Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 6th, 2025

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 January 2025 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 26th, 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 16th, 2024 meeting minutes; Approval of the January 6th, 2025 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the 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	$22,562.44
Capital One, supply	$ 827.47
Clerk District Court, adv. costs	$ 72.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 7,251.81
Consolidated Management Company, meals	$ 34.05
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 177.72
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 2,519.10
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,502.30
Dollar General, supply	$ 95.85
Jaclyn Dain, meals/mileage/reimb. supply	$ 241.57
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/copy chg.	$ 89.56
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 176.32
1st Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.88
Garner Law Office, mileage/reimb. supply	$ 209.49
Gurstel Law Firm PC, service fee refund	$ 17.40
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 156.55
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 18.69
Linda Kerchal, mileage	$ 167.50
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,124.49
NE Assoc. Co. Assessors, dues	$ 100.00
NE Generator Service LLC, repair	$ 1,740.60
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 1,170.98
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration	$ 150.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 302.17
Postage	$ 500.00
Region II Human Services, 1st & 2nd Qtr. Assessment	$ 5,548.38
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 3,380.06
Robert Scott, mileage	$ 167.50
SW Public Power, utility	$ 37.81
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,075.00
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,129.66
Voltz, Inc., repair	$ 163.00

Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $15,808.24
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,346.50
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $11,890.29
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 4,519.54
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Motor Fuels, fuel tax ---------- $ 108.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 675.27
PowerPlan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 5,215.48
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,272.50
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 45.84
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 105.55
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 215.55
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 157.65

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson presented the department's annual reports for consideration. Under zoning administration, discussion held on upcoming conditional use applications.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2024, Noxious Weed Infestation Report for Hitchcock County, 2024, and the 2024 Activity Report. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following member voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

The regular meeting was re-convened at 10:14 a.m. this date.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner and County Attorney Legal Assistant Andrea Richards joined the meeting. Legal Assistant Richards advised as to various avenues being pursued regarding law enforcement recruitment.

Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz expressed their appreciation to Commissioner McDonald for his 24 years of dedicated service to this board and the citizens of Hitchcock County.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 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.

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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
January 13th, 2025

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 13th day of January 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on January 9th, 2025 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 January 6th, 2025 meeting minutes with correction noted of next meeting being January 13th, 2025 in last paragraph; Approval of the January 13th, 2025 agenda. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Hitchcock County Sheriff applications were reviewed and discussed. Two were received by the January 13th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Sheriff applicant Burton Pianalto was present.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:22 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 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, Baker and Wertz. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
January 21st, 2025

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

The floor was opened for nominations for Chair for calendar year 2025. Member Ron Wertz nominated Paul Nichols. The nomination was seconded by Baker. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Paul Nichols for Chair for calendar year 2025 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Wertz and Baker. Member Nichols abstained. Motion carried and Paul Nichols was declared Chair for 2025.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair for calendar year 2025. Member Nichols nominated Ron Wertz. The nomination was seconded by Baker. There were no further nominations and nominations ceased. The roll was called on the nomination of Ron Wertz for Vice Chair for calendar year 2025 and the following members voted in favor of said nomination: Nichols and Baker. Member Wertz abstained. Motion carried and Ron Wertz was declared Vice Chair for 2025.

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

- Approval of the January 21st, 2025 agenda
- Approval of the January 13th, 2025 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 *Scoop Media News* and the *McCook Gazette* as official newspapers for 2025.
- 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 2025
- Appointment of Paul Nichols as County representative on the West Central Nebraska Area Agency Board with Ron Wertz as alternate for 2025
- Appointment of Christopher Baker as County representative to the West Central Nebraska Development District with Ron Wertz as alternate for 2025
- Appointment of Ron Wertz to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Directors who remains perpetually appointed while in office.
- Appointment of Lance Harter holding License #1426 (License Level A) as Hitchcock County Highway Superintendent under an employment contract beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.
- Appointment of Safety Committee members for 2025: Kyle Clapp, Marcus Profitt, Mike Erickson, Jared Vrbas, Justin Bright and Christopher Baker
- Passage of Resolution #25-1 naming banks as depositories for Treasurer & Clerk of the District Court: Community 1st Bank, MNB Stratton, the Culbertson Bank and Nebraska Public Agency Trust – Exhibit A of these minutes
- Passage of Resolution #25-2 authorizing Treasurer to invest excess funds – Exhibit B of these minutes

- Passage of Resolution #25-3 regarding non publication of real estate involved in bankruptcy – Exhibit C of these minutes
- Passage of Resolution #25-4 regarding the County's Cash In Lieu offering – Exhibit D of these minutes
- Appointment of Dustin Ladenburger, Wayne Merrill and Tom Monnahan to the Hitchcock County Planning Commission for three (3) year terms expiring in January 2027.
- Appointment of Ron Daugherty and Jake Miller to the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment for three (3) year terms expiring in January 2027.
- Appointment of Randy Miner to the Hitchcock County Board of Adjustment to fill an unexpired term ending January 2027.
- Finds that all Hitchcock County Chief deputy base salaries are in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.09
- Designation of Paul Nichols as contact person for Bureau of Reclamation land transfers
- Appointment of Christopher Baker to the Hitchcock County Regional Economic Development Administrative Board.

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

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$49,756.71
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 852.70
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 2,937.24
Christopher Baker, mileage	$ 184.92
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,405.92
BC&BS, health ins.	$22,611.17
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels	$ 1,633.23
Clerk District Court Assn., dues	$ 50.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 427.78
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,497.69
Community Hospital, inmate medical	$ 3,000.58
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC, ct. Appt. Counsel	$ 100.00
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair	$ 769.65
Suhr Enterprises Inc., supply	$ 480.44
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,194.36
Hometown Leasing, equipment	$ 322.08
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, tires/service	$ 1,353.36
Lincoln County Detention Center, inmate housing	$ 3,750.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 226.80
Scott McDonald, mileage	$ 308.87
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fees	$ 112.00
MIPS, Inc., supply	$ 160.80
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 454.48
NACO, conference registrations	$ 1,280.00
NE Assoc. Co. Treasurers, dues	$ 75.00
NE Dept. of Revenue, state employment tax withholding	$ 2,546.69
Nebraska.gov, transcripts	$ 8.50
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner costs	$ 300.00
Region II Services, assessment	$ 1,393.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 8,088.54
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel	$ 40.30
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 291.27

TKO Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 8.52
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 407.73
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 347.06
Westfield Pharmacy, inmate medical ---------- $ 76.89
7-D Lockshop, keys ---------- $ 15.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,963.96
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 93.94
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 443.30
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 7,229.21
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels/fuel ---------- $ 6,292.96
C&K Distributors, repair ---------- $ 66.49
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,729.64
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., repair/chemical/fuel ---------- $ 1,644.40
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.45
Ramsey Harders, repair ---------- $ 19.34
James Howard, reimb. repair ---------- $ 75.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 234.76
Kohl's Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 134.59
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 40.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 365.71
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 8,018.40
Oak Creek Engineering, hwy. supt. ---------- $ 1,164.20
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,510.60
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel/oil ---------- $ 403.02
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, repair ---------- $ 455.25
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 150.56
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 191.72
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 154.75
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

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

E911 PSC FUND:

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

Motion by Nichols direct Chair to execute the Agreement For Professional Services by and between the County and Lance M. Harter for Highway Superintendent Services for 2025. The motion was seconded by Wertz and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Baker and Wertz. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the performance bond and change order regarding the building project at 423 East 3rd Street, Trenton, Nebraska. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting and discussion was held regarding the initial meeting between Hitchcock and Frontier County and Bureau of Reclamation held January 17, 2025 regarding the Swanson & Hugh Butler Concession title transfer.

Chair Nichols opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. this date as published on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Steven R. Fries for placement of a data mining structure being a part of Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Those present in addition to those previously listed, Bruce Licht, Cody and Lyndsay Lashley, Charles and Coleen Wilcox, Assessor Terra Riggs and Kaylene Luedtke by phone.

Applicant was not present.

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. Those speaking in opposition, Lyndsay Lashley, Cody Lashley, Charles Wilcox and telephonically Kaylene Luedtke.

Chair asked for those representing a neutral position. There were none.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:13 a.m.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to his findings.

Member Wertz moved to acknowledge receipt this date, of the Planning Commission's resolution/recommendation on the *Application for Conditional Use* filed by Steven R. Fries. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

The following Exhibits were received:

- Exhibit "A" - Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated January 6, 2025 Notice of Public Hearings mailed to applicant Steven R. Fries;
- Exhibit "B" Hitchcock County Clerk emails of January 17th, 2025 through January 20th regarding property owner and interested party Notice of Public Hearing 10 day notice;
- Exhibit "C" Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson's *Staff Report* relating to Conditional Use Application #02-2024;
- Exhibit "D" *Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission* dated January 16th, 2025;
- Exhibit "E" Written statement in opposition from Cody and Lyndsay Lashley with attachments;
- Exhibit "F" Written statement in opposition from Bruce Licht with attachments.

Attorney Garner advised as to proposed resolution #25-5.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-5 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. 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 #25-5

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners having held a public meeting on January 21st, 2025, for the purpose of reviewing the Application for Conditional Use filed by Steven R. Fries for a data mining structure on part of Section 23, Township 4 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 January 21st, 2025, for the purpose of hearing said application and for hearing comments thereon from the public in attendance and to receive information and documents, in relation thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of said Public Hearing was published in the *McCook Gazette* on January 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the notice of said Public Hearing was duly mailed on January 6th, 2025 by U.S. Mail, proper first class postage prepaid, to applicant Steven R. Fries as evidenced by the Certificate of Service on file in the office of the Hitchcock County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, adjacent landowners and interested parties were emailed the notice of said Public Hearing on January 17, 2025 as evidenced by copies of said emails 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 that said application not be approved; and

WHEREAS the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, having found that insufficient information has been provided regarding the proposed use including without limitation noise control, security measures, control of potential hazards, bandwidth use, power use, lack of compliance with zoning regulations at another location and consistency with the comprehensive plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conditional Use filed by Steven R. Fries for a data mining structure on part of Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska be not be approved.

PASSED AND APPROVE THIS 21st day of January, 2025

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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 Nichols moved to enter closed session at 10:43 a.m. this date for the purpose of interviewing Ryan King and Burton Pianalto for the position of Hitchcock County Sheriff. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved come out of closed session at 12:23 p.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Ryan King as Hitchcock County Sheriff for the unexpired term ending January 7, 2027. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz and Baker. Member Nichols voted against the motion. Motion carried.

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

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:48 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

RESOLUTION #25-1

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 21st day of January, 2025.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

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

EXHIBIT "B"

RESOLUTION #25-2

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 21st day of January, 2025.

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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: Paul Nichols, Chrisopher Baker and Ronald Wertz
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None

EXHIBIT "C"

RESOLUTION #25-3

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 6, 2025, February 13, 2025 and February 20, 2025.

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 21st day of January, 2025.

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

EXHIBIT "D"

RESOLUTION #25-4

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 21st day of January, 2025.

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Chair, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

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

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 3rd, 2025

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 February 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on January 30th, 2025 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.

Al Dunworth met with the board in relation to the progress of Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: approval of the February 3rd, 2025 agenda and approval of the January 21st, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols and Baker. Member Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Kimberly Cook gave the 2024 Extension Report.

Region 51 Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp gave the agencies quarterly report.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$15,070.11
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 197.98
Blakes Service, tires	$ 100.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,305.49
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 149.95
D&S Hardware, supply	$ 130.37
Board of Adjustment per diem/mileage 1-16-25 meeting	$ 99.20
Planning Commission per diem/mileage 1-16-25 meeting	$ 188.00
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, paint	$ 29.39
Dollar General, supply	$ 109.50
Harvest Homes, LLC, repair	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract copies/supply	$ 680.83
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, sheriff uniform equipment	$ 413.50
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 143.45
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
MIPS Inc., data process.	$ 6,333.40
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 488.36
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 667.07
NE Planning & Zoning Assoc., registration	$ 235.00
North Platte NE Hospital Corp., inmate medical	$ 307.00
Postage	$ 500.00
Quill Corp., supply	$ 429.94
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,186.64
Robert Scott, subscription	$ 50.00
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 41.67
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 200.00

West Central District Assessor's Assoc., dues ---------- $ 25.00
7-D Lockshop, keys ---------- $ 30.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,889.05
Bud's Tire Repair, tires---------- $ 2,486.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,628.58
D&S Hardware, small tools ---------- $ 57.99
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Revenue, state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 350.21
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,513.17
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 56.52
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 285.02

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:
Vap Construction, Inc., down payment on building project @ 423 East 3rd St., Trenton, NE ---------- $48,870.00

Assessor Terra Riggs, Treasurer Jackie Drain and Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King and Deputy Thomas Jones joined the meeting met with the Board for Discussion on emergency generator repair/replacement, inmate medical insurance, request for a fifth officer and existing patrol vehicles.

Attorney Garner advised as to the Contract For Hitchcock County Sheriff.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Contract For Hitchcock County Sheriff by and between the County and Ryan L. King. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker and Nichols. Member Wertz, absent. Motion carried.

Assessor Terra Riggs and Treasurer Jackie Drain discussed budgetary and safety concerns with the board.

Member Nichols moved to approve the application to Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by Jill Brown for an underground water line located between Sections 7 and 18 in Township 2, Range 32 on County Road 712. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols and Baker. Member Wertz, absent. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to correspondence with MB Computing and the cease and desist action initiated by the County regarding the data center and crypto mining facility located south of Trenton. Assessor Riggs advised as to the potential leasehold and personal property tax value for said facility. Attorney Garner advised to the proposed moratorium resolutions. Mr. Erickson provided a quotes regarding road signs.

Member Baker offered Resolution #2025-6 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 Baker. Member Wertz, Absent. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #2025-6

(Temporary Moratorium on
Wind Energy Installations & Solar Power Generation Systems)

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

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners seeks to place a temporary moratorium on development of commercial wind energy conversion systems and the issuance of conditional use permits for the same pursuant to Section 612 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of one year or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt updated zoning regulations with respect to wind energy conversion systems covered in Section 612 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners also seeks to place a temporary moratorium on development of commercial grade solar energy generation/conversion systems, which for purposes of this moratorium shall be any solar conversion system with a rated capacity in excess of one hundred (100) kW in name plate generating capacity, as accessory uses in all zoning districts as well as the issuance of any conditional use permits in this regard pursuant to the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of one year or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt appropriate zoning regulations with respect to commercial and/or utility grade solar energy generation/conversion systems; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believe in the rights of individual landowners to make the best and most efficient use of their property and hereby state that the intent of this moratorium is not to discourage the adoption and use of "small wind energy systems" as defined in Section 612.02 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations nor is it the intent to discourage individual land owners from the adoption and use of small scale solar energy conversion systems (ie, less than one hundred (100) kWs in total name plate generating capacity), specifically designed and used for private, non-commercial applications, including without limitation, solar powered livestock watering facilities and other such farm or single family residential applications. The Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners specifically acknowledges the utility of such systems, especially within the ranching and agriculture industries, as well as their utility to individual homeowners and fully support their continued use and proliferation in that regard; and

WHEREAS, the Board, states that it is the express intent of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners to enact this moratorium to provide time for a comprehensive regulatory scheme to be developed to manage and regulate the location, implementation and decommissioning of all commercial and/or utility grade wind energy and solar energy conversion systems which would otherwise provide direct financial benefit to a relative few Hitchcock County landowners while allowing the negative impacts to be borne by all Hitchcock County residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, that for a period of one year from the date of this resolution, or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners can study and adopt appropriate updated zoning regulations with respect to commercial and/or utility grade wind and solar energy conversion systems, as described hereinabove, whichever is lesser, a moratorium shall hereby be enacted and no commercial and/or utility grade wind energy conversion systems or solar energy conversion systems with a capacity of one hundred (100) kWs or more, in total name plate generating capacity, shall be constructed or allowed as accessory uses in any zoning district nor shall any conditional use permits be issued for the same.

A motion was made by County Board member Baker, seconded by County Board member Nichols to approve and adopt this herein Resolution.

Voting Aye: Nichols, Baker
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Not Present: Wertz

ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2025.

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Attested:

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Margaret M. Pollmann
Hitchcock County Clerk

Member Nichols offered Resolution #2025-7 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, and Baker. Member Wertz, Absent. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #2025-7

(Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers & Crypto Mining Facilities)

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

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners seeks to place a temporary moratorium on location, construction, development and operation of commercial "Crypto Mining Facilities", being a facility with specialized setups designed to mine cryptocurrencies, such as Bitcoin and Ethereum and in which the mining involves solving complex mathematical problems to validate transactions on a blockchain network, which is essential for maintaining the network's integrity and generating new units of the cryptocurrency, and the issuance of conditional use permits for the same in the "*AG-G, General Agricultural District"* pursuant to Section 501.06 and in the "*RCI, Rural Commercial/Industrial District"* pursuant to Section 502.05 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of one year or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt appropriate zoning regulations with respect to such crypto mining facilities as the same are not adequately addressed in the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners also seeks to place a temporary moratorium on location, construction, development and operation of commercial "Data Centers", being a specialized facilities designed to house computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and storage systems that provide the infrastructure necessary for various IT operations, including data storage, management, and dissemination, and the issuance of conditional use permits for the same in the "*AG-G, General Agricultural District"* pursuant to Section 501.06 and in the "*RCI, Rural Commercial/Industrial District"* pursuant to Section 502.05 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations for the lesser of one year or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners has the opportunity to study and adopt appropriate zoning regulations with respect to such crypto mining facilities as the same are not adequately addressed in the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners believe in the rights of individual landowners to make the best and most efficient use of their property. However because (a) crypto mining facilities are known for high energy consumption due to the intensive computational requirements of mining, this has led to concerns about their environmental impact; (b) crypto mining facilities also require significant cooling solutions but may not have the same level of advanced systems as true "data centers", may lead to higher environmental footprints in some cases; and (c) the energy consumption of data centers varies widely depending on the size and type of operations, appropriate regulation of the same is necessary to ensure the operation is consistent with, and in the best interests of the residents of Hitchcock County; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners hereby state that the intent of this moratorium is not to discourage the location, operation and use of data centers and crypto

mining facilities as a conditional use in the "*I, Industrial District"* as defined in the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations, upon such appropriate and necessary conditions as may be determined to ensure that such use is consistent with the intent statement of said District; and

WHEREAS, the Board, states that it is the express intent of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners to enact this moratorium to provide time for a comprehensive regulatory scheme to be developed to manage and regulate the location, implementation and decommissioning of all such data centers and crypto mining centers which would otherwise provide direct financial benefit to a relative few Hitchcock County landowners while allowing the negative impacts to be borne by all Hitchcock County residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, that for a period of one year from the date of this resolution, or until such time as the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners can study and adopt appropriate updated zoning regulations with respect to commercial Data Centers and also Crypto Mining Facilities, as described hereinabove, whichever is lesser, a moratorium shall hereby be enacted and no commercial Data Centers or Crypto Mining Facilities, shall be located, constructed, developed, operated or allowed as accessory uses in the "*AG-G*" or "*RCI*" zoning districts nor shall any conditional use permits be issued for the same.

A motion was made by County Board member Nichols, seconded by County Board member Baker to approve and adopt this herein Resolution.

Voting Aye: Nichols, Baker
Voting Nay: none
Abstaining: none
Not Present: Wertz

ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2025.

HITCHCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Paul Nichols, Chairperson

Attested:

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Margaret M. Pollmann
Hitchcock County Clerk

Attorney Garner advised as Vap Construction, Inc. documents relating to the construction project at 423 East 3rd Street in Trenton.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-5(2) and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, and Baker. Member Wertz, Absent. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-5(2)

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

Hitchcock County Sheriff, Ryan L. King
Hitchcock County Deputy Sheriff, Thomas W. Jones
- 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 3rd day of February, 2025.

Voting for the motion: Christopher Baker and Paul Nichols
Voting against the motion: None
Abstaining: None
Absent: Ron Wertz

The resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson and Attorney Garner discussed exterior window privacy film with the board. Board requested that informal quotes be obtained for said project. Board asked Mr. Swanson to look into the Assessor's vault door. Mr. Swanson inquired as to tires for the Buildings and Grounds pickup.

Chair Nichols executed the necessary title documents for the sale of (2) 2001 Freightliner Tractor Trucks recently sold via on-line auction.

Chair Nichols updated Attorney Garner on progress and recent developments relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols and Baker. Member Wertz, absent. Motion carried.

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ATTEST: Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 18th, 2025

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 18th day of February 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on February 13th, 2025 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 9:05 a.m.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: approval of the February 18th, 2025 agenda and approval of the February 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker and Nichols. Member Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$57,145.37
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair	$ 14.37
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 696.51
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services	$ 5,176.25
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,750.45
Capital One, supply	$ 789.90
Choice Plumbing, bldg. repair	$ 535.40
Colfer Wood Lyons Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,909.10
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,904.71
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 87.67
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald Deaver L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,375.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 891.63
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage/subscription reimb.	$ 277.59
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel/repair	$ 930.50
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 345.88
Mary Forbes, reimb. supply	$ 4.20
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, civil process uniform	$ 80.00
Sur Enterprises Inc., supply	$ 916.49
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,172.52
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniforms/equipment	$ 550.24
Hitchcock County Court, costs	$ 68.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging	$ 279.90
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 425.78
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 12.03
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,128.00
Mousel Books Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 225.00
NE Assoc. Co. Clerks, dues	$ 50.00
NE Asso. Co. Extension Boards, dues	$ 100.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 2,892.98
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00

Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner fees ---------- $ 3,389.00
Postage ---------- $ 500.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease ---------- $ 214.59
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees ---------- $ 20.92
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, emergency management contract ---------- $ 8,374.88
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 9,658.05
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 863.93
Ashely Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 725.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate script. ---------- $ 176.05
US Bank, subscriptions/equipment ---------- $ 278.86
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,971.90
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 490.72
Westfield Pharmacy, inmate script. ---------- $ 70.89
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00
Paul Nichols, mileage ---------- $ 340.20
Prior Service annual payment ---------- $ 180.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,124.26
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 381.93
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 6,321.39
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair ---------- $ 125.00
C&K Distributors, repair/supply/small tools/equip. ---------- $ 777.34
Capital One, supply ---------- $ 96.51
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,786.33
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, supply/fuel ---------- $ 794.04
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.64
J Distributing, repair ---------- $ 1,795.30
JA Automotive, repair ---------- $ 575.59
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 26.49
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 5,104.66
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 40.00
NE Dept. Revenue, state tax withholding ---------- $ 376.17
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 7,335.51
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,516.46
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 153.20
SW Farm & Auto Supply, supply/small tools/repair ---------- $ 786.26
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 1,106.14
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 174.43
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
NE Generator Service LLC, repair ---------- $ 2,051.50

Sheriff Ryan King and Deputy Thomas Jones discussed using 911 Emergency Services Funds for dispatcher salaries, generators, and 911 mapping systems. Discussion held on a fourth deputy position and the departments 2025/2026 budget. Deputy Jones discussed DARE funding and jail cell repair/upgrades.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Weed Superintendent/Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to weed control programs and pending litigation.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 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 Baker. Member Wertz, absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 3rd, 2025

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 March 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on February 27th, 2025 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 March 3rd, 2025 agenda and approval of the February 18th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and Baker. Motion carried.

Vicki Bauer joined the meeting and thanked the board for all their efforts relating to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers. Chair Nichols updated the body on recent meetings and developments. Mrs. Bauer invited the board to the monthly GOP meetings held in Culbertson.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,421.75
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 150.00
Christopher Baker, mileage	$ 270.20
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels	$ 2,053.33
Bud's Tire Repair, tires	$ 464.00
Capital One, supply	$ 1,071.86
City of McCook, teletype services	$ 2,750.00
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 167.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,048.39
CVSOAN, dues	$ 160.00
Data Sheild, shredding services	$ 85.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 165.87
Kearney Hospitality Inc., lodging	$ 139.95
Planning Commissioner per diem/mileage 2-20-25 meeting	$ 127.20
Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Dept., service fees	$ 18.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 542.40
Midwest Special Services, Inc., inmate transport	$ 632.70
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,033.89
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 624.75
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration	$ 150.00
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection	$ 210.00
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment	$ 2,774.19
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,083.27
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 171.59
Ashely Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 500.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc., suscription renewal	$ 449.00
USave Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script.	$ 32.92
Uline Shipping Supply Specialists, repair	$ 157.56

Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,195.50
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels/fuel ---------- $ 2,290.33
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,722.58
DMC Wear Parts LLC, grader blades ---------- $18,197.40
Interstate Billing Service Inc, repair ---------- $ 171.64
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $ 61.28
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 392.26
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 369.51
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,558.96
Spitz Foundry, Inc., repair ---------- $ 1,280.00
Sunrise Oilfield Supply, repair ---------- $ 958.92

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

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

E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.83
NRIN, PSAP services ---------- $ 3,600.00

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson updated the Board of legal proceedings relating to the data mining facility south of Trenton. Discussion held on upcoming chemical purchases.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Discussion held on paying dispatch salaries from 911 PSC Funds. Attorney Garner advised as to expending PSC funds by May 1st this year or they must be repaid. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with resolutions to perfect transfers from the 911 PSC Fund to the General Fund for dispatcher gross salaries, not to include employee benefits. Clerk to prepare spreadsheet for the purpose of determining resolution amounts for the March 17th, 2025 meeting.

The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program hearing was opened at 10:13 a.m. as published. Highway Superintendent Lance Harter was present. Also present Tylan Harter. Superintendent Harter presented the proposed plan. Discussion held on various road and bridge projects. Chair asked for comments from those in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those opposing the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those in a neutral position and for any further comments. There were none and the Chair declared the public hearing closed at 10:43 a.m.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-8 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-8

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

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

WHEREAS, a legal Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was published in *Scoop Media News* on February 20th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov on February 12th, 2025.

WHEREAS, a copy of said Notice of Public Hearing for Hitchcock County's One and Six Year Plan for Highway, Road, and Street Improvements was mailed for posting to the following five (5) locations: US Post Office, 402 Main Street, Trenton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 105 North Main Street, Palisade, Nebraska; US Post Office, 310 Bailey, Stratton, Nebraska; US Post Office, 408 Wyoming, Culbertson, Nebraska, the East and West end of the Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on February 10th, 2025.

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

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Paul Nichols	Ron Wertz	Christopher Baker

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

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

Attorney Garner and Clerk Pollmann advised as to the Wire Transfer and ACH Services Agreement by and between the County and Henderson State Bank. This item will be placed on the March 17th, 2025 meeting for consideration.

Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery discussed machinery needs with the board.

Building Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson provided two quotes for courthouse window privacy film.

Member Wertz moved to accept the quote of Kasson B&B quote for installation of courthouse window privacy film. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion, Baker, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain provided bank compliance reports for November 2024, December 2024 and January 2025.

As a group, the Board visited the jail facility to discuss a repair and upgrade project.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz and Baker. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Chair

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
March 17th, 2025

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 March 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on February 13th, 2025 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Bill Roddy.

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 17th, 2025 agenda and approval of the March 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$60,722.88
Planning Commission 3/12/25 meeting per diem/milage	$ 94.00
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 696.51
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,165.58
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,750.45
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins.	$ 425.78
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$20,637.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 12.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 151.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 274.65
Mike Erickson, meals/lodging	$ 197.13
Farmers Co-op Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,225.22
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 691.76
Furnas Co. Sheriff's Dept., service fees	$ 66.18
Suhr Enterprises, Inc., supply	$ 470.22
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,208.91
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 49.00
Thomas W. Jones, reimb. inmate meal	$ 10.46
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 128.00
Mid-State Organized Crime Info Cent., membership fees	$ 100.00
MIPS, Inc., jury pool fees	$ 244.16
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 653.20
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 3,159.38
NE State Patrol, licenses	$ 224.50
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 431.20
Postage	$ 500.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, baliff	$ 1,279.47
Redfield Direct, supply	$ 220.60
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement	$10,373.72

Rippen Oil Co., repair ---------- $ 1,644.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 1,682.10
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 925.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 16.11
USave Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate script. ---------- $ 263.96
Underground Vaults & Storage, microfilm storage ---------- $ 388.80
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,253.47
VSP Insurance, vision insurance ---------- $ 490.72

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,535.94
ARKS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 442.16
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 6,321.39
C&K Distributors, shop supply ---------- $ 266.63
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 26.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,932.67
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Co-op Grain & Supply Co., supply/repair ---------- $ 1,773.41
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.64
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 40.00
NE Dept. Rev. state employment tax ---------- $ 401.65
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 881.63
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 3,402.00
Rapid Fire Protection, bldg. repair ---------- $ 776.85
Retirement Plans Division, Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,572.88
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 393.91
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, shop supply ---------- $ 40.25
DFC Company, signs ---------- $ 1,354.42
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/shop supply ---------- $ 1,005.10
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 65.01
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 107.94
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 400.26
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 170.69
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

Redfield Direct LLC, deed book/recording paper---------- $ 540.60

Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator Brandi Hilton-Hagemann, Ph.D introduced new Extension Instructor Baily Abbott and gave a synopsis of her general duties.

Member Wertz moved to accept and approve the Application To Occupy County Road Right of Way filed by McCook Public Power District for an underground electric line to be placed under part of Road 359 in Township 1, Range 33. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Baker moved to add a road improvement project to the 1&6 Year Street Improvement Plan, said road being located on County Road 376 between County Road 710 and US Highway 17. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Baker and Nichols. Motion carried.

The Board approved the proposed Hitchcock County, Nebraska Regional Development Plan Community Development Block Grant Program publication as presented. It was the consensus

of the Board to publish said notice one time annually and to add said notice on the County's website on the Economic Development page.

Chair Nichols recessed the regular meeting at 10:02 a.m. and opened the public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public in attendance and to receive evidence regarding the proposed amendment(s) to Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. Said proposed amendment(s) address "crypto mining facilities" and "data centers" within the AG-G, RCI, and I Districts and amendment(s) to zoning permit fees for non-residential farm buildings and increasing the fees set forth in the Zoning Permit Fee Schedule.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to said proposed amendment(s) offering a history of happenings to date. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from proponents of the proposed amendment(s) to Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. There were none.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from opponents of the proposed amendment(s) to Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations. There were none.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from a neutral position. There were none.

Chair inquired if there were any comments regarding specific articles and sections of the proposed amendment(s). Discussion held on clarification of fencing specification in the RCI and I Districts and the renumbering of paragraphs accordingly.

Chair Nichols closed the public hearing at 10:32 a.m. and the public meeting that was previously recessed was re-opened.

The Board was in receipt of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission's Recommendation(s) regarding "crypto mining facilities and "data centers" with the AG-G, RCI, and I Districts and amendments to zoning permit fees for non-residential farm buildings and increasing the fees set forth in the Zoning Permit Fee Schedule.

Member Wertz moved to amend the proposed Regulation(s) 502.05 and 503.02 to specify exterior security fencing around the facility to safely exclude unauthorized persons from entering the facility and consisting of a 6' (six foot) chain link fence with not less than three strands of barbed wire above said chain link fence in said districts, and to amend 501.06 (11) 502.05 (7) and 503.02 (5) to state that data centers comply with subparagraphs "A-F" rather than "A-E". Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to make the following findings based upon comments and information provided during the public hearing:

(1) that said proposed amendments are consistent with the Hitchcock County Comprehensive Plan as said Plan pertains to the AG-G, RCI, and I Districts within Hitchcock County, Nebraska; and
(2) that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County to amend current regulations to clarify the process to be followed in relation to locating and maintaining "crypto mining facilities" and "data centers" within the AG-G, RCI, and I Districts in order to, among other purposes, (a) facilitate cooperation and communication by and between the operator(s) of said "crypto mining facilities" and "data mining centers" and the landowners; (b) promote orderly growth and development within the County; and (c) minimize adverse impacts upon adjoining land uses; and
(3) that said proposed amendments properly clarify and address the permitting of "crypto mining facilities" and "data mining centers" within the AG-G, RCI, and I Districts; and
(4) that it is necessary to remove "*but shall require a certificate of zoning compliance*" from Article 2, Section 202 (1.)
(5) that it is necessary to clarify Article 8, Section 804 to add the word "fee" to "*(1). Non-residential farm buildings, as defined in Section 303.34 of this Resolution, shall*

be subject to the requirements of this Resolution, but shall be exempt from the zoning permit "**fee**" *requirements of this Resolution.";* and

(6) that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County to update the Schedule of Zoning Permit Fees as follows:

(a) add a Zoning Permit Late Fee of $30.00; and

(b) increase schedule of fees as follows:

(1) Application for rezoning or amendment to zoning regulation $500.00,

(2) Application for conditional use $500.00;

(3) Filing of appeal to decision of Zoning Administrator $500.00;

(4) Application for variance $500.00;

(5) Hitchcock County Comprehensive Development Plan Zoning Regulations Book $500.00; and

(c) remove from the Schedule of fees ~~Check out of Hitchcock County Comprehensive Development Plan Zoning Regulations Book $125.00 (refundable upon return of intact book)~~

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

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-9 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-9
(Amendment to *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*)

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

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

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission did on March 12, 2025 having first held the requisite public hearing(s) and public meeting(s) did recommend to COUNTY, approval of amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, as set forth in the Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission which recommendation was presented to the COUNTY on March 17th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY held a public hearing March 17th, 2025 to hear comments and to receive evidence regarding the proposed amendments to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*; and

WHEREAS, notice of said hearing was first duly provided in accordance with law by publishing notice thereof in *Scoop Media News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, on March 6th, 2025; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, having first duly considered said recommendation and the public comments offered at said public hearing by the parties in interest and the citizens of the

COUNTY in attendance thereat, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that the amendment to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations* as recommended by the Hitchcock County Planning Commission are appropriate, are in furtherance of the *Hitchcock County Comprehensive Development Plan* previously adopted and are in the best interests of the COUNTY and are designed for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the COUNTY.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD does hereby amend the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*, accordingly and the same are hereby adopted to become effective May 1, 2025.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amendment(s) shall become effective May 1, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of March, 2025.
VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Christopher Baker, Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols
ABSTAINING: None.
VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION: None.

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Board of Commissioners
Hitchcock County, Nebraska

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Department of Agriculture 2024 Weed Control Compliance Report. Member Wertz seconded the motion, and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Baker and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to execute the Wire Transfer and ACH Services Agreement by and between the County and Henderson State Bank. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Baker and Wertz. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain offered the Return to the County Clerk/Board of Commissioners, the proceedings of the annual public tax sale on March 3, 2025 pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1813.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Baker, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 7th, 2025

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday the 7th day of April 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on April 3rd, 2025 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Bill Roddy.

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

Member Wertz moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: approval of the April 7th, 2025 agenda and approval of the March 17th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$23,595.04
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 41.47
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 66.35
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services/new equipment	$ 8,040.97
Armadillo Arms & Sporting Goods LLC, ammunition	$ 1,230.00
Christopher Baker, mileage	$ 235.20
Bosselman Energy Inc., heating fuels/generator propane	$ 1,102.96
Capital One, supply	$ 240.10
Clerk Dist. Court, BOE transcription services	$ 190.90
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 7,787.78
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 242.53
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 464.85
Dollar General, supply	$ 145.40
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 599.21
Mike Erickson, meals/mileage	$ 427.22
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 23.00
JA Automotive, repair	$ 212.39
Kasson B&B Glass, Inc., repair	$ 1,954.00
Lincoln Co. Detention Center, inmate housing	$ 1,485.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 987.45
Midwest Connect LLC, postage meter cartridge	$ 271.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,169.89
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 75.00
NACO, registrations	$ 125.00
NE Assoc. Co. Treasurers, registration	$ 175.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 1,250.95
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 335.30
O'Brien Electric Inc., bldg. repair	$ 373.14
Office Service Inc., supply	$ 282.22
Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner fees	$ 2,750.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 3,559.89

Safe Life Defense, uniform equipment ---------- $ 1,794.30
Snell Services, Inc., bldg. repair ---------- $ 1,486.46
SW Public Power District, utility ---------- $ 42.04
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 375.00
Thomas A. Hovey, wrecker services ---------- $ 127.50
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., patrol vehicle repair ---------- $ 387.20
University of NE, office equipment ---------- $ 2,829.62
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,049.97
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $16,348.59
American Electric – McCook bldg. repair ---------- $ 150.66
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 1,148.71
Justin Bright, reimb. shop supply ---------- $ 49.40
C&K Distributors, shop supply ---------- $ 66.90
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 4,565.43
JA Automotive, repair ---------- $ 127.09
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mentzer Oil Co., fuel ---------- $ 1,212.40
NACO, registration ---------- $ 25.00
NE Dept. Rev. Motor Fuels, fuel tax return ---------- $ 158.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax ---------- $ 708.71
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades---------- $12,207.92
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 36.66
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,358.95
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel/oil ---------- $ 123.11
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 1,318.58
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 84.16
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 85.25
Sunrise Oil Field Supply, repair ---------- $ 300.00
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 257.90
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 158.32

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

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.43
NE Generator Service LLC, generator ---------- $15,695.00

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

Member Baker moved to enter into a two (2) year Public Defender Renewal Agreement expiring on June 1, 2027 by and between the County and Ryan R. Wilcox in the amount of $48,000.00 annually and to direct Chair to execute the same. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Wertz, Baker and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Hitch and Hay Public Transit intention of continued financial support for budget years 2026 & 2027. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Baker and Wertz. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson advised as to spring weed control programs. As Zoning Administrator, Mr. Erickson advised as to a pending feed lot conditional use.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Valerie Paschall and Shaila Latta to the 4 year terms on the Hitchcock County Visitors Committee with said terms expiring April 1, 2029. Member Baker

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

Permissive exemptions for tax year 2025 were reviewed.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting advised as to status of the conditional use application of MB Club LLC d/b/a MB Computing.

At 11:08 a.m. attorney Roger Benjamin and Dave Koetter joined the meeting. Attorney Garner advised as to Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1 and as to why this item was placed on the agenda. Mr. Benjamin advised as to his research relating to said case.

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

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:39 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, April 21st, 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, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
April 21st, 2025

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 April 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on April 17th, 2025 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. Ashton Baker with Scout Troop 1147 was in attendance in relation to his communications merit badge.

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 21st, 2025 agenda and approval of the April 7th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,487.52
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 696.51
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 25.00
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,750.45
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 1,038.36
Colfer, Wood, Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,920.30
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 406.65
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,034.47
DAS State Accounting, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO., ct. appt. counsel	$ 162.50
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip./copy chgs.	$ 2,243.71
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,633.29
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 691.76
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,166.31
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniform allowance	$ 1,892.03
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 252.83
Lincoln Co. Detention Center, inmate housing	$ 1,705.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,128.00
Midwest Rada & Equipment, Inc., radio equip.	$ 120.00
Midwest Special Services, inmate transport	$ 462.50
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,016.98
NE Dept. Rev., state withholding tax	$ 2,804.27
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging	$ 375.00
Prairie States Communications, uniform allowance	$ 88.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical/deputy physical	$ 274.00
Region II Services, ¼ assessment	$ 1,393.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,165.83
Rippen Oil, LLC, repair	$ 795.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications	$ 453.14

Snell Services, Inc., bldg. repair ---------- $ 896.22
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 83.41
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 2,275.00
TKO Pest Control, LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., power rake service ---------- $ 950.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 461.72
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 361.20

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,537.12
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 285.81
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 6,321.39
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels/fuel ---------- $11,404.82
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 26.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,898.15
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $ 6,136.02
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.64
Ramsey Harders, repair ---------- $ 113.94
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, LLC, gravel ---------- $ 1,603.02
MASA, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 6.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 40.00
Moorhous, Inc., repair ---------- $ 241.66
NE Dept. Rev., state withholding tax ---------- $ 391.94
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,568.19
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 51.45
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:

Village of Trenton, zoning permit ---------- $ 300.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

GEO-Com., 911 mapping software/maintenance ---------- $ 6,752.00
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 30.85
NENA, dispatcher training ---------- $ 299.00
Prairie States Communications, battery backup tower ---------- $ 1,310.00

911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 97.68

Mike Erickson offered zoning updates. Discussion was held on safety committee meeting documentation and reporting.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Taylor Synhorst with the Public Service Commission (PSC) joined the meeting via phone conference regarding use of PSC Legacy Set Aside and NextGen Funds. Also present Treasurer Jackie Drain. Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. Discussion held on appropriate allocation of Legacy and Next Gen funds currently in the County's account and developing a plan for expenditures of said funds by May 31st, 2025.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager David Swanson offered departmental updates.

Attorney Garner advised as to conditional use applications.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 5th, 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: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. 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 5, 2025

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 May 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on May 1st, 2025 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 May 5th, 2025 agenda and approval of the April 21st, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$15,654.27
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 54.30
Capital One, supply	$ 1,068.41
Colfer Wood Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,452.70
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,518.69
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 145.77
Culligan of McCook, supply	$ 16.85
Dollar General, supply	$ 69.85
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 518.61
Galls LLC, uniform allowance	$ 2,867.69
GWorks, annual GIS fee	$10,080.00
Hancock Lumber & Supply, supply	$ 29.99
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 131.00
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 40.44
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 196.67
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,033.89
Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 720.90
NE Dept. Rev., state withholding tax	$ 703.50
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 296.80
Margaret Pollmann, mileage	$ 169.82
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Pritchard & Abbott Inc., reappraisal contract	$ 6,400.00
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, EM contract	$ 8,374.87
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,277.57
Carrie Sandman, reimb. uniform	$ 249.54
Robert Scott, mileage/meals	$ 433.85
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,332.29
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00
7-D Lockshop, keys	$ 40.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$15,122.49

Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair ---------- $ 70.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/Fed./OASI ---------- $ 4,400.90
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 77.00
NE Dept. Rev., state withholding tax ---------- $ 603.78
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,195.16
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 44.74
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 215.81
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 150.43

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

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-10 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-10

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 Board 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 Board function is hereby authorized to increase its' budget authority by $15,000.00 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Miscellaneous function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of May, 2025.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Christopher Baker, 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

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers gave the agencies first quarter report. Also present Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Jones joined the meeting.

Treasurer Jackie Drain advised as to a depository request from Premier Bank in Omaha. The request was noted by the Board. Treasurer Drain provided trial balance sheets and bank compliance reports for February and March 2025.

Discussion held on 911 Legacy and Next Gen funds.

Ruby Collins, Water and Cropping Systems Extension Educator introduced herself and advised as to programs offered.

Deputy Thomas Jones inquired as to changing the personnel policy to cash out unused vacation leave. The Sheriff's first quarter report was on file.

Chair Nichols updated the Board on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Discussion held on the upcoming 2025/2026 budget.

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to the personal property tax filing of MB Club LLC.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, May 19th, 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, Baker, 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
May 19, 2025

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 19th day of May 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on May 15th, 2025 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 May 19th, 2025 agenda and approval of the May 5th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz and Nichols. Baker absent. Motion carried.

Member Baker arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Zoning Administrator, Weed Superintendent, and NIRMA contact Mike Erickson gave departmental updates.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$52,712.42
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 696.51
Applied Connective, IT Services	$ 4,706.58
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,750.45
Bosselmann Energy, Inc., heating fuels	$ 823.75
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 410.65
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,220.77
Curbs & All, lawn care	$ 650.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Data Sheild, shredding services	$ 93.16
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux, PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,392.60
Dollar General, supply	$ 124.90
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 550.44
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,192.70
Galls LLC, uniforms	$ 372.95
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 25.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,164.04
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniform equipment	$ 426.52
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees	$ 128.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 855.75
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 2,669.65
NE Sheriff's Assoc., registration	$ 245.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging	$ 375.00
Psychological Resources, evaluations	$ 500.00

Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., lease ---------- $ 214.59
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ---------- $ 135.00
Redfield Direct, supply ---------- $ 309.58
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment ---------- $ 2,774.18
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,766.50
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 584.69
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,100.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., grounds sprinkler maint. ---------- $ 983.65
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 98.01
U Save Pharmacy, inmate script. ---------- $ 156.27
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 461.72
Ron Wertz, mileage ----------$ 253.40

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $11,046.86
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 172.39
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 265.98
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,420.24
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 64.39
C&K Dist., supply ---------- $ 5.85
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,699.78
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $ 8,669.29
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.77
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 959.01
McCook Gazette, publications ---------- $ 234.00
Mid-American Benefits, Inc., admin. fees ---------- $ 32.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ----------$ 359.50
Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., tires ---------- $20,910.00
Quality Irrigation, repair ---------- $ 2,097.60
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 145.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,463.81
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 255.87
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair ---------- $ 131.95
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 17.98
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

Chair Nichols provided an update regarding Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers.

Discussion was held with elected officials and department heads regarding 2025/2026 budget. Those present Gene Garner, Kimberly Cook, Ryan King, Terra Riggs, Jackie Drain, and Linda Smith.

Board acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff's Department's Surplus Property Affidavit for (1) Generac 16KW propane power system Generator SN G0070351.

Treasurer Jackie Drain and Sheriff Ryan King discussed 911 PSC Legacy and Nex Gen Funds.

Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Program Analyst advised as to the quadrennial salary survey, research and statistics on unfunded mandates, use of federal dollars, inheritance tax issues, NACO's County Explorer page, the NACO West facility, benefits in being a member of National NACo, and the NACO Legislative Update letter

Gregg Mooney, NACO Benefit Services Specialist advised Blue Cross and Blue Shield policy offerings for the coming year.

Motion by Nichols to elect Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medical Plan $6,100 QHDHP and Dental Plan PPO Plan (Premier Option 3) for plan year effective 7-1-2025. Member Baker

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

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the NACO Blue Cross and Blue Sheild Subgroup Application for the period 7-1-25 to June 30, 2026. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Sheriff King provided a letter he is sending to the PSAP Funds Board requesting …"*an extension on spending both the Legacy as well as current PSAP funds…"*

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 2nd, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. 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
June 2, 2025

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 June 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on May 29th, 2025 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Bill Roddy, Vicki Bauer and Robin Lomax.

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 2nd, 2025 agenda and approval of the May 19th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Baker, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$14,420.14
Applied Connective Technologies, supply	$ 175.00
Capital One, supply	$ 784.31
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,928.43
Creative Product Sourcing Inc. – DARE, supply	$ 700.92
Jaclyn Drain, mileage/reimb. supply	$ 160.99
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 1,207.06
Galls LLC, uniform allowance	$ 175.35
Hometown Leasing, equipment lease	$ 293.20
Planning Commission 5-21-25 meeting/mileage	$ 173.00
Lincoln County Detention Center, inmate boarding	$ 1,650.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 6.25
Mid-State Organized Crime Info Center, dues	$ 100.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport	$ 325.60
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,033.89
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 722.27
NE County Attorney's Assoc., registration	$ 275.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, test fees	$ 30.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 608.13
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues	$ 265.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 295.40
Point C, deductible funding	$ 8,000.00
Quill Corp., supply	$ 357.96
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,068.18
Safe Life Defense, uniform allowance	$ 1,083.20
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 725.00
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,490.66
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 3,500.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$ 9,660.91
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair	$ 100.00
Capital One, shop supply	$ 17.91

Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,261.17
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 6,440.31
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 300.16
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,333.02
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 37.63
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals ---------- $ 245.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 173.72
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 141.27

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

Kaye Bieck with Family Resource Center offered the annual update and requested the Board consider a contribution of $4,500 in the 2025/2026 County Budget.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Point C Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with following schedule of county contributions to the employee deductible: Single $3,000.00, Employee Spouse, Employee Children, Employee Family $6,000.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Bureau of Reclamation land transfers and the agreement for the Contribution of Funds and Memorandum by and between the Bureau of Reclamation and Hitchcock County.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Agreement No. 25AG630087 between The Bureau of Reclamation Missouri Basin Region Nebraska-Kansas Area Office and Hitchcock County and Frontier County for Swanson and Hugh Butler Concession and Cabins Title Transfer, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Frenchman Cambridge Division, Nebraska. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

The general consensus of the Board was to split the administrative fees regarding the Contribution of Funds on Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers equally between Hitchcock and Frontier Counties.

Val Jansante with Congressman Adrian Smith's office advised as to current issues Congressman Smith is involved with and working on.

Extension Educator Kimberly Cook offered a proposed 2025-2026 budget for the Extension Office and advised as to difficulties in hiring an office manager due to the offered salary.

Vicki Bauer inquired and discussion was held regarding the County's current temporary moratorium regarding wind energy installations and solar power generation systems, planning commission and county board processes.

Mark Moorhous expressed concerns regarding the pending conditional use filed by Shane Rippen.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 16th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. 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 16, 2025

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 June 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on June 12th, 2025 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 June 16th, 2025 agenda and approval of the June 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,262.46
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 232.17
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 113.93
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 630.26
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,139.45
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,750.45
Clerk, District Court, advance costs	$ 108.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 406.65
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,902.21
Community 1st Bank, checks	$ 64.20
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 159.53
Courtyard by Marriott, lodging/parking fees	$ 486.00
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 869.70
D&L Pest Control, LLC, service	$ 60.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 437.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Deward, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 2,022.90
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, paint	$ 207.24
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 1,169.08
Family Resource Center, budgeted funds	$ 4,500.00
Farmers Co-op Grain & Supply Co., fuel/repair	$ 1,482.87
Fresh Foods, supply	$ 814.64
Galls LLC, law enforcement supply	$ 313.22
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 406.25
Government Forms & Supplies, supply	$ 243.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,134.87
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 102.00
Planning Commission meeting 6-11-25 per diem & mileage/clerical	$ 256.39
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 56.25
MIPS, Inc., valuation notices	$ 1,997.22
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 62.50
NACO, registrations/dues	$ 1,777.31

NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 2,781.35
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
NIRMA, liability/E&O/work comp./vehicle ins. annual premiums --------- $48,212.00
Point C, admin. fees ---------- $ 128.00
Postage ---------- $ 3,000.00
Protex Central, bldg. repair ---------- $ 518.34
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ---------- $ 240.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, district court bailiff ---------- $ 1,279.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,973.61
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 629.51
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 101.01
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical ---------- $ 22.65
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals ---------- $ 131.10
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 461.72
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 363.30
Garner Law Office LLC, mileage ---------- $ 257.32
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees ---------- $ 114.25
Jaclyn Drain, meals/mileage ---------- $ 378.64
Great Plains Reporting, depositions ---------- $ 677.20
Eakes Office Solutions, supply ---------- $ 1,169.08

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $10,540.62
Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culverts ---------- $ 7,438.00
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 410.74
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 172.39
Arnold Motor Supply, LLC, repair ---------- $ 322.66
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 265.98
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,420.24
Bosselman Energy, Inc., heating fuels ---------- $ 350.61
C&K Distributors, supply ---------- $ 260.68
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 2,554.06
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Co-op Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $ 319.81
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 371.77
Hagan Transport LLC, repair ---------- $ 124.68
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 540.12
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 6,678.81
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 340.76
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 5,456.19
NIRMA, liability/E&O/work comp./vehicle ins. annual premiums --------- $43,416.00
Oak Creek Engineering, hwy. supt. services ---------- $ 2,516.50
Point C, admin. fees ---------- $ 32.00
Quantum Aggregate Supply, repair ---------- $ 2,918.80
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,390.68
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 264.88
SW Farms & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 863.38
Stratton Auto Parts, supply ---------- $ 118.26
TLR Radiator & Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 175.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.62

E 911 FUND:

CenturyLink, CTL fees ---------- $ 3,705.88
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.42

E-911 PSC FUND:

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

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

Chair Nichols advised as to updates on Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Agreement For the Contribution of Funds No. 25AG630088 Between The Bureau of Reclamation, Missouri Basin Region, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office and Hitchcock County and Frontier County for Swanson and Hugh Butler Concession and Cabins Title Transfer, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Frenchman Cambridge Division, Nebraska. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to appoint Darcie Johnson to the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Directors. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the engagement agreement for 2025/2026 budget preparation services by and between Daniel D. Miller, CPA and the County in the amount of $3,350.00 and further to direct Chair to execute the required Nebraska State Auditor "Responsibility" form. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Affidavit of Surplus property relating to a 1983 Ford Conventional Cab truck. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged receipt of two affidavits of surplus property (1) Coleman Vertex 5500 Watt gas powered generator; (2) 1983 Ford Conventional CAB 'N' LN800 truck.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-12 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. 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 25-12

A RESOLUTION Approving the Transfer of Land from the Bureau of Reclamation to Hitchcock and Frontier Counties, and Approving the Equitable Division of Administrative Fees

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WHEREAS:

- The Bureau of Reclamation holds title to certain federal land located within the jurisdictions of Hitchcock and Frontier Counties; and
- These lands have been deemed surplus to federal needs and are eligible for transfer to local governments under applicable federal laws and regulations; and
- Hitchcock and Frontier Counties have jointly expressed interest in acquiring portions of the land to support local infrastructure, development, and public use; and
- The total administrative cost associate with the land transfer is $111,200 as determined by the Bureau of Reclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF HITCHCOCK AND FRONTIER COUNTIES THAT:

1. **The transfer of land** from the Bureau of Reclamation to Hitchcock and Frontier Counties is hereby approved, subject to all federal regulations and procedural requirements;

2. **The administrative fee of $111,200** shall be split **equally** between Hitchcock County and Frontier County, with each county responsible for $**55,600**;
3. Each county shall coordinate with the Bureau of Reclamation and any other relevant agencies to finalize the documentation, surveys, and procedural steps necessary to complete the land transfer;
4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by both county governing bodies.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 16th day of June, 2025.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Christopher Baker, 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

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting and discussion was held on updating the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Nichols recessed the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. and opened the public hearing for the purpose to hear the applicant and all comments thereon from the public in attendance and to receive evidence regarding the Application for Conditional Use submitted by Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club, LLC for a data center on part of the SE½ of Section 4, Township 1 North Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Chair noted posting of Open Meetings Act to those present.

Charlee Hrnchir, Bill Roddy, Brandon Flannery and Assessor Terra Riggs joined the meeting.

The Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission relating to the Application for Conditional Use submitted by Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club, LLC was received and acknowledged.

The following Exhibits were received:
Exhibit "A" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated May 23rd, 2025 relating to Notice of Public Hearing mailed to the applicant.
Exhibit "B" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated May 23rd, 2025 relating to Notice of Public Hearing mailed to adjacent land owners.
Exhibit "C" Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson's *Staff Report* regarding Application for Conditional Use Application #2-2025.

Applicant Brandon Flannery presented the Application for Conditional Use and responded to questions posed by the board and those present.

Chair Nichols asked if there were any comments from the opponents of the application. Charlee Hrnchir advised that her residence is within one mile of the subject facility and voiced decibel level concerns. Mrs. Hrnchir advised that she had not been contacted by the applicant(s) with regards to an impact easement and her present stance is that she will not grant or execute an impact easement. Exhibit "D" Knots to MPH Wind Speed Conversion was received by the Board.

Chair Nichols asked if there were any comments from proponents of the application. There were none.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from a neutral position. Hitchcock County Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to value of real estate and personal property of the subject conditional use.

Chair inquired if there were any further comments. Paul Nichols commented on procedural and communication frustrations through the conditional use process.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson presented his staff report relating to conditional use application #2-2025. Mr. Erickson advised as to conditions, those being the requirement of an impact easement with the owner of a residence within one mile of the data center location and the required filing by the applicant of a zoning permit.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:37 a.m. a.m. this date and the public meeting that was previously recessed was re-opened.

Chair inquired if any board member(s) had a conflict of interest regarding the application being considered. There were none.

Motion Wertz by to table action on the application for conditional filed by Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club LLC for a data center on part of the SE ¼ of Section of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska, until such time as an impact easement(s) with surrounding residence(s) within a mile of the data center location is/are obtained. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Baker and Nichols. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ryan King advised as to a "Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance" proposal.

Treasurer Jackie Drain, Assessor Terra Riggs, and Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting for discussion on 2025/2026 fiscal year employee wages.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-11 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. 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 #25-11

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 $1,139.19 and that said authority shall be transferred from the Hitchcock County Clerk function within the General Fund budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2025.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Christopher Baker, 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

Sheriff Deputy Tom Jones updated the Board on jail cell plumbing.

Discussion held on Point C High Dollar Rx Validation Program being renewed. It was the consensus of the Board to change the "Point C – Health Reimbursement Arrangement Renewal" for the Plan Year 7-1-25 through 6-30-26 previously executed to reflect "Yes" on Question #10. of said renewal regarding whether or not the High Dollar Rx Validation Program is being renewed.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 7th, 2025 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, Baker, 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
July 7, 2025

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday the 7th day of July 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 3rd, 2025 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 7th, 2025 agenda and approval of the June 16th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

Dawna Vap, Korky Vernon, and Bill Roddy were in attendance and presented a check in the amount $55,600.00 representing administrative fees donated by Goodlife Marina trailer owners in relation to Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers.

Member Nichols moved to direct Treasurer to establish the Swanson Land Fund #5510. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$21,908.50
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 110.77
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 129.99
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,076.05
Capital One, supply	$ 394.97
Colfer, Wood, Lyons & Wood, ct. appt. counsel	$ 607.20
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 6,762.28
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 174.00
Curbs & All LLC, lawn care	$ 740.00
Dept. of the Treasury IRS, annual PCORI filing	$ 163.09
Dollar General, supply	$ 50.35
Double 9 Firearms, firearm	$ 968.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 213.87
Gall's Inc., uniforms	$ 34.62
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 202.73
Karrie Jones, mileage	$ 131.60
Lincoln Co. Detention Center, inmate housing	$ 1,705.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,106.11
NACO, registrations	$ 150.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 1,096.37
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 361.90
CA Enterprises, Inc., supply	$ 54.43
Prairies States Comm., Inc., repair	$ 1,748.31
Region II Services, ¼ assessment	$ 1,413.00

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 3,220.19
Scoop Media, LLC, publications ---------- $ 356.21
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 168.53
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,025.00
TKO Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals ---------- $ 866.95
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,965.64
West Central NE Area Agency on Aging, membership ---------- $ 2,559.90
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $19,197.14
Capital One, small tools ---------- $ 128.20
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 5,585.66
Tri-State Truck & Trailer Repair, dredge recovery ---------- $20,037.60
Cole A. Remmenga, diver/dredge recovery ---------- $12,600.00
JA Automotive, repair ---------- $ 23.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 4,219.65
Moorhous, Inc., repair ---------- $ 628.14
NE Dept. Revenue Motor Fuels, fuel tax ---------- $ 79.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 933.16
NE Machinery Co., repair/blades ---------- $ 2,971.04
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ----------$ 2,804.70
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 473.25
Sensel Welding & Repair & Used Cars, supply ---------- $ 84.82
SW Farm & Auto Supply, supply/tools/repair ---------- $ 1,029.46
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 39.89
Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 9.99
Tri State Auto Glass, Inc., repair ---------- $ 195.00
Van Diest Supply Company, chemicals ---------- $ 6,084.75
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 139.18
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 152.77

E 911 FUND:
Justice Data Solutions, software ---------- $ 5,675.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
Eakes Office Solution, supply ---------- $ 49.60
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE:
Choice Plumbing, drain/water lines bldg. project ---------- $ 3,229.00
Vap Construction, Inc., concrete, bldg.. project ---------- $34,300.00

SWANSON LAND FUND :
DOI-BOR-Region Missouri Basin, admin fees ---------- $55,600.00

John Rundel with Southwest Weed Management met with the board and requested a letter of support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project for the 2026-2027 grant period and 2025/2026 county budgetary funding of $500.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute letter of support for the Wester Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project for the 2026-2027 grant period. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Baker and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Administrative Services Agreement by and between Point C and Hitchcock County. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Wertz, and Nichols. Motion carried.

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

Assessor Terra Riggs advised as to the need for drop points for food pantries within the county. It was the consensus of the board to allow for a food pantry drop off point within the courthouse.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Sheriff Ryan King discussed a proposal for K-9 services with the board as well as various budgetary items.

Discussion was held on the status of Road 370.

Kylie Joyc, Director, Region II Services and Mandy Bruoussard, Director, Southwest Area Training Services provided said agencies' annual update.

Discussion held on the Hanna:Keelan Associates quote for update of the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. It was the consensus of the board to solicit additional informal quotes.

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

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, July 21st, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
July 21, 2025

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 July 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 17th, 2025 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 21st, 2025 agenda and approval of the July 7th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,391.54
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Badge and Wallet, badges	$ 797.40
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$28,181.63
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., flags	$ 155.77
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 327.32
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,989.90
D&S Hardware, repair	$ 232.24
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 75.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dewald, Deaver, L/Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,544.60
Dollar General, supply	$ 31.20
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/lease	$ 1,042.32
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,361.19
First Net/AT&T Mobility, service	$ 4.29
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 406.25
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,186.46
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair	$ 28.50
Lincoln Co. Detention Center, inmate housing	$ 1,650.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 218.68
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider & Mustion, ct. appt. counsel	$ 814.22
NACO, registration	$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state income tax withholding	$ 2,761.92
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Point C, admin. fees/HRA renewal/SBC document	$ 457.00
Protex Central, inspection	$ 237.50
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical	$ 445.00
Region II Human Services, ¼ assessment	$ 2,857.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 9,077.19
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 84.93

Stratton Auto Parts, repair ---------- $ 10.99
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 106.01
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical ---------- $ 22.65
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 461.72
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 436.10

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,728.40
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 376.51
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,710.22
Bosselman Energy, Inc., fuel ---------- $10,991.52
C&K Distributors, repair ---------- $ 598.93
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 24.49
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,899.27
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $16,047.96
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 399.31
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 599.32
Point C., admin. fees ---------- $ 33.00
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 135.45
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,971.51
SW Title Company, certif. of title ---------- $ 125.00
Aubrey Vrbas, reimb. DOT test ---------- $ 180.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

E 911 FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.73
Lumen, service ---------- $ 4,950.00

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE:
Vap Construction, Inc., bldg. project ----------$32,900.00

Caitlin Whitehead with Prairie Plains CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) explained services provided by the agency and thanked the board for their support.

Chair Nichols executed a letter regarding Local Management of Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoir Concessionaires.

Chair Nichols executed the inventories for County Real Estate and County Board of Commissioners.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Baker moved to approve the application to occupy county road right of way filed by Berexco, LLC for underground flow line and water injection fiberglass under county Roads 706, 350 and 705. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Baker and Wertz. Motion carried.

A limited title certificate on Road 370 was received and discussed.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson updated the board on MBC Club LLC conditional use application.

The Treasurer's Bank Compliance Reports for April, May and June 2025 and a Trial Balance Listing as of 7-21-25 were received and reviewed.

Discussion held regarding Attorney Roger Benjamin's request letters pertaining to the amended conditional use permit 1-2025.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Baker, and Wertz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 4th, 2025

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 August 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on July 31st, 2025 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 4th, 2025 agenda and approval of the July 21st, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Sherry Moorhous, Joy Farr, and Sam Eldredge were in attendance.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$17,638.01
Armadillo Arms & Sporting Goods LLC, ammunition	$ 384.00
Christopher Baker, mileage	$ 312.20
Capital One, supply/uniforms	$ 649.41
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed	$ 4,891.14
Datashield, shredding services	$ 93.16
Dewald Deaver L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. appt. counsel	$ 1,209.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equipment	$ 262.67
Galls LLC, holsters	$ 920.24
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 129.65
ICS, inmate uniforms	$ 475.91
JA Automotive, repair	$ 982.59
Planning Commission 7-23-25 meeting/mileage	$ 188.00
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 198.53
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,106.11
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 747.72
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 402.50
Parde Electric LLC, repair	$ 635.26
Protex Central, fire alarm inspection	$ 123.79
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, annual district judge costs	$ 153.42
Lincoln Co. Treasurer, emergency management contract	$ 8,374.87
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,540.07
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 450.00
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 2,527.20
Volz, Inc., repair	$ 608.10
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 4,000.00
20/20 Technologies, equip. upgrade	$ 193.16

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$14,198.74

Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 265.00
Capital One, supply ---------- $ 95.15
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,558.76
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair ---------- $ 2,793.14
J Distributing LLC, repair ---------- $ 2.00
JD Skiles Co., Inc., repair ---------- $ 397.64
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $15,171.72
Medical Enterprises, Inc., DOT testing ---------- $ 36.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 549.82
Powerplan JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 6,315.37
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,996.69
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 40.18
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 142.42
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 149.51

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE FUND:
Vap Construction, Inc. building project ----------$19,452.83

TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:
Vap Constructions, Inc., building project ---------- $13,447.17

Member Wertz moved to solicit propane quotes for the 2026/2026 winter season. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-13 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION 25-13

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska (NEB.REV.STAT. §13-801 et. seq. and all amendments thereto) enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage to provide for joint undertakings, services and facilities.

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County, Nebraska believes it is in the best interest of its citizens to join with other Nebraska Public Agencies participating in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network is established by Public Agencies for the benefit of Nebraska citizens and allows information to be shared among emergency and communications centers on a real time, on demand, basis to help mitigate an emergency that threatens any location.

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

1. Approves the document entitled "Interlocal Agreement For Cooperative Development and Use of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network" hereafter referred to as "Agreement"; and

2. Enters into the Agreement for the formation and participation in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network until the Board of Public Agency terminates the Agreement; and

3. The Chair of the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Public Agency following passage and approval of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2025.

Attest: Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

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

Member Baker offered Resolution #25-14 and moved for its' adoption. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is 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
2025

Resolution 25-14

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 4th day of August, 2025 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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Paul Nichols Ron Wertz Christopher Baker

County Board Member Baker
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 Nichols offered an update on Bureau of Reclamation Land Transfers and Road 370.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson updated the Board on data mining issues and insuring the new building.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and offered an update on the data mining impact easement issue.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission regarding the Amended Application for Conditional Use filed by Shane Rippen for an open feedlot confined animal feeding operation with aerobic waste handling facility, Category A. Class III in Part of the W½ of the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 31 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson advised as to LB 663.

The following inventories were received and acknowledged: Assessor, County Clerk, County Court, District Court, District Judge, Veteran's Service Officer, County Owned Real Estate, County Board, Weed Superintendent.

Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §23-114.01.

Member Baker moved to set the public hearing regarding the amended application for conditional use filed by Shane Rippen for Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Hitchcock County Courthouse. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to hold the public hearing regarding the amended application for conditional use filed by Shane Rippen on Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. CT in the Community Room of the Trenton Community Development Commission (TCDC) building located at 402 East 1st Street in Trenton rather than the Community Room at the Hitchcock County Courthouse. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to recess the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. this date to enter into Board of Equalization proceedings. The motion was seconded by Nichols and after discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened as per recess this date at 11:16 a.m.

Chair Nichols executed a letter to Rippen Farms LLC and Theador Rippen regarding rectifying obstruction/damage of Road 370 in the SE ¼ of Section 34-3-32.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 12:00 Noon and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, August 18th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
August 18th, 2025

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 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Ron Wertz was absent due to a family emergency. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 14th, 2025 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 18th, 2025 agenda and approval of the August 4th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Absent; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$53,424.14
Baliegh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 127.80
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, supply	$ 91.98
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,070.45
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,581.55
BC&BS, health ins.	$28,181.63
Clerk, District Court, adv. costs	$ 36.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 336.02
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,481.81
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 221.60
Curbs & All, LLC, lawn care	$ 650.00
CVSOAN, registration	$ 60.00
Adreanna Dunn, mileage	$ 380.10
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 104.04
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply, fuel	$ 1,719.19
Fresh Foods, supply	$ 343.99
Goodwin Siegfried, LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 187.50
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,202.73
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 68.00
Planning Commission 8-1-25 meeting, per diem & mileage	$ 188.00
Linda Kerchal, mileage	$ 28.70
Lincoln Co. Clerk, annual probation costs	$ 0.3,667.24
MASA, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
McCook Gazette, publication	$ 12.03
Mousel Brooks Schneider Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel	$ 634.84
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 2,678.05
Neopost Postage, lease	$ 50.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
O'Brien Electric Inc., repair	$ 724.66
Point C., deductible funding/admin. fees	$ 8,132.00
Prairie States Comm Inc., repair	$ 1,965.60
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., lease	$ 214.59

Retirement Plans Division Amertias, retirement ---------- $ 8,839.66
Rippen Oil LLC, repair/fuel ---------- $ 879.00
Carrie Sandman, mileage ---------- $ 322.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 632.06
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co. Inc., sprinkler repair ---------- $ 107.80
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 100.00
Dennis G O'Brien, coroner transport ---------- $ 514.30
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 461.72
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 213.50
20/20 Technologies, repair ---------- $ 193.16

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $15,250.29
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 248.59
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 293.27
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 5,710.22
Bosselman Energy Inc., supply ---------- $ 64.39
CK Distributors, repair ---------- $ 410.62
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 28.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,978.68
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel ---------- $ 5,146.71
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 399.31
JA Automotive & Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 172.82
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $16,762.02
Mead Truck Repair LLC, dredge repair ---------- $ 1,413.04
Moorhous Inc., dredge repair ---------- $ 105.98
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 617.16
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 810.73
Point C, admin. fees ---------- $ 33.00
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 95.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,039.43
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel/repair ---------- $ 1,540.10
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 1,982.34
Stratton Auto Parts, oil ---------- $ 18.87
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 812.26
US Bank, repair ---------- $ 30.75
Van Diest Supply Company, chemicals ---------- $ 2,112.70
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
VSP Insurance Co, vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

Two propane quotes for the 2025/2026 winter season were received

- Farmers Coop Grain and Supply - $1.27 per gallon pay as you go
- Bosselman Energy Inc. – Mike Hedke and John Walker present - $1.36 per gallon pay as you go

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Shane Rippen and Theodor Rippen were present to visit with the Board regarding Road 370 Attorney Garner made the Board aware that he had recently had communications with their attorney regarding said road. Attorney Garner informed the Board of his ethical duty to not communicate with individuals known to be represented by legal counsel except through said counsel and advised against the Board communicating with said individuals without their legal counsel being present. The Board inquired about discussing the matter at this time since it was on the agenda and the parties were present. Mr. Garner again advised he cannot communicate with the parties without their counsel present and advised again that the board not meet with them without counsel present. At that point Attorney Garner excused himself from the meeting.

Red Willow County Commissioner Randy Dean was present to listen in on West Central Nebraska Development District's presentation on grant opportunities for comprehensive plans.

Attorney Garner rejoined the meeting.

Sheriff Deputy Tom Jones met briefly with the Board on various items related to the Sheriff's department included but not limited establishing a K-9 Fund. Chair Nichols advised as to the filing of the annual inventory and completion of the 911 PSC and 911 Emergency Services fund budgets. Sheriff Ryan King met with the Board on budgetary items and submitted the 911 Emergency Services Fund and 911 PSC Fund budgets.

Taylor Provost, Economic Development Specialist with West Central Nebraska Development District met with the Board regarding a grant for updating the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting.

Member Baker moved to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 for the purpose of submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant for updating Hitchcock County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Absent. Said hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room, Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska.

Commissioner Ron Wertz joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller CPA joined the meeting for work on the 2025/2026 County budget.

Member Wertz moved to accept the quote of Farmers Coop Grain and Supply in the amount of $1.27 per gallon on a pay as you go basis. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes, Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to designate MIPS as the printing service for the joint public hearing postcards if necessary. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to execute the FEMA Small Permanent Work Project Certifications and Acknowledgements relating to Valley Drive and Road 718. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

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

ANNUAL SALARIES

Commissioner $26,265.63; County Clerk $59,885.63; County Attorney $59,885.63; County Sheriff $71,442.50; Chief Deputy Sheriff $68,640.00; Deputy Sheriff(s) $59,280.00/ $46,080.00; County Treasurer $59,885.63; County Assessor $59,885.63; Veteran's Service Officer $25,995.84.

HOURLY WAGES

Chief Deputy Clerk $24.61; Deputy Clerk $22.00; Attorney Legal Assistant $22.84; Chief Deputy Treasurer $24.00; Treasurer Clerical $20.00; Chief Deputy Assessor $24.00; Extension Office Manager $20.00; Road Maintenance $23.00/$29.10; Part Time Road Maintenance $18.00/$23.00; B&G Maintenance/Janitorial $19.77; Weed Superintendent/NIRMA Contact/Zoning Admin. $25.00; Dispatcher Jailer $18.00/$23.00; Planning Commission Secretary $14.34.

Chair Nichols advised as to Bureau of Reclamation land transfers.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-14 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-14

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

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Sheriff intends to purchase a dog to assist the Sheriff's department in its duties, along with the necessary equipment to support the dog; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly track revenues and expenditures related to the dog, the Board feels it is in the best interests of the county to create a new fund in the Treasurer's office and in the County Budget beginning at the start of the 2025-2026 fiscal budget year; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures from such Fund will be used for purchasing, travel, and travel expense for obtaining such dog, and will go through the regular budget process, including approval of claims by the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County Board of Commissioner has determined that when there is no longer a need to have a separate (2430) K-9 Fund the Board will direct the County Treasurer to automatically transfer any remaining funds or future money for (2430) K-9 to the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County hereby establishes a K-9 Fund (2430)

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th, day of August, 2025.

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Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

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

The following inventories were received and acknowledged: Attorney, Treasurer, Emergency Management, Road Districts 1, 2 and 3.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 1:50 p. m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 2nd, 2025

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 2nd day of September 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on August 28th, 2025 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 2nd, 2025 agenda and approval of the August 18th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$17,509.93
Axon Enterprise Inc., sheriff equipment	$ 184.25
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 4,919.66
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 77.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 286.64
John Filippi, coroner fees	$ 1,300.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC, uniform allowance	$ 514.50
Liewer Funeral Home, coroner transport	$ 482.50
Med. Air Service Assoc. – B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
IPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,106.11
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, training fees	$ 142.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 745.76
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 337.40
Planning Commission 8-27-25 meeting per diem/mileage	$ 154.80
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,528.98
SW Public Power District, utility	$ 4.81
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 550.00
UNL-Haskell Ag Lab, registration	$ 115.00
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$13,869.89
Carquest Auto Parts Stores, repair/oil	$ 95.60
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,400.48
Modern Farm Equipment Corp., repair	$ 989.52
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel	$10,737.33
Levi Lucero, chemical supplies	$15,120.68
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding	$ 483.56
Oak Creek Engineering, 1&6 Year Plan preparation	$ 550.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,936.33
Van Diest Supply Co., chemical supplies	$ 245.00
Village of Stratton, utility	$ 146.31

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:
Vap Construction Inc., 423 East 3rd St. project ---------- $ 8,925.00

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.36

E-911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.60

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting and advised as to the ruling in Hitchcock County Court Case CI 25-1 and the County being a necessary party to said action.

Member Nichols moved to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation for the protection of the public interest at 9:51 a.m. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried and the Chair declared going into closed session for the limited purpose of discussing pending litigation. Those present in closed session, Nichols, Baker, Wertz, and Attorney Garner.

Member Wertz moved to come out of closed session at 10:05 a.m. this date. Member Baker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to direct Attorney Garner to file a Complaint to Intervene in Hitchcock County District Court Case 25-1. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Region 51 Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered the agency's quarterly report. Also present Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp.

Chair Nichols opened the public hearing relating to the application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at 10:31 a.m. as published. The purpose of said grant is for updating the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Taylor Provost, Economic Development Specialist with West Central Nebraska Development District advised as to the purpose of said grant. Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson and Planning Commission Chair Dustin Ladenburger were also present.

Chair asked for those in favor of the applying for said grant. Dustin Ladenburger spoke in favor of the grant and advised that the updates are definitely due. Ms. Provost advised as to the grant process.

Chair asked for those against applying for said grant. There were none.

Chair asked for comments from a neutral position. There were none.

Chair Nichols closed the public hearing at 10:36 a.m.

Member Baker moved to retain West Central Nebraska Development District to prepare and submit an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Planning Grant and to direct chair to execute necessary documents relating to the same. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after discussion a roll call vote was had. Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-15 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION 25-15
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL
TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

Whereas, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and,
Whereas, the County of Hitchcock, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted public hearing(s) upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which for an amount of 23,000 for Hitchcock County is requesting CDBG funds for a project to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. The need for this project was identified through recognition that the County's current planning documents are outdated and no longer adequately address contemporary land use challenges, economic development opportunities, and regulatory compliance requirements. The proposed planning activities will take place countywide throughout Hitchcock County, with particular focus on unincorporated areas and coordination with incorporated municipalities within the County boundaries.; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
Board of County Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska, that the Board Chairman be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between Hitchcock County, Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

Chief Elected Official Signature

Paul Nichols, Chair – Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners
Chief Elected Official Printed Name, Title

September 2n, 2025
Date

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson updated the board on the data center. Discussion held on planning commission form updates.

Member Wertz moved to enter closed session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 11:15 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Chair declared going into closed session for the limited purpose of discussing personnel for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Those present in closed session, Nichols, Baker, Wertz, Attorney Garner, Sheriff King and Deputy Jones.

Member Nichols moved to come out of closed session at 11:35 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ryan King and Deputy Tom Jones discussed the Sheriff and Jail budgets with the board.

Budget preparation assistant Daniel D. Miller, CPA joined the meeting for work on the County's 2025/2026 budget.

Commissioner Baker excused himself from the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Sheriff King and Deputy Jones rejoined the meeting for further budget discussions.

Attorney Garner advised as to Planning Commission membership.

The following inventories were received and acknowledged: Extension, Sheriff and Building and Grounds

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 1:42 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, September 15th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Absent; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
September 15th, 2025

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 September 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Ron Wertz and Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on September 11th, 2025 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. Patron Bill Roddy was 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 September 15th, 2025 agenda and approval of the September 2nd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,936.54
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 39.25
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair	$ 24.17
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,036.55
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,507.38
BCBS, health ins.	$26,950.62
Capital One, supply	$ 970.74
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 336.02
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$18,115.26
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 134.41
Culligan of McCook, supply	$ 34.00
Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, ct. Appt. counsel	$ 687.50
Adreanna Dunn, communications	$ 54.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/equip.	$ 600.14
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel	$ 1,131.62
First AT&T Mobility, service	$ 400.40
Fresh Foods, supply	$ 438.70
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,157.44
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 44.00
Hometown Leasing, equipment	$ 330.48
Ryan King, reissue check	$ 12.22
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., equip. rental	$ 696.00
Daniel D. Miller, CPA, PC, budget preparation	$ 3,350.00
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel	$ 423.90
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 2,797.48
Nebraska.gov, transcripts	$ 16.00
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Point C, admin. fees	$ 132.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical	$ 310.00
Red Willow Co. Treasurer, court bailiff contract	$ 2,558.94

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 9,166.48
Sayler Screenprinting, uniforms ---------- $ 146.00
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 730.61
SW Weed Management, cost program ---------- $ 500.00
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 1,325.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 33.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 1,861.26
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 439.50
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 230.30
West Central NE Development Dist., dues ---------- $ 2,730.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,747.42
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 4,760.86
Bosselman Energy, Inc., repair ---------- $ 64.39
Bud's Tire Repair Inc., repair ---------- $ 120.00
C&K Dist., repair/supply ---------- $ 287.01
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 28.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,787.57
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., supply/fuel ---------- $ 1,862.93
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 399.31
J Distributing LLC, supply ---------- $ 4.00
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 1,761.38
NE Dept. of Rev. Motor Fuels, tax ---------- $ 140.00
NE Dept. of Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 549.57
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 3,852.82
Point C., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,937.42
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 209.05
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 709.49
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 41.93
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.16
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 156.27
VSP Insurance, vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24

TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:
VAP Construction Inc., building project ---------- $ 5,005.00

E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 15.43

E911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.83

Chair Nichols executed the 2025 Exempt Property Publication.

Member Wertz moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program and the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Interlocal Agreement. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes, Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

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

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Deputy Treasurer Megan Lewis provided the Delinquent Tax Listing for tax year 2023. Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's written report on Distress Warrants. Also acknowledged was the Treasurer's July 2025 bank compliance report. Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1719.02.

Chair opened the 2025/2026 Budget Hearing on the Hitchcock County budget as published in *Scoop Media News* on September 11th, 2025. 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. It was noted that no additional parties were present. Chair asked for comments against the proposed budget. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those representing a neutral position. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those in favor of the proposed budget. There were none. Chair inquired as to any further comments, there were none. Chair closed the public hearing on the 2025/2026 proposed budget at 10:13 a.m. this date.

Chair opened the public hearing to set the final tax request for the 2025/2026 County budget at 10:15 a.m. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed property tax request. 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 asked for those in favor of the proposed property tax request. There were none. Chair asked for comments from those representing a neutral position. There were none. Chair asked for comments against the proposed property tax request. There were none. Chair inquired as to any further comments, there were none. Chair closed the public hearing relating to the final property tax request at 10:17 a.m. this date.

The 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 #25-16 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-16

Hitchcock County

Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, 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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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 15th day of September 2025.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION: Ron Wertz, Paul Nichols, and Christopher Baker

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

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-17 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: Baker, 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 SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 25-17

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:
General Fund $2,128,553.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.61%

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 0.217451 per $100 of assessed value.

4. HITCHCOCK County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.22419 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 21.94 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Wertz to adopt Resolution #25-17.

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

Dated this 15th day of September 2025.
The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-18 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, 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 #25-18

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 15th day of September, 2025.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Co. Clerk

Zoning Administrator/NIRMA Contact Mike Erickson offered departmental updates.

Chair Nichols and Attorney Garner advised as to the County's Intervention into Case CI 25-1 regarding Road 370.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 6, 2025

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 October 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on October 2nd, 2025 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 October 6th, 2025 agenda and approval of the September 15th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$25,540.07
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 3,112.65
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 43.33
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair	$ 299.95
Capital One, supply	$ 1,378.63
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 7,833.96
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 94.67
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds	$ 100.00
D&S Hardware, repair	$ 96.48
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 712.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Dollar General, supply	$ 73.20
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, budgeted funds	$ 3,400.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply/lease equip.	$ 670.38
Goodwin Siegfried, LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 56.25
Hampton Inn & Suites, lodging	$ 321.00
Hitch & Hay Public Transit, budgeted funds	$ 6,000.00
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 17.00
Karrie Jones, mileage	$ 61.60
Linda Kerchal, mileage	$ 53.20
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
McCook Humane Society, budgeted funds	$ 500.00
Mid American Research Chemical, supply	$ 328.86
Midwest Special Services, Inc., prisoner transport	$ 462.50
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,106.11
Mousel Brooks Schneider Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel	$ 306.50
NACO, registrations	$ 85.00
NE Co. Court Assoc., dues	$ 5.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax	$ 1,271.77
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 291.20
Planning Commission per diem/mileage 9-17-25 meeting	$ 94.00
Point C, deductible funding	$ 8,000.00
Police Officers' Assoc. of NE, book	$ 14.00

Margaret Pollmann, mileage ---------- $ 142.80
Prairies Plans CASA, budgeted funds ---------- $ 3,000.00
Quill Corp., supply ---------- $ 546.70
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 3,779.97
Robert Scott, meals/mileage ---------- $ 327.83
Secretary of State, registration ---------- $ 60.00
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 45.11
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 675.00
Stratton Public Library, budgeted funds ---------- $ 100.00
Trenton Public Library, budgeted funds ---------- $ 100.00
US Bank, uniforms ---------- $ 195.31
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 4,000.00
Christopher Baker, mileage ---------- $ 281.40

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $20,214.88
American Electric McCook, supply ---------- $ 299.00
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 235.00
Capital One, repair/supply ---------- $ 174.75
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 5,693.01
Hauxwell Pump & Supply, Inc., repair ---------- $ 497.00
Modern Farm Equipment, repair ---------- $ 138.30
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $11,955.99
Mead Truck Repair LLC, repair ---------- $ 606.90
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax ---------- $ 906.46
Powerplan JD Financial, repair/oil ---------- $ 4,144.19
Quality Irrigation, repair ---------- $ 639.20
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 2,924.51
SW Public Power, utility ---------- $ 40.47
Tita Machinery, repair ---------- $ 2,076.75
US Bank, repair ---------- $ 45.94
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 139.18

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:
Applied Connective Technologies, equip. install ---------- $ 640.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND:
O'Brien Electric, Inc., 423 East 3rd Project – wiring ---------- $ 8,733.54

The Board acknowledged receipt of a surplus affidavit from the Extension office for one office chair.

Member Wertz moved to approve the application to occupy county road right of way filed by Great Plains Communications in Section 2, Township 2, Range 34, Hitchcock County, NE. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to direct Chair to execute the Family Resources, Inc. "Services Agreement" by and between Family Resources, Inc. and Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner and Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting.

Mike Hesser joined the meeting via phone conference for discussion on re-designation of a minimum maintenance road.

Erin Arensdorf, Director and Torey Franzen, Choices Program Supervisor with West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging joined the meeting and advised as to services offered by the agency.

Patron Ron Bauer inquired as to who was responsible for cleaning up debris from flood damage on Road #722 and discussion was held.

Sheriff Ryan King joined the meeting. A public hearing was held pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §77-1719.02. Chair Nichols opened the public hearing pursuant to said statute at 10:30 a.m. this date. Sheriff King advised that the distress warrants have been collected and returns were done. He informed the Board that he was unaware of the time line for returning distress warrants and filing a report with the treasurer. Treasurer Jackie Drain confirmed that the distress warrants delivered to the Sheriff in November 2024 have been collected. Attorney Garner advised as to procedures relating to distress warrants. Chair asked for comments from any other individuals. There being none, Chair closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. this date.

Member Baker moved to remove from the table an item tabled on June 16, 2025, regarding the Application For Conditional Use filed by Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club, LLC for a data center located on part of the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board received a copy of a signed Notice of Impact Easement by and between Charlotte Hrnchir and Benjamin Logan, Vice President of MB Club LLC.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-19 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. 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 #25-19

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners having held a public meeting on June 16th, 2025, for the purpose of reviewing the Application for Conditional Use filed Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club LLC for a data center on part of the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 1 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 June 16th, 2025, 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 *Scoop Media News* on June 5th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the notice of said Public Hearing was duly mailed on May 23rd, 2025 by U.S. Mail, proper first-class postage prepaid, to applicant Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club LLC, adjacent land owners 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 that said application be approved with conditions specified therein; 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):

1. Refer to Staff Report relating to conditional use application #02-2025, submitted by Michael Erickson, Hitchcock County Zoning Administrator, attached hereto as "Exhibit C" and incorporated herein by this reference;

2. An impact easement is required from owners of residence(s) located within one mile of the Crypto Mining Facility;
3. The applicant shall file for the proper zoning permit(s) and pay the appropriate zoning permit fees.

EXCEPTION(S): None

WHEREAS, the Board has received a signed Notice of Impact Easement from Ms. Hrnchir and MB Club, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conditional Use filed by Brandon Flannery on behalf of MB Club LLC for a data center on part of the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 33 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska on the conditions and exceptions, if any, set forth hereinbefore be approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th day of October, 2025

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

Member Wertz moved to recess the regular meeting at 11:20 a.m. and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. at the Trenton Community Development Commission (T.C.D.C) building, 402 East 1st Street in Trenton. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was has as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Chair re-opened the regular meeting at 1:05 p.m. this date at 402 East 1st Street in Trenton, Nebraska (T.C.D.C.) building. 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 recessed the regular meeting at 1:06 p.m. to enter into the public hearing for the purpose of hearing the applicant and all comments thereon from the public in attendance and to receive evidence regarding the Amended Application for Conditional Use submitted by Shane Rippen for an open feedlot confined animal feeding operation with aerobic waste handling facility, Category A Class III in Part of the W½ of the SE¼ Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 31 West, Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

Those present, Chair Nichols, Commissioners Baker and Wertz, County Clerk Pollmann, Attorney Garner and Zoning Administrator Erickson. Also present, applicant Shane Rippen, Travis Kasperson, and Attorney Steve Mossman.

Applicant Shane Rippen introduced himself and Travis Casperson with SETTJE Agri-Service & Engineering, Inc. A power point presentation was given by Mr. Casperson.

Attorney Steve Mossman offered Exhibit "M" Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc. power point presentation of this date. Mr. Mossman addressed the Board regarding the timing of Mr. Rippen's application in relation to subsequent building permit issued by the Village of Culbertson and the prior actions of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission recommending approval of Mr. Rippen's application. Mr. Mossman further summarized Mr. Rippen's application referring to 501.06 A through J and L through N of zoning regulations and requested the Board to find that the requirements of said section had been met and therefore Mr. Rippen's application shall be approved.

Commissioner Baker inquired of the applicant regarding 501.06 (1) (M) due to the subject property being located on a road classified by Hitchcock County as minimum maintenance and discussion held regarding the cost to bring the road up to county standards pursuant to said regulation. Discussion held regarding the width of the county road right of way, the same being on a section line. Attorney Garner indicated that he is unaware of anything documentation evidencing road right of way less than 66' at that location.

Commissioner Nichols inquired about the Frenchman Valley Irrigation District lateral at that location and discussion held regarding necessity of an agreement with the irrigation district.

Chair Nichols asked if there were any comments from proponents of the application. Those speaking: Francis Friehe, Shaun Kircher, Brad Friehe, Ted Rippen, Lance Manker.

Chair Nichols asked if there were any comments from the opponents of the application: Sherry Moorhous, Sam Eldridge, Robin Lomax, Joy Farr, Deb Huss, Jeff Huss, Ron Bauer.

Chair inquired if there were any comments from a neutral position. There were none.

Chair inquired if there were any other documents to offer and if there were any further comments.

The following Exhibits were received:

Exhibit "A" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated May 8th, 2025 relating to Notice of Public Hearing being mailed to the applicant, adjacent land owners and public entity.
Exhibit "B" Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson's *Staff Report* regarding the Amended Application for Conditional Use Application #1-2025.
Exhibit "C" Application for Conditional Use filed by Shane Rippen and received by Zoning Administrator on 4-10-25
Exhibit "C-1" Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc. power point presentation of May 21st, 2025
Exhibit "D" Zoning Ordinance of the City of Culbertson, Nebraska (No ordinance number on document)
Exhibit "E" gWorks Map dated 5-21-25
Exhibit "F' Inputs for the Calculation of Separation Distances – Odor Control
Exhibit "G" Mark, Sherry and Connor Moorhouse letter dated 5-21-25
Exhibit "H" Russell Berndt letter (not dated)
Exhibit "I" Jake Koebel letter (not dated)
Exhibit "J" Kent D. Grafel letter dated 5-21-25
Exhibit "K" Brian and Amanda Warren letter dated 5-16-25
Exhibit "L" M&A Consulting Engineers, PC survey - Village of Culbertson E.T.J. Location for the SE ¼ Section 4-T3N-R31W
Exhibit "M" Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc. power point presentation of October 6, 2025
Exhibit "N" Mark and Sherry Moorhous letter dated 10-6-25
Exhibit "O" Google print out: The impact of livestock on air quality pdf (Robin Lomax)
Exhibit "P" Hitchcock County Planning Commission 7-23-25 minutes
Exhibit "Q" Hitchcock County Planning Commission 8-1-25 minutes
Exhibit "R" Hitchcock County Clerk's *Certificate of Service* dated September 19, 2025 relating to Notice of Public Hearing being mailed to the applicant, adjacent land owners and public entity.
Exhibit "S" Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission dated August 1, 2025.
Exhibit "T" Alana Hoyt letter (not dated)

In rebuttal, attorney Steve Mossman again stated that the applicant has followed all required regulations. Applicant Rippen stated that he will maintain the road entering the proposed location and in response to statements that the project be moved to a different location, Mr. Rippen stated that the concerns would still exist it would just be different people.

The following individuals made additional comments in opposition to the application: Sam Eldredge, Ron Bauer, Sherry Moorhous, Jeff Huss, Vicky Bauer

Chair Nichols inquired of the applicant regarding each of the specific item(s) #2 (a) - (k) of the application for conditional use filed by Mr. Rippen. Discussion held regarding the same. Commissioner Wertz inquired regarding the proposed location of any load out facility, office, and/or feed storage facilities. Discussion held regarding the same.

Chair closed the public hearing at 3:13 p.m. this date and the public meeting that was previously recessed was re-opened.

Further discussion held regarding location of load out facility/buildings, and how zoning jurisdiction over the subject property is divided between the County and the Village of Culbertson.

Discussion had regarding the *Transitional Development* section of the comprehensive plan.

Chair Nichols stated that he believes the application is incomplete noting item(s) #2 (a), (e), (f), and (g) of the application for conditional use.

Motion by Wertz to find that the application as amended is inconsistent with the comprehensive pursuant to the *Transitional Development* section, (pages 132 through 134). The motion was seconded by Baker and after discussion/consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wertz to disapprove the amended application for conditional use filed by Shane Rippen for an open feed lot confined feeding operation with an aerobic waste handling facility category A Class III in part of Section 4-3-31. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after discussion/consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to find that there was no willful neglect of duty on the part of the sheriff pertaining to collection of distress warrants and that it be ordered that the Sheriff be absolved from any liability for failure to collect such distress warrants pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. 77-1719.02. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 3:36 p.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 9, 2025

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 Thursday the 9th day of October 2025 commencing at 8:45 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on October 7th, 2025 in the *McCook Gazette*, 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 8:46 a.m.

Member Baker moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of the October 9th, 2025 agenda and approval of the October 6th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner and Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson joined the meeting. Also present Shane Rippen, Sherry Moorhous, Sam Eldredge, Jason Fredrick, Vicki Bauer and Joy Farr.

Attorney Garner advised that Section 1007 of the Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations requires that a written statement specifying the reasons for the disapproval be provided to the applicant within 7 calendar days of the date of disapproval. Further Attorney Garner advised the Board could proceed by either amending the October 6, 2025 motion disapproving the amended application so as to include the reasons for disapproval or reconsidering that motion. The minutes of the October 6, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

Member Wertz moved to reconsider the motion disapproving the amended application made and carried on October 6, 2025. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to find that the Amended Application for Conditional Use is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and that it be disapproved and further that the amended application for conditional use was not filled out completely referencing item(s) 2 (a), (e), (f) & (g). Member Wertz seconded the motion. During discussion/consideration Attorney Garner recommended a separate motion be made finding specifically that the amended application was incomplete and specify those reasons.

Member Wertz moved to amend the previous motion as follows: to find that the amended application is incomplete in that the information required by Item(s) 2(a), (e), (f) & (g) were not included. Member Baker seconded the motion and after discussion/consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols; Yes; Wertz Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion and consideration on the motion as amended to find that the amended application is incomplete in that the information required by Item(s) 2(a), (e), (f) & (g) were not included, and a roll call vote had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion as amended carried.

Member Wertz moved to disapprove the Amended Application for Conditional Use filed by Shane Rippen for an open feed lot confined feeding operation with an aerobic waste handling facility category A Class III in part of Section 4-3-31 for the following reasons: that it is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan as previously found, and that the Amended Application is incomplete as previously found, specifically and including with regard to item(s)

2(a), (e), (f) & (g). Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner again advised that pursuant to Section 1007 of the Zoning Regulations, the Board has to give notice of the disapproval with the reasons therefore to Mr. Rippen within 7 days of today's date.

Member Baker moved to direct chair to execute a written statement specifying the reasons for the disapproval to Mr. Rippen within 7 calendar days by certified mail. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, October 20th, 2025. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
October 20, 2025

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 October 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioner Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on October 16th, 2025 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 October 20th, 2025 agenda and approval of the October 6th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Christopher Baker joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$50,694.74
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Axon, supply	$ 3,450.32
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,480.09
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,001.26
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins.	$ 336.02
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,633.37
Justin Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 62.50
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, data process	$ 150.00
DHHS Licensure Unit, registration	$ 18.00
Diamond Vogel Paint Center, supply	$ 275.05
Adreanna Dunn, mileage/lodging	$ 339.89
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 1,251.17
Family Resource Center, budgeted funds	$ 4,500.00
Farmer CO-OP Grain Supply Co, fuel	$ 955.75
AT & T Mobility, service	$ 204.49
Great Plains Comm., service	$ 1,172.12
Holmstedt Law Office, ct. appt. counsel	$ 4,625.00
JA Automotive & Repair, maintenance	$ 161.68
Panning Commission 10-8-25 meeting per diem/mileage	$ 139.80
Jennifer Liess, service	$ 125.00
Med. Air Service, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
Midwest Connect, supply	$ 284.00
NE Dept. Rev. state tax withholding	$ 2,549.95
New York Life, suppl. ins.	$ 75.00
Palisade Public Library, budgeted funds	$ 100.00
Physicians Lab, professional fees	$ 3,371.00
Point C, admin. fees	$ 132.00
Prairie States Comm. Inc., repair	$ 2,313.20
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical	$ 310.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, fee & boarding	$ 204.92

Region II Services, qtr. fee ---------- $ 1,413.00
Region 51 Emergency Mang., EM services contact---------- $ 7,287.50
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,249.12
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 955.08
Southwest Public Power, utility ---------- $ 137.83
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt counsel ---------- $ 125.00
TCDC, fee ---------- $ 75.00
TKO Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Trails West Texaco, fuel ---------- $ 123.01
U Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical ---------- $ 55.61
US Bank, fuel ---------- $ 2.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 2,061.80
VSP Insurance Co. suppl. ins. ---------- $ 429.88
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 373.10
7-D Lockshop, supply ---------- $ 70.00

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $15,197.47
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
B & H Paving Inc., chip sealing ---------- $86,917.50
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 4,760.86
C & K Distributors, shop tools ---------- $ 22.26
Colonial Life & Accident Ins Co, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 28.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,929.94
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 27.35
Farmers CO-OP Grain & Supply, fuel ---------- $17,430.14
Great Plains Comm., service ---------- $ 399.31
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel ---------- $ 2,955.65
Mead Lumber, supply ---------- $ 216.51
Medical Enterprises, Inc, DOT testing----------$ 72.00
NE Dept. of Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 576.56
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 4,024.94
Point C, admin. fees ---------- $ 24.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retiremen. ---------- $ 1,940.40
Richards Gravel Pit, Inc., gravel ---------- $ 6,530.88
Rippen Oil LLC., fuel ---------- $ 287.00
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply. ---------- $ 1,736.93
TJADEN Welding LLC., repair. ---------- $ 190.12
Tri State auto Glass Inc, repair ---------- $ 350.00
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.31
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 166.71
VSP Insurance Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 48.24

E911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND:

Great Plains Communication, service ---------- $ 15.43

E911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Communication, service ---------- $ 48.83
NE Generator Service LLC, service & repair ---------- $ 2,473.09

Member Nichols moved execute a letter to the Nebraska Department of Transportation relating to Highway Intersections in Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Management Representation Letter to auditor Donald D. Wilson. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to solicit audit quotes for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026,

2027 and 2028. Member Baker seconded the motion and after discussion/consideration a roll call vote was has as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Clerk advised as to the Walmart and U.S. Bank charge cards.

Chair recessed the regular meeting at 10:02 a.m. to enter into the public hearing for the purpose of hearing all comments thereon from the public in attendance and to receive evidence regarding amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use.*

Zoning Administrator Mike Erickson and Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

The Recommendation of The Hitchcock County Planning Commission was acknowledged by the Board this date.

Chair asked for comments in favor of the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application. There were none.

Chair asked for comments in favor of the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Conditional Use Application. There were none.

Chair asked for comments against the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application. There were none.

Chair asked for comments against the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Conditional Use Application. There were none.

Chair asked for comments from a neutral position regarding the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application. There were none.

Chair asked for comments from a neutral position regarding the amendment(s) to the Hitchcock County Conditional Use Application. There were none.

Chair asked for any further comments. There were none.

Chair closed the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. this date and the public meeting that was previously recessed was re-opened.

The following exhibits were received:
Exhibit "A": Copy of Notice of Published notice published on October 9th, 2025.
Exhibit "B": Draft with hi-lite and strike throughs of Zoning Permit Application
Exhibit "C": Draft with hi-lite and strike throughs of Condition Use Application

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-20 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION #25-20

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

WHEREAS, COUNTY previously adopted and implemented the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application for Conditional Use* forms; and

WHEREAS, the Hitchcock County Planning Commission did on October 8th, 2025 having first held the requisite public hearing(s) and public meeting(s) did recommend to COUNTY,

approval of amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application for Conditional Use,* as set forth in the Resolution/Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission which recommendation was presented to the COUNTY on October 20th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY held a public hearing October 20th, 2025 to hear comments and to receive evidence regarding the proposed amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Regulations*; and

WHEREAS, notice of said hearing was first duly provided in accordance with law by publishing notice thereof in *Scoop Media News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, on October 9th, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, a true and complete copy of the proposed amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use*, are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" and are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth at length at this point; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, having first duly considered said recommendation and the public comments offered at said public hearing by the parties in interest and the citizens of the COUNTY in attendance thereat, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that the amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use* as recommended by the Hitchcock County Planning Commission are appropriate, and are in the best interests of the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD finds that the Hitchcock County Planning Commission recommends approval of the amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use* forms; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD being first duly advised and satisfied in the premises, finds that it is in the best interests of the COUNTY to adopt and implement the proposed amendment(s) to the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD does hereby amend the *Hitchcock County Zoning Permit Application* and the *Hitchcock County Application For Conditional Use*, accordingly and the same are hereby adopted to become effective October 20th, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th day of October, 2025

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Exhibit "A": Copy of Notice of Published notice published on October 9th, 2025.
Exhibit "B": Draft with hi-lite and strike throughs of Zoning Permit Application
Exhibit "C": Draft with hi-lite and strike throughs of Application for Conditional Use
Exhibit "D": Final Zoning Permit Application

Exhibit “E”: Final Application for Conditional Use
Exhibit “F”: Recommendation of the Hitchcock County Planning Commission

Discussion held on Planning Commission membership. Attorney Garner advised as to statutes and the Commission’s by-laws relating to the same. Discussion also held on Board of Adjustment duties.

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §47-109 the Hitchcock County Jail was visited.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 3rd, 2025. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 3, 2025

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 November 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on October 30th, 2025 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 November 3rd, 2025 agenda and approval of the October 20th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$18,463.44
Baleigh Abbott, mileage/communications	$ 129.40
Quality Farm & Ranch Center, repair/supply	$ 409.97
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$ 526.95
Badge & Wallet, uniform allowance	$ 124.85
Rebecca Christofferson, patrol vehicle decals & installation	$ 1,800.00
City of McCook, blood draw kits	$ 20.80
Clerk, Dist. Ct., adv. costs	$ 36.00
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 5,147.48
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 275.57
DataShield, shredding services	$ 93.16
Dollar General, supply	$ 30.15
Jaclyn Drain, mileage	$ 131.60
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 92.00
Hitchcock Co. Sheriff, service fees	$ 58.46
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 12.50
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, training fees	$ 175.00
NE Dept. Rev., state withholding tax	$ 796.85
NE Sheriff's Assoc., dues	$ 265.00
NE State Treasurer, unclaimed funds submission	$ 12.65
Point C, deductible funding	$ 8,000.00
Margaret Pollmann, mileage/lodging reimb.	$ 280.80
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,663.41
SW Public Power Dist., utility	$ 44.33
Ashley K. Spahn, ct. appt. counsel	$ 325.00
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate script.	$ 83.39
US Bank, supply	$ 13.26
US Bank, uniform allow./equipment	$ 67.93
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract	$ 4,309.35

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$13,650.93

Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,368.93
Moorhous, Inc., repair ---------- $ 331.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 476.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,908.28
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 43.32
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 180.27

E911 PSC FUND:
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services ---------- $ 1,381.00
NE Generator Services LLC, late charges---------- $ 136.02

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Certification for County offices for the 2026 election cycle. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion, a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Brandon Myers offered Region 51 Emergency Management's quarterly report. Also present Deputy Emergency Manager Kyle Clapp.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Jarvis Culler with Applied Connective Technologies advised as to Round 2 of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCG) program. Mr. Culler advised that this was an 80/20 state grant match for enhanced cyber security services. Also discussed was Round 3 of the SLCG program.

Member Baker moved to accept the Round 2 SLCG quote of Applied Connective Technologies for enhanced IT Services in the amount $11,425.00 for a 12 month period. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to authorize chair to execute SLCG Round 3 application due November 7th, 2025. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-21 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is 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 2025

Resolution No. 25-21

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 3rd day of November, 2025 at Trenton, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Ron Wertz	Christopher Baker	Paul Nichols

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

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-22 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Baker, 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 25-22

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 2025 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 2025 County General levy to be transferred to the Road Fund is .307188 not to exceed $653,865.00 for the budget year ended June 30, 2026.

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 3rd day of November, 2025.

Paul Nichols, Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk SEAL

Voting for the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and Baker

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

The 7-1-24 to 6-30-25 Audit Report (*Financial Statements with Independent Auditor Reports Thereon, Hitchcock County, Nebraska*) from Donald D. Wilson, CPA was acknowledged as received and accepted as presented. Said Audit Report will be posted on the County's website: www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

Board reviewed the proposed Hitchcock County Credit Card Policy(s).

Member Wertz moved to adopt the Hitchcock County Credit Card Policy effective immediately. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Baker moved to adopt the Hitchcock County Farmers Coop Charge Card Policy effective immediately. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board and Attorney Garner researched the past vacations of Roads 351, 367 and 369 and documented actions taken to provide to highway superintendent for completion of Road Vacation Study.

Member Wertz moved to direct Highway Superintendent Lance Harter to complete the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Road Vacation Study in Hitchcock County. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 12:00 Noon and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 17th, 2025. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 17, 2025

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 November 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on November 13th, 2025 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 patron Bill Roddy.

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 17th, 2025 agenda and approval of the November 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jackie Drain joined the meeting and offered the 2025 Distress Warrant Report and August and September 2025 Bank Compliance Reports. Discussion held on an inheritance tax transfers.

Member Baker moved to approve the following claims. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$50,855.97
American Electric - McCook, supply	$ 107.92
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT Services	$ 3,223.20
AT&T Mobility, service	$ 400.40
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, law enf. training	$ 449.75
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,480.09
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,001.26
Bridge of Hop Advocacy Center, budgeted funds	$ 2,000.00
CNA Surety, Treasurer bond	$ 425.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 336.02
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$16,671.09
Community Hospital, inmate medical	$ 2,383.60
Creative Product Sourcing Inc.-DARE supply	$ 564.08
Crowne Plaza, lodging	$ 259.90
Curbs & All, LLC, grounds supplies	$ 650.00
CVSOAN, dues	$ 100.00
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 775.00
DAS State Accounting-General Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 123.24
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/heating fuels	$ 2,101.08
Fresh Foods, supply	$ 525.33
Galls LLC, uniforms/supply	$ 493.92
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, supply	$ 43.00
Goodwin Siegfried LLC, ct. appt. counsel	$ 306.25
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,064.52
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 136.00
Med. Air Service Assoc.-B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply	$ 621.93

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 2,106.11
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 219.00
Nat'l Assoc. of VSO, dues ---------- $ 50.00
NACO, dues ---------- $ 1,527.31
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, deputy certification---------- $ 75.00
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 2,554.94
New York Life, life ins. ---------- $ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage ---------- $ 376.60
Physicians Laboratory PC, coroner fees ---------- $ 360.00
Point C., deductible funding/admin. fees ---------- $10,132.00
Prairie States Comm. Inc., repair ---------- $ 615.50
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., postage meter lease ---------- $ 214.59
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical ---------- $ 739.00
Region II Human Services, 2nd Qtr. Assessment ---------- $ 2,857.97
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,258.83
Scoop Media LLC, publications ---------- $ 705.89
Secretary of State, certified regulation ---------- $ 13.75
Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc., appraiser fees ---------- $ 1,620.00
TKO Pest Control, service ---------- $ 85.00
U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply, inmate medical ---------- $ 214.04
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 953.61
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 429.88
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 196.00
Donald D. Wilson, CPA, audit services ---------- $ 8,300.00
911 Custom, law enf. supply ---------- $ 1,081.54

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,625.03
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 1,009.72
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 4,760.86
C&K Dist., supplies/tools ---------- $ 1,634.29
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 28.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,852.79
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/supply/heating fuels ---------- $12,804.91
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 400.09
Inland Truck Parts Co., dredge repair ---------- $ 384.37
J Distributing LLC, dredge repair ---------- $ 55.54
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 3,847.54
NE Dept. Rev., state employment tax withholding ---------- $ 567.01
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 8,498.44
Point C., admin. fees ---------- $ 24.75
Powerplan JD Financial, oil/repair ---------- $ 3,926.10
Quality Urgent Care, DOT testing ---------- $ 100.00
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,868.52
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 146.87
SW Farm & Auto Supply, repair/supply ---------- $ 1,173.59
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply ---------- $ 9.07
Titan Machinery, repair ---------- $ 903.45
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.00
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 150.04
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24
Ron Wertz, reimb. supply/tools ---------- $ 117.06

REGISTER OF DEEDS P&M FUND:

MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

E911 FUND:

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

E911 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.83

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between The Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Hitchcock County. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to adopt the revised Hitchcock County Credit Card Policy effective immediately. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration/discussion a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

One audit quote was received from Lengemann & Associates, PC from Papillion. No action taken at this time.

The 2025 Nebraska Association of County Officials Salary Study was reviewed. Discussion held on 2027 through 2030 elected official salaries.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting. Discussion held on the County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulation update project. Attorney Garner advised as to the mutual termination of child support agreement with Health & Human Services.

Member Baker moved to authorize County Attorney D. Eugene Garner to execute the mutual termination of child support agreement by and between the County and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ryan King inquired as to informal quotes relating to patrol vehicles and Attorney Garner advised as to the same. Attorney Garner offered an update on Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 1st, 2025. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 1, 2025

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 1st day of December 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Commissioners Christopher Baker and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on November 27th, 2025 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 December 1st, 2025 agenda and approval of the November 17th, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Nichols, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Nichols offered Resolution #25-23 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, Nichols, and Wertz. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is on file in the office of the County Clerk and on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-23

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

WHEREAS, on September 15th, 2025, the County adopted the 2025/2026 Hitchcock County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Board budgeted the expenditure of inheritance tax funds during the 2025/2026 fiscal year as follows: $705,665.00 to the General Fund and $400,000.00 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 General Fund for the purpose of meeting current expenditures.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st, day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

SEAL

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

Sheriff Ryan King discussed the proposed patrol vehicle purchase with the Board.

Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$17,765.95
Acme Printing, supply	$ 81.00
Arnold Motor Supply LLC, Equipment repair	$ 48.34
Asia Motors, vehicle	$40,535.00
Capital One, supply	$ 709.09
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed	$ 5,052.79
Kimberly Cook, mileage/communications	$ 186.42
Dollar General, supply	$ 67.40
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 241.42
Galls LLC, uniform allowance	$ 424.71
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniform allowance	$ 200.00
Holmstedt Law Office, ct. appt. counsel	$ 550.00
Hometown Leasing, office equipment	$ 225.82
Baleigh Lashley, mileage/communications	$ 82.32
Med. Air Service, insurance	$ 12.50
McCook Gazette, publishing	$ 10.36
Daniel D Miller, CPA, PC, budget assistance	$ 130.00
Ne Public Health Environmental Lab, service	$ 105.00
Ne Dept of Revenue, state withholding tax	$ 750.60
Ne weed Control Assoc., dues	$ 125.00
Paul Nichols, mileage	$ 273.00
Redfield Direct, LLC, supply	$ 611.22
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 2,571.97
Sensel Welding & Repair, supply	$ 36.00
Southwest Public Power, utility	$ 41.44
US Bank, supply	$ 191.30
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 1,514.36

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll	$13,305.25
Community 1st Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$ 3,325.53
JA Automotive, repair	$ 216.90
Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC, gravel	$ 7,404.32
Ne Dept. of Rev., state tax withholding	$ 476.14
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement	$ 1,865.75
Village of Trenton, utility	$ 141.31
MSHA, violation penalty	$ 621.00

Discussion held on status of Hitchcock County District Court Case #CI 25-1 and notice of award of grant for comprehensive plan and zoning updates. Attorney Garner advised as to the same.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson joined the meeting and discussion held on janitorial duties, performance and expectations.

Chair Nichols updated the body on FEMA status.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #25-24 and moved for its' adoption. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Baker, 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 25-24

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners must set salaries for certain County Officers for the new term beginning January 7th, 2027 and ending January 2nd, 2031 in accordance with *NEB. REV. STAT.* §23-1114.

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

That the following salaries should be and hereby are affixed for the following County Officials of Hitchcock County, Nebraska for the term beginning January 7th, 2027 and ending January 2nd, 2031:

County Assessor……	$63,250.00
County Attorney ……	$63,250.00
County Clerk ……	$63,250.00
County Commissioner ……..	$27,750.00
County Sheriff ……..	$75,000.00
County Treasurer ……..	$63,250.00

The annual salary for the listed offices have been established for the calendar year 2027, plus an increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) of two and one half percent (2½%) annually. Said salaries shall be full compensation in consideration of performance of all statutory duties relating to said office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above stated salary the elected official shall be eligible to participate in the County's health and medical plan as offered to all county employees, as may be amended from time to time.

Passed and approved this 1st day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols - Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk SEAL

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

Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §33-116 relating to compensation for an elected County Surveyor.

Member Baker offered Resolution #25-25 and moved for its' adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and Baker. 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 25-25

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners must set salaries for all elected officers for the new term beginning January 7th, 2027 and ending January 2nd, 2031 in accordance with *NEB. REV. STAT.* §23-1114.

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

Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. §33-116, the compensation for the elected County Surveyor for all services rendered to the County or State shall be a daily rate as determined by the County Board, and said elected County Surveyor shall not be eligible for any other benefits, including without limitation, participation in the County's health and medical plan.

Passed and approved this 1st day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HITCHCOCK COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ATTEST

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Paul Nichols - Chair

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Margaret M. Pollmann, Hitchcock Co. Clerk SEAL

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

Member Baker moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, December 15th, 2025. Member Wertz seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
December 15, 2025

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 December 2025 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz Christopher Baker and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Commissioner Christopher Baker was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on December 11th, 2025 in *Scoop Media News*, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Also present Bill Roddy.

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 15th, 2025 agenda and approval of the December 1st, 2025 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration, a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll	$54,060.70
AFLAC, suppl. ins.	$ 920.43
Applied Connective Technologies, IT services	$13,918.20
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC, training meals	$ 953.40
BC&BS, dental ins.	$ 1,480.09
BC&BS, health ins.	$26,001.26
Capital One, board of prisoners	$ 360.34
Carrot Top Industries, Inc., flags	$ 334.03
Cler District Ct., adv. costs	$ 72.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins.	$ 336.02
Common Scents, tree spraying	$ 310.00
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed.	$17,870.90
D&S Hardware, supply	$ 279.80
Jaclyn N. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 37.50
Justin M. Daake, ct. appt. counsel	$ 662.50
DAS State Accounting – Central Finance, data process.	$ 150.00
Adreanna Dunn, mileage/communications	$ 117.00
Eakes Office Solutions, supply	$ 245.74
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuel/heating fuels	$ 1,627.19
Garrisons-McCook Lettering, uniforms	$ 105.00
Great Plains Communications, service	$ 1,047.19
Great Plains Uniforms LLC, uniforms	$ 637.27
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs	$ 102.00
Med. Air Service Assoc. B2B, suppl. ins.	$ 50.00
MIPS, Inc., data process.	$ 2,106.11
Mousel, Brooks, Schneider, Mustion & Shifflet, ct. appt. counsel	$ 798.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding	$ 2,736.08
New York Life, life ins.	$ 75.00
Point C., admin. fees	$ 132.00
Postage	$ 1,000.00
Psychological Resources, evaluation	$ 250.00
Quality Urgent Care, inmate medical	$ 739.00

Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 8,251.33
Scoop Medial LLC, publications ---------- $ 367.88
Ashley Spahn, ct. appt. counsel ---------- $ 2,128.68
The Great Outdoors Gun Shop, law enfor. equipment ---------- $ 165.00
TKO Pest Control LLC, service ---------- $ 85.00
Total Turf Co., Inc., winterizing services ---------- $ 150.00
Corporate Payment Systems (US Bank), supply ---------- $ 15.34
Corporate Payment Systems (US Bank), supply/board of prisoners -------- $ 1,030.73
Village of Trenton, utility ---------- $ 30.00
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 439.50
Ron Wertz, mileage ---------- $ 213.50
Ryan R. Wilcox, public defender contract ---------- $ 4,000.00

ROAD FUND:
Road Fund Payroll ---------- $14,265.08
AKRS Equipment, repair ---------- $ 174.56
AFLAC, suppl. ins. ---------- $ 289.60
BC&BS, dental ins. ---------- $ 204.61
BC&BS, health ins. ---------- $ 4,760.86
Bosselman Energy Inc., repair ---------- $ 64.39
Bud's Tire Repair, Inc., repair ---------- $ 906.00
C&K Dist., shop supply ---------- $ 29.26
Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., suppl. ins. ---------- $ 28.09
Henderson State Bank – Trenton, FICA/OASI/Fed. ---------- $ 3,793.80
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service ---------- $ 29.17
Farmers Coop Grain & Supply Co., fuels/supply/heating fuels ---------- $ 3,825.88
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 400.09
H Bar Inc., sand pit royalty ---------- $ 5,000.00
Lakeside Sand and Gravel, gravel ---------- $ 4,112.30
Ramsey Harders, repair ---------- $ 7.48
NE Dept. Rev., state tax withholding ---------- $ 563.70
NE Machinery Co., repair ---------- $ 6,144.88
Point C, admin. fees ---------- $ 24.75
PowerPlan, JD Financial, repair ---------- $ 4,143.47
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement ---------- $ 1,822.46
Rippen Oil LLC, fuel ---------- $ 60.15
SW Farm & Auto Supply, shop supply/repair ---------- $ 330.62
SW Public Power Dist., utility ---------- $ 40.33
Village of Culbertson, utility ---------- $ 52.47
Village of Stratton, utility ---------- $ 179.33
VSP Insurance Co., vision ins. ---------- $ 48.24
Ron Wertz, reimb. repair ---------- $ 42.84

REGISTER OF DEED P&M FUND:
MIPS, Inc., data process. ---------- $ 264.94

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

E11 PSC FUND:
Great Plains Communications, service ---------- $ 48.84

Motion by Nichols to approve the claim of RW Arms in the General Fund in the amount of $599.00 for law enforcement ammunition. The motion was seconded Baker by and after consideration a roll call vote was had. Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Abstain. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Mike Erickson presented the department's year end reports.

Motion by Wertz to direct Chair to execute the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal and Plan Heath Protection year end reports (Budget, Activity, Noxious Weed Control Plan,

Noxious Weed Infestation Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster). Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was has as follows: Baker, Yes; Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson updated the Board on planning and zoning issues and NIRMA events.

Member Wertz moved to solicit motor grader bids for a new or newer production model, all wheel drive motor grader. Member Baker seconded the motion and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Wertz, Yes; Baker, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Baker to designate *Scoop Media News* and the *McCook Gazette* as the County's official newspapers for 2026. The motion was seconded by Wertz and after consideration a roll call vote was had as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney D. Eugene Garner joined the meeting.

Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery Company discussed motor grader specifications with the Board.

Attorney Garner advised as to Nebraska Department of Economic Development virtual meetings for 2025 CDBG planning awardees relating to updates to the County's zoning regulations and comprehensive plan. Attorney Garner advised as to Hitchcock County District Court Case CI 25-1.

Board acknowledged the requests of Union Bank and Trust and Premier Bank to be designated as depositories.

Building and Ground Maintenance Manager Dave Swanson joined the meeting. Discussion held on lot surfacing and drainage on the County owned property at 423 East 3rd St. east of the courthouse. It was the consensus of the Board to obtain a survey of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 12, Original Town of Trenton, Hitchcock County, Nebraska. Discussion held on maintenance of courthouse lawn.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, January 5th, 2026. Member Baker seconded the motion and the roll was called as follows: Nichols, Yes; Baker, Yes; Wertz, Yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Paul Nichols, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk