

Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
November 2nd, 2015

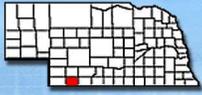
A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner’s Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 2015 commencing at 9:00 o’clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Paul Nichols and Ron Wertz and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County’s website www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The board conducts its’ business in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Chair indicated the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member McDonald moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of November 2nd, 2015 agenda; 2. Approval of the October 19th, 2015 meeting minutes. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$ 8,708.87
Bear Graphics, supply -----	\$ 174.00
Capital Business System Inc., copier lease -----	\$ 149.00
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,477.31
Culbertson Public Library, budgeted funds -----	\$ 100.00
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 49.00
Dept. Rev. Property Assess. Div., data process. (claim withdrawn)-----	\$.00
Irene Felker, mileage -----	\$ 151.80
Goodwin Siegfried LLP, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 200.00
Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 1,091.07
Hampton Inn, lodging -----	\$ 99.00
Holiday Inn Kearney, same -----	\$ 383.80
Todd Hovey, blood draw -----	\$ 125.00
Law Office of Tana Fye, ct. appt. counsel -----	\$ 1,092.23
Lynn Peavey Co., supply -----	\$ 64.20
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 236.33
Mid American Benefits, deductible funding -----	\$ 5,000.00
Mid-American Research Chemical, supply -----	\$ 408.66
Midwest Connect LLC, same -----	\$ 195.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, registration -----	\$ 50.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 252.12
NE Weed Control Assoc., registration -----	\$ 130.00
Red Willow Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 58.74



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Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 306.05
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,224.09
SW Public Power Dist., utility -----	\$ 41.04
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 77.20
Top Office Products, supply/lease -----	\$ 641.51
Verizon Wireless, service -----	\$ 301.45
Walmart, supply -----	\$ 264.84

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 7,973.61
Community First Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 2,237.42
Cross Dillon Tire Lincoln, tires -----	\$ 1,354.56
Dan's R Us Sanitation, service -----	\$ 19.50
Great Plains Comm., same -----	\$ 177.53
Lakeside Sand & Gravel, gravel -----	\$ 1,708.89
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 254.43
Newman Traffic Signs, sign supply-----	\$ 52.04
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas, retirement -----	\$ 1,009.98
T&J Repair, repair -----	\$ 30.50
Titan Machinery, same -----	\$ 895.40
Village of Stratton, utility -----	\$ 109.82

E-911 PSC FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 477.73
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911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

Great Plains Comm., service -----	\$ 134.75
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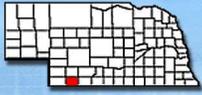
Board acknowledged receipt of a surplus property affidavit from the County Assessor.

Member Wertz moved to enter into and direct Chair to sign the “Agreement for Professional Services” with Oak Creek Engineering on Structure No. C004402305. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting and advised as to possible infrastructure funding through the Department of Agriculture for designated Livestock Friendly counties. Mr. Garner also advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §72-1501 through §72-1503 and extensive discussion held regarding the notice received from Nebraska Administrative Services on 10-15-15 relating to Nebraska Department of Revenue billing(s) purportedly for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software (Orion).

Building Maintenance Manager Karen Wertz joined the meeting and advised no restroom renovation bids had been received, however several companies had been to the courthouse to look at the proposed project. Bids will be re- advertised.

Member Wertz moved to recess meeting and to enter into board of equalization at 10:56 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion. McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.



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Member McDonald moved to resume regular session at 11:06 a.m. this date. Member Nichols seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of the motion. Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald.

Due to large attendance, the meeting was moved to the District Court room.

Agenda Item #6, review and discuss the Assessment Practices Report (Report) dated 10-23-15 was taken up. Assessor Marlene Bedore and Attorney Larry Baumann joined the meeting. Chair advised Assessor Bedore that the matter could be done in executive session. Attorney Garner advised as to NEB. REV. STAT. §84-1410 (1) (d) relating to executive sessions. Assessor Bedore declined executive session.

Assessor Bedore gave a summary of work completed since assuming office January 8, 2015. Discussion was held on the "Findings" and "Corrective Measures" sections contained in the Report. Attorney Garner advised that if the board does not accept the Property Tax Administrator's recommendation, the Property Tax Administrator may petition for an administrative hearing the State Tax Commissioner upon proper notice. Attorney Baumann stated that "there is not enough specific information in the Report to reply to each allegation". Attorney Baumann informed the Board that Assessor Bedore was requesting that the Board not accept the contents and recommendations of the Report as she was prepared for an administrative hearing before the Tax Commissioner. It was the consensus of the Board that Assessor Bedore contact Property Tax Administrator Ruth Sorensen to review and attempt to address each item listed in the Report in an effort to fully resolve the matter. Assessor Bedore agreed to contact Property Tax Administrator Sorensen accordingly.

Member Wertz moved to table review and discussion of the Assessment Practices Report dated 10-23-15. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Nichols, McDonald, and Wertz. Motion carried.

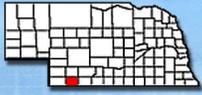
At approximately 12:30 p.m. the board returned to the Commissioner's Room.

Attorney Garner again explained the legal requirement that claims must be filed within 90 days from the time when any materials or labor which form the basis of the claim have been furnished or performed, and informed the Board as to his telephone conversations this date with Jon Cannon, an attorney with the Nebraska Department of Revenue and Bo Botelho, an attorney with Nebraska Administrative Services regarding the "Notice" received in relation to the billing(s) in the amount of \$10,295.05 for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System (CAMA). Attorney Garner directed to send a letter to said agencies requesting additional detail regarding the invoices.

Motion by Nichols to withdraw and rescind approval of claim #15111742 in account with Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division in the amount of \$10,295.05 pending receipt of additional supporting information from the Department of Revenue in relation to said invoice(s). Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

The Treasurer was in receipt of 53.75 from Central Crude for oil production, \$1,719.20 for Emergency Management Fees, and \$671.73 from County Clerk for sale of courthouse surplus property, all credited to the General Fund; \$375.00 from Village of Stratton for armor coat gravel, credited to the Road Fund; \$15.00 from Centurytel, Inc. and \$3,718.11 from Great Plains Communications, for 911 surcharges, credited to the 911 Emergency Services Fund.

Member Wertz moved to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. and to meet for the next regular meeting, Monday, November 16th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the



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following members voting in favor of said motion: Nichols, Wertz, and McDonald. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk