



Hayes County Board Minutes



Hayes County Commissioners
July 11, 2017

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for July 11, 2017 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 Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Susan Messersmith, Craig Softley, D. Eugene Garner, Tammy Schwenk, Blake Gigax and Phil Dixon. Visitors were Tim Storts.

Chairman Unger opened the meeting at 8:35 A.M. Roll call: Christner, present; Unger, present; Richards, present.

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

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

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the June 13 and June 27, 2017 meetings, the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court and Imprest Account. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Craig Softley, Hayes County Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board regarding the revolving loan fund and grant application for existing or start-up businesses, financial contributions from area businesses, sale of The Hayes Center Times Republican to Southwest Nebraska News, LLC, the grant application submitted to Farm Credit for protective gear for local first responders and a possible ribbon cutting ceremony for Buffalo Plains Genetics' new hog facility.

Blake Gigax, Weed Superintendent and Tim Storts, regional inspector for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program, joined the meeting to review the NDA's procedure for evaluating counties noxious weed programs. Hayes County scored well on fulfilling the obligations of the Noxious Weed Program.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting to discuss joint bridge projects with Hitchcock County and road reclassifications.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve the Hayes County-Chase County Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Installation of County Road Signs and Horizontal Curve Signing Devices. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to apply for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) credit card and account program requesting three cards, a card for General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and the Sheriff's Department, with a \$500.00 limit. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger recessed the meeting at 12:25 P.M. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

Unger moved, second by Christner to implement the Hayes County Purchasing Policy regarding use of private credit cards and inventory of purchased items. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve claims, excluding 1707031, for \$29,057.72. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve claim 1707031 for \$28.89. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, abstain. Motion carried.



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Unger moved, second by Richards to approve payroll for \$72,328.47. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a road supervisor/foreman.

Unger moved, second by Christner to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 P.M. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 25, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman