

Hayes County Board Minutes



Hayes County Commissioners Regular Meeting March 8, 2016

A Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given by publication and posted in accordance with law. Those present were Mark Clifford, Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, Phil Dixon and D. Eugene Garner. Visitors present were Bill Zahl, Denise Willhite, Gilbert Gigax and Clayton Loomis.

Chairman Clifford opened the meeting at 9:04 A.M. Roll call: Christner, present; Clifford, present; Richards, present.

In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Clifford announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the wall of the Commissioner Room.

Motion by Richards, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Clifford, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford requested comments from the audience. There were none.

Bill Zahl and Denise Willhite with Hitch and Hay Public Transit were present. Hitch and Hay is administered by Stratton Industrial Commission and provides transportation to the residents in the communities of Hayes and Hitchcock Counties and surrounding areas. Funding is provided by Federal and State grants, passenger fares and local matching funds. The formula for local matching funds is based on data relating to population and miles to McCook, which is considered to be the destination for many passengers. Rides are scheduled by appointment. Villages in Hayes and Hitchcock Counties and Boards of Commissioners contribute matching funds for the operation of the transit.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting and provided information regarding road right-of-way drawings and HBP and STP funding payments for 2016.

The following culvert bids were received for Board consideration:

Twin 120" X 48' 10" corrugated culverts including headwalls, sheet pile, cap, whalers, cable and cable clamps-Ace/Eaton Metals -\$56,910.76; Midwest Service and Sales Co. - \$39,465.06.

Chairman Clifford recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:00 A.M. for an Economic Development Committee meeting and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Nathaniel Mustion joined the meeting via telephone to discuss the process and cost for conducting a tax foreclosure for Hayes County Treasurer's tax sales certificate.

Motion by Clifford, second by Richards to retain Nathaniel Mustion as attorney to represent Hayes County in regards to foreclosure of the Treasurer's tax sales certificate for parcel 430001770. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Clifford, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:40 A.M. to finish the Economic Development Meeting and lunch. The Regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Char Hamilton, Hayes County Emergency Manager, gave an update on the LEOP, Local Emergency Operation Plan, and the Mitigation plan required by NEMA.

Motion by Richards, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding 1603043 and1603061, in the amount of \$24,394.98. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Clifford, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Clifford, second by Richards to approve claim 1603043 in the amount of \$50.14. Roll call vote: Clifford, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Clifford, second by Christner to approve claim 1603061 in the amount of \$5,698.50. Roll call vote: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Clifford, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Richards, second by Christner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Clifford, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Richards, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$65,276.99. Roll call vote: Clifford, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clifford, second by Richards to appoint Madeena McAffee and Nick Cox to serve on the Hayes County Visitor Committee. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Clifford, yes. Motion carried.

Economic Development Committee members Kenny Johnson, Leon Kolbet and Andrea Richards joined the meeting to discuss possible ideas for economic growth in Hayes County.

Nathaniel Mustion informed the Board he will be unable to represent Hayes County in the tax sale foreclosure due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Clifford, second by Christner to retain Joel Phillips as attorney to represent Hayes County in regards to foreclosure of the Treasurer's tax sales certificate for parcel 430001770. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Clifford, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clifford, second by Richards to contact Great Plains regarding installation of a phone line in the County Court Room. Roll call vote: Clifford, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Richards, second by Christner to change payroll for hourly employees to be paid twice a month effective May 1, 2016. Roll call vote: Richards, yes, Christner, yes; Clifford, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clifford, second by Richards to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court and Imprest Account, and the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Clifford, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Christner, second by Richards to accept the bid of Midwest Service and Sales Co for twin 120' X 48' corrugated metal culverts with Headwalls and attached wings for replacement of wooden structure C004301505 Roll call vote: Clifford, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is April 12, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman