

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
May 20th, 2013

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 the 20th, day of May, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. Board agendas are also posted on the County’s website at www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of May 20th, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the May 6th, 2013 meeting minutes with correction first paragraph, third sentence, should have been May 6th instead of April 1st. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$35,842.87
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 662.01
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 6,387.29
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 201.36
AS Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 245.75
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$26,978.65
Buffalo Co. Court, transcript -----	\$ 2.00
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 617.47
Community Hospital, blood test -----	\$ 139.25
Dept. of Pathology, St. Louis Univ., coroner costs -----	\$ 30.00
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel -----	\$ 1,463.22
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$11,122.02
Stanley C. Goodwin Atty., ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 80.00
LaRue Dist., supply -----	\$ 226.56
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 97.12
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 46.20
Cynthia McCorkle, mileage -----	\$ 355.95
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fee -----	\$ 3,165.00
Midwest Mailing Solutions, supply -----	\$ 134.00
MIPS, supply -----	\$ 36.39



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



NACO, registration -----	\$ 80.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,261.80
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Andrea Richards, reimb. meal 1184 meeting -----	\$ 39.77
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 804.03
Stanard Appraisal Services, commercial appraisal contract -----	\$ 2,450.00
T&J Repair, service -----	\$ 159.36
The Great Outdoors Gun Shop, supply -----	\$ 482.00
Total Turf, lawn care -----	\$ 375.00
Trails West Texaco, supply/fuel -----	\$ 76.79
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate care -----	\$ 20.24
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 225.10

ROAD FUND:

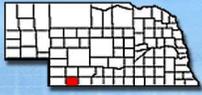
Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 6,945.74
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 490.93
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 1,198.26
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 43.92
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 7,531.27
C&K Dist., supply -----	\$ 287.13
Colonial Life & Accident Ins., suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.69
DFR, Inc., service -----	\$ 14.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 725.00
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel -----	\$ 6,423.93
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,722.89
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 3,787.32
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 29.40
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 935.03
Mid American Benefits, deduct. funding/admin. fee -----	\$ 1,545.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 140.10
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 574.76
Plains Equip. Group, same -----	\$ 120.88
Schamel's Auto Supply, same -----	\$ 130.92
Tri State Toxicology, drug test -----	\$ 27.00
US Bank, repair -----	\$ 61.01

E911 PSC FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 192.94
----------------------------	-----------

NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 776.39
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 123.03
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 661.16
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 139.00
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 207.87
Holiday Inn Express, lodging -----	\$ 231.00
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee/deduct. funding -----	\$ 32.50
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 19.09



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service ----- \$ 82.69

Member Wertz moved to approve the claim of Scott’s Sinclair in the Road Fund for fuel in the amount of \$225.50. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz and Nichols. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

Barry Corder met with the board and discussion was held on increasing compensated hours for Hitchcock County Veteran’s Service Officer services in the upcoming fiscal year.

Extension Educator Nancy Frecks and Robert Tigner met with the board and presented the Southwest Four 2012 Annual Report specifically programs offered by the extension service.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the “Public Defender Renewal Agreement” by and between Hitchcock County and Ryan R. Wilcox commencing June 1, 2013 and terminating June 1, 2015 in the amount of \$24,000 annually. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.

Adam Powers with Wilcox Financial Services presented a proposal for county health insurance coverage and extensive discussion was held on the same.

Tara Stevenson with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Regional Service Representative met with the board and advised as to changes in the county’s health care plan, specifically prescription drugs benefits. Ms. Stevenson also advised as to COBRA benefits.

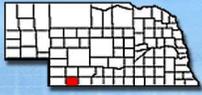
Myra Stoney, Director of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department met with the board and offered an update on programs offered.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon advised as to communications relating to the County’s responsible charge person pertaining to Palisade SE project. Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Nebraska Department of Roads dated April 12th, 2013 which included a load rating summary sheet for structure C004421005 recommending removal of posting on said bridge.

Member Wertz moved to remove load rating postings on structure C004421005. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to direct chair to execute the letter of understanding by and between Hitchcock County and Daniel D. Miller, CPA for compilation of the 2013/2014 county budget in the amount of \$2,400.00. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the 2013 NACO Coverage Election Form electing Medical Plan Election Option 5: PPO plan with \$2,500 individual/\$5,000 family in-network calendar year deductible and Dental Plan Election Signature Blue Option 4: \$25 individual/\$50 family in-network calendar year deductible both of which become effective July 1, 2013. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols and McDonald. Motion carried.



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Member Wertz moved to amend the current self-insurance for the deductible as follows: County will pay 80% of the deductible from \$500 to \$2,500. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner advised as to the Addendum to Purchase Agreement by and between Carrol S. Clapp and Hitchcock County. Member Nichols advised as to his conversations with Ms. Clapp on the issue.

Member Nichols moved to direct Chair to execute the “Addendum to Purchase Agreement” by and between Carrol S. Clapp and Hitchcock County for the purchase of Lots 1 & 2, Block 8, King’s 1st Addn. to Culbertson modifying closing date to be on or before July 1, 2013. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion. McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz offered Resolution #13-11 and moved for its’ adoption. Member Nichols seconded the motion, and after consideration the roll was called thereupon and the following members voted in favor of the motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Said resolution having been consented to by a majority of all members elected to said County Board, was by the Chair declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE FEDERAL FUNDS PURCHASE PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

Hitchcock County
Resolution No. 13-11

WHEREAS, in 2011, LPA and the State entered into a Federal-Aid Transportation Fund Purchase-Sale Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the Original Agreement”) that provided for the State to purchase at a discount LPA’s share of certain Surface Transportation Program Funding (hereinafter referred to as “STP”) and the Highway Bridge Program (hereinafter referred to as “HBP) federal-aid funds that had been available to Nebraska LPAs; and,

WHEREAS, later in 2012, the federal government passed interim transportation funding legislation which eliminated the HBP category of funds and did not provide a replacement category of funds related solely to bridge replacement, rehabilitation and maintenance; and,

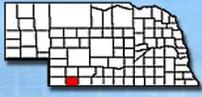
WHEREAS, the parties to this Supplemental Agreement intend to replace the HBP funds, which will no longer be available, with other federal-aid funds in a substantially similar proportional amount to provide LPAs with funds for bridge replacement, rehabilitation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, it has also become necessary for the parties to further address certain national Bridge Inspection Standards compliance issues; and

WHEREAS, Hitchcock County and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) wish to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 setting out the necessary modifications to the Original Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Governing body of Hitchcock County, Nebraska that:

Chair Scott McDonald is hereby authorized to sign the attached Federal Funds Purchase Program Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Hitchcock County and the NDOR.



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Adopted this 20th day of May, 2013 at Trenton, Nebraska.

Scott McDonald

Ronald Wertz

Paul Nichols

Attest:

Board Member Ronald Wertz moved the adoption of said resolution.
Member Paul Nichols seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Signature of County Clerk

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Chair executed the Federal Fund Purchase Program Supplement No. 1 agreement by and between the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads and Hitchcock County.

Attorney Garner advised as to the Traffic Safety Plus on line STOP classes.

Member McDonald moved to approve Traffic Safety Plus as the provider for on line STOP class programming. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Nichols and Wertz. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner presented a draft letter to the Department of Revenue regarding county lodging tax. Discussion was had on the same.

The board was in receipt of a State of Nebraska, Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Survey and Inspection Report. Superintendent Hagemann provided County Response Reports on various tracts.

Courthouse masonry issues were discussed.

Member Nichols moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Monday, June 3rd, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member McDonald seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk