

Hayes County Commissioners  
June 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for June 13, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on June 8, 2023, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Susan Messersmith and Phil Dixon. Visitors present were: Phil Jensen, Gaylord Lawson, Tanner Collins, Kylie Joyce, Mary Lawson, Kathy Haas and Valerio Jansante.

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

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the May 9, 15 and 31, 2023 meetings. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Phillip Jensen with Great Plains Communications, met with the Board to explain new phone/phone service pricing as the County's current bundle pricing expires at the end of June. The proposal also included security cameras. No action taken. Proposal will be addressed on June 30, 2023.

Gaylord Lawson met with the Commissioners to discussed storm damage to Road 366A between Road 738 and 739.

Phil Dixon, Hwy Superintendent, discussed storm damage and available funds to assist with repair costs of damaged roads.

Kylie Joyce gave an overview of Region II Services. Mary Lawson spoke more specifically regrading Southwest Area Training Service (SWATS).

Kathy Haas, Family Resource Center, summarized the services provided by FRC, reviewed the Income/Expenses of FRC for the 2022-2023 budget year and thanked the Board for their past contributions.

Unger moved, second by Richards to include in the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year the sum of \$1,750.00 for payment to Family Resources, Inc for services provided to Hayes County citizens to wit: Children's clothing exchange, school supplies, cleaning and toiletries, Christmas gifts, support to parents and foster parents, equipment support to special needs children, etc. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Tanner Collins visited with the Board regarding the County Sign Tech position.

Valerio Jansante, community liaison for Adrian Smith, highlighted Mr. Smith's current efforts in Washington and took comments, questions and concerns regarding current political happenings.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chairman Unger sign Resolution 2023-09, Certification of proper completion of project C00436105. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve Consolidated Companies, Inc. application to occupy Hayes County Road Right-of-Way for installation of fiber optic cable in various locations in Northeast Hayes County. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to move to VSP Eyecare insurance with NACO Vision Block beginning 7/1/2023. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to pay claims, excluding claim 2306054, in the amount of \$160,484.19. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claim 2306054 for \$10,067.50. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 2:01 P.M. The next meeting will be June 30, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

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Hayes County Clerk

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Board Chairman