were submitted.

Motion by Wertz to purchase two (2) 2020 Dodge Durango police package vehicles with equipment (VIN #'s 1C4SDJFTXLC368208 and 1C4SDJFT8LC443021) from the Kansas Highway Patrol for the total price of $59,600.00 subject to personal inspection and approval by the Hitchcock County Sheriff or his authorized representative. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers provided the agencies quarterly report.

The following inventories were acknowledged: Emergency Manager, Weed Superintendent, Treasurer, Veteran's Service Officer, and Attorney.

Mike Erickson advised as to MSHA documents, MSHA training August 13th and 14th and Weed Superintendent training August 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Member Wertz moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Tom Baker on behalf of Great Plains Energy for an low voltage underground electric line crossing Road 709 in the NW ¼ of Section 31 and the SW ¼ of Section 30, 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, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Dennis Reiners for an underground water line crossing Road 703 between Sections 30 and 31, Township 1, Range 33, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. 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 joined the meeting. Attorney Garner advised as to the National Opioids Settlements. Discussion held on the same.

Member Wertz moved to designate the Kroger Company opioid settlement payment to Region II Services. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to the Contract for Professional Services with Pritchard and Abbott. Also discussed was commercial reappraisal.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Contract For Professional appraisal Services for Tax Years 2025 and 2026 by and between the County and Pritchard and Abbott, Inc. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Signing Resolution #24-15 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 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
2024

Resolution 24-15

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 5th day of August, 2024 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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Paul Nichols	Ron Wertz	Scott McDonald

County Board Member McDonald
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:

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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 2024 pursuant to Signing Resolution 24-15.

It was the consensus of the Board to solicit propane quotes for the 2024/2025 winter season.

Member Nichols moved to enter into a Gravel Lease Agreement by and between the County and H Bar, Inc. and to direct Chair to execute the same. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of an Affidavit of Surplus property filed by County Attorney.

Chris Baker requested assistance with demolition of the fairgrounds grandstand and gave a history of efforts regarding restoration and or demolition of said structure. It was the consensus of the board to assist with county employees and equipment the needs of the Hitchcock County Agricultural Society.

Clerk Pollmann advised as to LB 46, a court consolidation bill.

Chair Nichols offered an update regarding Bureau of Reclamation land transfer legislation and final cleanup of the property at 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton.

2024/2025 Budget figures were reviewed.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 19th, 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: 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
August 18th, 2024

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 August 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Christopher Baker was also present. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 15th, 2024 in Scoop Media News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

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 5th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the August 19th, 2024 agenda. 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 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	$48,673.09
Acme Printing Co., supply	$ 120.54
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,845.20
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Capital One, supply/repair	$ 407.92
Carpenter Breland Funeral Home, coroner services	$ 180.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins.	$ 429.08
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,200.46
D&S Hardware, repair	$ 337.23
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Diamon Vogel Paint Center, paint	$ 224.73
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 110.59
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 186.96
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel	$ 835.94
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,261.16
Harvest Homes, LLC, repair	$ 150.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 65.07
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 269.90
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms	$ 30.94
Kansas Highway Patrol Fleet Sale, patrol vehicles	$59,200.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 274.03
Microfilm Imaging Services, Inc., microfilm equip. annual fee	$ 696.00
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees/SBC fee	$ 220.60
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 417.65
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,610.44
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease	$ 214.59
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, inmate housing/medical	$ 846.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 7,939.83

Terra Riggs, reimb. supply ---------- $ 55.99
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 814.85
Justin Stewart, reimb. supply ---------- $ 59.07
Total Turf Co., Inc., repair ---------- $ 107.80
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 92.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 212.39

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,899.41
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 248.06
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,426.91
Bosselman Energy, Inc., repair ---------- $ 57.99
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., tires ---------- $ 790.00
C&K Distributors, repair/signs ---------- $ 603.39
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 31.92
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,980.71
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $ 6,060.90
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 370.93
Hagan Transport LLC, repair ---------- $ 560.00
JA Automotive & Repair, LLC, repair ---------- $ 191.93
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 1,617.39
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair ---------- $ 38.10
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 467.67
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $16,012.55
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $16,356.41
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,463.67
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $19,867.00
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel/repair ---------- $ 341.30
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 1,014.09
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 128.51
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 2,597.29
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair ---------- $ 175.00
Van Diest Supply Company, chemicals ---------- $ 84.60
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.93
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND:
Trenton Golf Club, improvement grant funds ---------- $ 857.15

E 911 FUND:
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 48.84

Propane quotes were opened at 9:30 a.m. Brad Williams with Bosselman Energy was present. Two bids were received: Farmers Coop Grain and Supply 1.459 per gallon and Bosselman Energy, Inc. $1.36 per gallon.

Member Wertz moved to accept the quote of Bosselman Energy, Inc. for winter propane usage, $1.36 per gallon for a pay as you go contract. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Dennis Egle joined the meeting.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA joined the meeting. The preliminary 2024/2025 County budget was reviewed.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Sheriff Jason Swartz and Treasurer Jackie Drain discussed budgetary matters.

The 2024/2025 County budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and the hearing to set final tax request will be held the same date at 10:15 a.m.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 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:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 3rd, 2024

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 3rd, day of September 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and Ron Wertz, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 29th, in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

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 19th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the September 3rd, 2024 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Wayne Merrill discussed the considered closure of a portion of Road 708 with the Board.

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	$14,868.39
Capital One, repair/supply	$ 895.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,276.87
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 575.56
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 299.90
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 397.72
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, VIN checks	$ 20.00
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, patrol vehicles titles	$ 20.00
JD Skiles Co., Inc., repair	$ 25.88
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 514.84
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, PC, budget assistance	$ 3,100.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 570.75
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 683.43
Neopost Postage, postage meter scale rental	$ 50.00
Parde Electric LLC, supply	$ 164.88
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,163.30
Terra Riggs, mileage	$ 168.04
Shauna Schutz, reimb. supply	$ 239.09
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 41.93
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 150.00
US Bank, fuel	$ 272.51
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 5,377.76
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00
Hometown Leasing, equip. lease	$ 112.46

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$11,342.56
Capital One, supply	$ 74.63
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,957.59
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 4.90

Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 1,341.29
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 449.37
NE Safety Center, miner training ---------- $ 1,260.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,609.34
Uline Shipping Supply Specialists, supply ---------- $ 280.10
US Bank, signs ---------- $ 173.72
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 127.41
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 304.60
DLL Enterprises, surveillance cameras ---------- $ 3,027.00
7-D Lockshop, locks ---------- $ 42.64

911 EMERGENCY SRVICES FUND:
Geo-Comm, Inc., GIS map data maint. ---------- $ 1,573.44

911 PSC FUND:
Geo-Comm, Inc., GIS map data maint. ---------- $ 4,982.56

Sheriff Jason Swartz offered a departmental update. The Board acknowledge the Sheriff's Department's Surplus Property Affidavit for a desk.

The following inventories were acknowledged: District #1, #2, and #3 Road Department, Extension, Sheriff, and Buildings and Grounds.

Dennis Egle joined the meeting.

The 2024 Exempt Property Publication was reviewed. Chair executed the same.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Chair opened the 2024/2025 Budget Hearing on the Hitchcock County budget as published in *Scoop Media News* on August 29th, 2024. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA was present and 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. Patron Dennis Egle inquired as to various aspects of said budget document and discussion was held. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair closed the public hearing at 10:18 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 #24-16 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: 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 and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #24-16
Hitchcock County
Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 3rd day of September, 2024.

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, 2024, to June 30, 2025, 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

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 3rd day of September 2024.
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:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Chair opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2024/2025 County budget at 10:20 a.m. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA gave and brief synopsis of the final tax request. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair closed the public hearing at 10:23 a.m. this date.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #24-17 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: 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 and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 24-17

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 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:
General Fund $2,064,574.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.66%.

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 0.234573 per $100 of assessed value.

4. HITCHCOCK County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.240526 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 -0.28 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Wertz to adopt Resolution #24-17.

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

Dated this 3rd day of September 2024.
The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann

Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering met with the Board regarding an update for design of Structure C004404510 and 04515 replacements and offered a design service proposal for Structure No C004413405 replacement. Various road and bridge projects were discussed.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to tax sale issuance and offered the July 2024 pledged security report. Attorney Garner advised as to supreme court decisions relating to county tax sales/deeds.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-18 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, 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 and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #24-18

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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, September 16th, 2024 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: 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 16th, 2024

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 September 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Scott McDonald and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on September 12th, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

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 3rd, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the September 16th, 2024 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 moved to approve the following claims. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and McDonald. Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$49,958.14
AFLAC, supp. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services/email	$ 2,845.20
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 666.33
Sonja Bretton, reimb. supply	$ 25.82
C&K Distributors, repair	$ 6.58
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 429.08
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,755.55
Datashield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds	$ 3,400.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 62.34
ES&S, voting supply	$ 116.64
Farmers Co-op Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 827.32
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,126.71
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 84.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 136.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease	$ 472.32
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 193.79
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 9.03
McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds	$ 500.00
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 316.24
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,112.00
Midwest Connect, LLC, supply	$ 256.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,033.89
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,130.15
NE Dept. Rev., state tax	$ 2,711.84
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Postage	$ 500.00

Prairie Plains CASA, budgeted funds ---------- $ 3,000.00
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection ---------- $ 190.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ---------- $ 544.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, bailiff ---------- $ 1,279.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,127.97
Andrea Richards, reimb. supply ---------- $ 48.25
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 549.25
Robert Scott, meals/mileage ---------- $ 339.29
TKO Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds fertilizing ---------- $ 644.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 72.01
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds/utility ---------- $ 100.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script ---------- $ 27.48
US Bank, law enf. equipment ---------- $ 308.32
Volz, Inc., repair ---------- $ 1,183.96
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 375.89
20/20 Technolgies, patrol vehicle equip. ---------- $ 935.00
7-D Lockshop, key ---------- $ 5.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $12,262.06
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 741.46
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 381.93
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 6,328.06
Bosselman Energy, Inc., propane ---------- $ 160.21
C&K Distributors, supply ---------- $ 317.59
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 31.92
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,267.39
D&S Hardware, shop tools ---------- $ 72.98
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel ---------- $ 5,130.64
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 370.93
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, VIN inspections ---------- $ 20.00
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, title fees ---------- $ 20.00
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, shop supply ---------- $ 27.50
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 35.00
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 32.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co., signs ---------- $ 750.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax ---------- $ 499.20
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $ 4,099.86
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 1,729.13
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 50.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,665.95
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 221.40
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply---------- $ 439.48
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 42.59
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 77.55
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 944.38
Tjaden Welding LLC, repair ---------- $ 382.17
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.16
DLL Enterprises, repair ---------- $ 45.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24
Ron Wertz, reimb. small tools ---------- $ 284.08
Rose Weskamp, vinyl ---------- $ 160.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 255.32

911 EMERGENCY SRVICES FUND:

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

911 PSC FUND:

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

Val Jansante with Congressman Adrian Smith's office joined the meeting. Discussion held on the recent HR 8413 hearing in Washington DC relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Mr. Jansante advised as to Congressman Smith's work on school choice, enforcement of the USMCA Agreement, and Senatorial nominations for candidates to military academies.

Chair executed the surplus property affidavit relating to two (2) 2001 Freightliner tractor semi trucks.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 7th, 2024 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 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
October 7, 2024

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 September 2024 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 on October 3rd, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Christopher Baker.

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 16th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the October 7th, 2024 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 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, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$22,316.23
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair/equipment	$ 253.10
Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center, budgeted funds RRS Neb. 28-728	$ 2,000.00
Colfer, Wood, Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 2,936.64
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 7,321.70
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 220.85
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds	$ 100.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 258.87
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 366.08
Election Systems & Software, ballot printing/programming	$ 2,484.81
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.72
Government Forms & Supplies, title envelopes	$ 230.00
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted local match	$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 83.76
Kim Holliday, blood test	$ 125.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease	$ 107.36
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,033.89
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 175.00
NACO, registrations	$ 100.00
NE General Service LLC, service	$ 883.37
NE County Court Assn., dues	$ 5.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 1,279.88
Paul A. Nichols, mileage	$ 263.98
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds	$ 100.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 125.29
Postage	$ 500.00
Prairie States Comm., Inc., patrol vehicle equipment	$12,729.00
Quill Corp., supply	$ 430.91
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 3,372.71
Rippen Oil, LLC, repair	$ 121.00
SW Public Power, utility	$ 41.74

Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds ---------- $ 100.00
David Swanson, reimb. supply ---------- $ 31.00
TKS Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Uline Shipping Supply Specialists, supply ---------- $ 449.93
Van Diest Supply Co., chemical ---------- $ 87.40
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,782.17
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $16,589.43
B&H Paving, chip sealing ---------- $82,500.00
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 1,207.99
C&K Distributors, repair ---------- $ 94.98
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,704.65
Dan's R US Sanitation, service ---------- $ 26.44
Inland Truck Parts Co., repair ---------- $ 766.89
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $ 1,074.14
Jesse Mallett, gravel ---------- $ 4,032.32
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 310.75
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev. Motor Fuels, tax ---------- $ 506.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax ---------- $ 791.40
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 126.41
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,409.42
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $33,708.52
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 300.98
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 40.68
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.16
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 130.65
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 156.86
Stratton Auto Parts, small tools ---------- $ 15.56

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 255.32

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services by and between Oak Creek Engineering, LLC and the County for 2024 and 2025 routine bridge inspections. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Tad Puckett representing Gregory D. Moore met with the Board regarding vacation and/or abandonment of a portion of County Road 716 in Section 25, Township 3, Range 33.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Attorney Garner advised as to statutes relating to road closures.

Discussion held on the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Red Willow County regarding law enforcement services. Attorney Garner advised as to the same. No action taken.

The 2nd Quarter Sheriff Revenue report was on file.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. STAT. §47-709, the Hitchcock County jail was visited.

Discussion held on farming and fencing county road right of ways and private individuals blading county roads.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 21st, 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: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols.

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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 21, 2024

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 October 2024 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 on October 17th, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Christopher Baker.

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 7th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the October 21st, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-20 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 NO. 24-20

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

WHEREAS, on September 3rd, 2024, the County adopted the 2024/2025 Hitchcock County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Board budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2024/2025 fiscal year as follows: $700,000.00 to the General Fund and $300,000.00 to the Road Fund to reduce the property tax request to be transferred as necessary to meet current expenditures.

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 Road Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st, day of October, 2024.

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

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: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$50,141.25
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,903.00
Axon Enterprises, Inc., law enforcement costs	$ 3,449.92
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Capital One, supply	$ 1,885.81
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 429.08
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,986.07
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 150.00
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 125.96
ES&S, election programming/coding	$ 2,673.26
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel	$ 854.62
GEO-COMM, Inc., subscription	$ 995.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,133.11
Great Plains Communications, transcripts	$ 74.35
Andrea Greenfield, mileage	$ 125.96
Hitchcock Co. Treasurer, cash account (void check)	$ 10.00
Marriott Hotels & Resorts, lodging	$ 363.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 272.69
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 112.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport	$ 425.50
NE Dept. of Revenue, state employment tax	$ 2,763.22
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 209.04
Postage	$ 500.00
Prairie State Communications, repair/license fee	$ 5,836.71
Ramada Midtown Conf. Cntr., lodging	$ 220.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fee	$ 18.70
Redfield Direct, LLC, supply	$ 292.96
Region II Services, quarterly assessment	$ 1,393.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,220.78
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 919.65
SW Public Power, utility	$ 124.89
Justin Stewart, mileage	$ 235.84
Total Turf, fertilizer application	$ 644.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel/supply	$ 121.19
Uline Shipping Supply Specialists, supply	$ 710.84
VSP Insurance, vision ins.	$ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage	$ 342.37

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$10,542.49
AKRS Equipment, repair	$ 108.45
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 354.64
BC&BS, health ins.	$ 6,328.06
Bosselman Energy Inc., supply	$ 58.29
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair	$ 50.00
Capital One, supply	$ 9.97
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,626.49
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$15,187.43
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 370.93
Don Hagan & Sons, C, repair	$ 560.00
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair	$ 643.21
Inland Truck Parts Co., repair	$ 371.78
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair/tires	$ 849.51
JD Skiles Co., Inc., repair	$ 24.16
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25

Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 32.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co., sign hardware ---------- $ 2,270.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax ---------- $ 352.06
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 695.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,431.82
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, supply ---------- $ 12.21
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 888.78
Van Diest Supply Co., chemical ---------- $ 84.60
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 38.62
Western Service Center, repair ---------- $ 112.17

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

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

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-19 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 24-19

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 2024 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 2024 County General levy to be transferred to the Road Fund is .294821 not to exceed $608,679.00 for the budget year ended June 30, 2025.

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 21st day of October, 2024.

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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

The Treasurer's August and September 2024 pledged security reports were on file.

Sheriff Jason Swartz joined the meeting. Discussion held on law enforcement recruitment.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 4th, 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.

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 of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 18, 2024

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 November 2024 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 on November 14th, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 4th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the November 18th, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz 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: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$49,388.53
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,908.50
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 217.19
Buffalo Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 19.00
CNA Surety, treasurer bond	$ 425.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 429.08
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,485.70
Community Hospital, inmate medical	$ 1,569.18
2024 General Election Poll Worker service	$ 3,659.92
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 184.22
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 247.90
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 429.02
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair	$ 984.01
First net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.88
Suhr Enterprises Inc./Gary's Superfoods, supply	$ 601.88
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,193.23
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 34.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 131.21
Wade Hodges, witness fees	$ 144.62
Kayla Hodges, witness fees	$ 20.00
Linda Kerchal, mileage	$ 74.37
Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Dept., service fees	$ 18.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 265.32
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 112.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,007.16
NACO, 2nd ½ dues	$ 1,260.97
NACT, supply	$ 360.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 2,678.94

Nebraska.gov, transcripts ---------- $ 25.50
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
NIRMA, cancellation fees ---------- $ 150.00
Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner fees ---------- $ 2,750.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage ---------- $ 127.77
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter ---------- $ 214.59
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,044.77
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 51.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 1,834.33
Justin Stewart, reimb. supply ---------- $ 169.98
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 34.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 182.91
Paul Nichols, mileage ---------- $ 339.02

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,369.68
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 749.98
American Electric-McCook, repair ---------- $ 375.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
American Textile Mills, shop supply ---------- $ 556.61
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 456.10
BC&BC, health ins. ---------- $ 7,229.21
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 474.78
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,838.76
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel ---------- $ 1,591.06
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.45
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 23.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 1,308.64
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mead Lumber, supply ---------- $ 25.44
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 40.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair ---------- $ 89.51
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 383.31
NE Machinery, repair ---------- $ 473.52
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 284.34
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 100.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,570.17
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 290.30
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 5,537.64
Tjaden Welding LLC, repair ---------- $ 665.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

E-911 FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to an upcoming conditional use application.

Building Maintenance Manager David Swanson offered a departmental update.

County Attorney, D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to a new program relating to bank pledged securities.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Recovery Section Authorized Representative Designation. Member McDonald

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 increase the restricted funds authority by an additional 1% for the 2024/2025 budget. 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. Motion carried.

The Board was in receipt of the 2024 Audit Report. Attorney Garner advised as to the proposed letter of engagement by and between Donald D. Wilson and the County for the June 30, 2025 audit. This item will be placed on the December 2nd, 2024 agenda.

Member Wertz moved to accept and approve the Financial Statements With Independent Auditor Reports Thereon for the Year Ended June 30, 2024. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald offered Resolution #24-21 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, 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 as follows and is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #24-21

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

WHEREAS, NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 provides in pertinent part that any person desiring the vacation or abandonment of any county road shall file a petition in the County Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 and NEB. REV. STAT.§39-1723 set forth the process to be followed by the County upon the filing of such a petition; and

WHEREAS, based upon past experience, it is estimated that the County will expend approximately $1,500.00 through the process, including without limitation: (a) obtaining a written report from the county highway superintendent regarding his study of the use being made of such public road; (b) publication expense for the notice of the public hearing; and (c) service by either registered or certified mail upon the owners of land abutting on or adjacent to said; and

WHEREAS, the County Board, finding there is nothing in the applicable statutes which would preclude taxing said costs to the person filing said petition, believes it to be in the best interests of the County that the expense of considering vacation or abandonment of a county road should be taxed at least in substantial part, upon the person so petitioning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA that any person who files a petition in the Hitchcock County Clerk's office requesting the vacation or abandonment of any county road in Hitchcock County must also include with the petition, a deposit of $1,500.00 payable to Hitchcock County, Nebraska, and the County Board shall not proceed on the petition unless and until said deposit has been received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the County Board's decision on the petition, any amount of said deposit in excess of the actual costs and expenses incurred by the County shall be returned to said person.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2024.

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

Abstaining: None
Absent: None

This resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 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: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. 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 of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 2, 2024

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 December 2024 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Commissioner Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Scott McDonald was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on November 28th, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Christopher Baker.

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 18th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 2nd, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and Wertz. McDonald, Absent. 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 and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,448.50
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 50.00
Capital One, supply	$ 346.58
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,067.67
Data Shield, shredding services	$ 85.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 38.40
2024 General Election Canvass Board	$ 300.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 234.72
Mike Erickson, mileage	$ 107.20
Holy Family Alter Society, poll site rental	$ 50.00
Intab LLC, supply	$ 70.03
Langenfeld Towing & Recovery, impound towing	$ 602.50
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process	$ 2,033.89
National Assoc. of Counties, dues	$ 450.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 640.02
NIRMA, registration cancellation fee	$ 75.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,089.96
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 38.24
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,325.00
Volz, Inc., repair	$ 240.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00
Donald D. Wilson CPA, 2024 audit services	$ 7,800.00
J Distributing LLC, repair	$ 455.99

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$10,842.30
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 2,647.63
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev. State employment tax withholding	$ 361.27
NE Machinery Co., repair	$ 1,186.62
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,511.36
Village of Culbertson, utility	$ 59.44

Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 181.88

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process ---------- $ 255.12

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the letter of engagement by and between the County and Donald D. Wilson CPA for audit services for the year ending June 30, 2024 in the amount of $8,300. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and Wertz. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of an *Application For Investment of Funds for Year 2025* from Union Bank and Trust.

Member Wertz offered Signing Resolution #24-22 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 Wertz. McDonald, 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

SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2024

Resolution No. 24-22

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 2nd day of December, 2024 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: 2 Yes – 0 No – 0 Abstained – 1 Absent. Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.
ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered Region 51 Emergency Management's quarterly report.

Sheriff Jason Swartz informed the commissioners as to a law enforcement recruiting service known as IHire and the different levels of services provided and quarterly cost of the same. Attorney Garner advised as to the same. Sheriff Swartz will move forward with this service.

Bids for a 56'x60' steel building to be erected at 423 East 3rd Street, Trenton, Nebraska were opened as published at 10:00 a.m. Five bids were received:

- Giant Rock Construction, Papillion, NE - $270,238.00
- M&B Construction, Culbertson, NE - $189,055.00
- Vap Construction, Atwood, KS - $156,900.00
- Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC, McCook, NE - $200,740.63
- CTE, McCook, NE - $191,711.00

Treasurer Jackie Drain met with the board regarding fund balances.

Sheriff Swartz inquired as to increased salaries/wages for dispatchers.

Member Wertz moved enter executive session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss personnel. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, Absent. Motion carried. Those present in executive session were Commissioners Wertz and Nichols, County Attorney D. Eugene Garner, Sheriff Jason Swartz and Commissioner elect Christopher Baker.

Member Wertz moved to come out of executive session at 11:01 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz and Nichols. McDonald, absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Swartz advised as to hiring a civil process server. Attorney Garner advised on the same.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:27 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 18th, 2024 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: Nichols and Wertz. McDonald, Absent. 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
December 16, 2024

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 December 2024 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 on December 12th, 2024 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Christopher Baker was also present.

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 6th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 16th, 2024 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to fund balances.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #24-23 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 NO. 24-23

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

WHEREAS, on September 3rd, 2024, the County adopted the 2024/2025 Hitchcock County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Board budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2024/2025 fiscal year as follows: $700,000.00 to the General Fund and $300,000.00 to the Road Fund to reduce the property tax request to be transferred as necessary to meet current expenditures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately transfer the sum of $200,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the County General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th, day of December, 2024.

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, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$51,074.58
Quality Farm Ranch Center, supply	$ 3.98
American Electric, repair	$ 11.90
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,908.50
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,433.21
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Blue60 Media, law library	$ 195.30
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 972.81
C&K Distributors, equipment	$ 767.85
Colonial Life & Accident Inc., suppl. ins.	$ 429.08
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,290.35
Consolidated Management Company, meals	$ 34.12
D&S Hardware, supply	$ 139.90
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald Deaver L'Heureus PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 250.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 205.78
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$ 521.82
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.88
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,100.88
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 115.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 47.55
IHire, recruiting service	$ 2,148.00
Justice Data Solutions, RMS data processing system	$14,850.00
Kohl's Auto Parts, repair	$ 170.89
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, bid publication	$ 34.70
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 286.76
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,112.00
Mid American Research Chemical, supply	$ 454.58
Mousel, Brooks, Schneier & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,613.44
NE Safety & Fire Equipment Inc., service	$ 40.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 2,803.27
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 282.74
Prairie States Comm., Inc., repair	$ 2,540.27
Protex Central, repair	$ 79.86
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, bailiff interlocal	$ 1,279.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,375.70
Scoop Medial LLC, publications	$ 419.61
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 725.00
TKO Pest Control, service	$ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., service	$ 180.00
Dennis G. O'Brien, coroner transport	$ 523.55
Van Diest Supply Co., supply	$ 1,137.50
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,084.18
VSP Insurance, vision ins.	$ 375.89
Ron Wertz, mileage	$ 231.15
Westfield Pharmacy, inmate script	$ 88.98

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$10,945.72
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts	$ 9,795.81
AKRS Equipment, repair	$ 14.97
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 443.30
BC&BS, health ins.	$ 7,229.21

Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 440.78
C&K Distributors, supply/tools ---------- $ 18.82
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,763.10
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Mike Erickson, reimb. small tools ---------- $ 21.30
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $11,116.86
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, shirts ---------- $ 108.00
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.45
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., blades ---------- $ 1,415.57
JA Automotive, repair ---------- $ 186.44
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc., repair ---------- $ 976.55
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $11,463.23
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 40.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment, Inc., service ---------- $ 318.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax ---------- $ 379.15
NE Machinery Company, repair ---------- $ 7,676.09
Oak Creek Engineering, bridge inspections ---------- $ 1,595.89
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 4,756.21
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,514.82
Rippen Oil, fuel ---------- $ 179.80
SW Farm & Auto Supply, supply ---------- $ 223.70
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 40.97
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 399.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 159.48
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

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

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

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the 2024 Department of Agriculture Livestock Friendly Annual Report. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Dennis Egle joined the meeting and inquired as to the County's livestock friendly designation. Discussion held on various roads.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Community Based Juvenile Services for fiscal year 2025/2026. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

CTE representative Chris Haveman and Vap Construction representative Brandon Cavenee were present for agenda item #5, Building Bids.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and advised to performance bonds and contracts relating to the County's building project.

Member Wertz moved to accept the bid of for construction of a 56'x60' steel building to be erected 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton in the amount $156,900 conditioned upon providing performance bond in that amount pursuant to a change order. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Sheriff Jason Swartz presented his letter of resignation to be effective January 27, 2025 and the same was received by the Board.

Member Wertz moved to reluctantly accept the resignation of Jason Swartz and Sheriff. 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 advised as to statutory requirements relating to county official resignations.

Motion Wertz to amend the December 16th, 2024 agenda to add an emergency item based upon the receipt this date, of the resignation of Hitchcock County Sheriff Jason Swartz and the necessity to act upon the vacancy left by said resignation. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried

The Board declares a vacancy exists for the office of Hitchcock County Sheriff effective 4 p.m. CT on Monday, January 27, 2025.

Member Nichols moved to commence the search to fill the position of Hitchcock County Sheriff. 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 offered Resolution #24-24 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 NO. 24-24
(*Obligation of ARPA/SLFRF Funds)*

WHEREAS the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, ("COUNTY") is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, acting by and through the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is the owner of the following described real estate, to wit:

Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 12, Original Town of Trenton, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, *(a/k/a 423 East 3rd Street, Trenton, Nebraska)*

(the "Property"), said Property being located adjacent to the Hitchcock County Courthouse, which was purchased by COUNTY in August, 2023 because said Property had become severely dilapidated, wholly uninhabitable, substandard, blighted, rodent and vermin infested and a general public health nuisance and safety concern to the community of the Village of Trenton, Nebraska, as a result of the lack of proper care and maintenance thereof by the previous owner; and

WHEREAS COUNTY has since demolished the dilapidated structures located on the Property in an effort to remedy the nuisance nature and public health and safety risks associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY was the recipient of *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds* ("SLFRF"); and

WHEREAS, because COUNTY currently has no building or other readily available structure in which to park law enforcement patrol vehicles to protect said patrol vehicles from the elements, vandalism and inclement weather, including without limitation, freezing temperatures, severe snow/ice storms and severe hailstorms, COUNTY has at times been adversely affected by such inclement weather events that have caused severe damage to said patrol vehicles resulting in (1) said vehicles at times being out of service for repair(s) for extended period(s), which can result in delayed response time for emergencies due to necessary unscheduled service and/or repairs; and (2) increased property casualty insurance premiums and deductibles paid from property tax funds levied and collected by COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined it to be in the best interests of COUNTY and the community as a whole, to construct a new steel building on the Property for the purpose of housing and protecting its law enforcement patrol vehicles, and said building could also be made available for public benefit in the event of a mass disaster incident, including without limitation, offsite/supplemental emergency management command center, staging location for emergency responders, storage and distribution center for food, water and other supplies, temporary emergency shelter and/or such other use(s) as the circumstances may at that time necessitate for the health and safety of the community

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believes that investment of SLFRF funds into its infrastructure in this manner, will better enable COUNTY to: (1) aid in maintaining essential public services to the community; (2) bolster public health and safety in the community; and (3) support local businesses, stabilize households and boost resilience in the local economy, following the adverse and long lasting effects to the community as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY would not otherwise be able to fund said infrastructure investment without (1) effectuating budget cuts in other areas of public services; or (2) by increasing tax request(s) upon an already stretched and struggling local agricultural based economy; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF funds must be designated, allocated and otherwise obligated as per federal requirements by contractual commitment(s) on or before December 31st, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, COUNTY entered into a contractual agreement in the amount of $156,900.00 with Vap Construction, Inc. for the erection of a 50'x60' steel building on the Property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners designate, allocate and otherwise obligate to and for the purpose of said infrastructure investment/public health and safety/community betterment project, the sum of **$139,051.83** in ARPA/SLFRF funds now held by COUNTY.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
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 adjourn at 11:40 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, January 6th, 2025 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: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk