

## Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska  
December 4, 2023

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Paul Nichols, Vice Chair Ron Wertz, Commissioner Scott McDonald, and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Board agendas are posted on the County's website [www.hitchcockcounty.ne.gov](http://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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes; Approval of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda. Member McDonald seconded the motion and after consideration, the following members voted in favor of the motion: Wertz, Nichols, and McDonald. Motion carried.

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

### GENERAL FUND:

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

### ROAD FUND:

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

### S.T.O.P. PROGRAM FUND :

20/20 Technologies, equipment -----	\$ 5,500.00
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The Board directed clerk to contact O'Brien Electric for an estimate for wiring relating to the February 2024 courtroom upgrade project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk

Paul Nichols, Chair  
Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners