



Hayes County Board Minutes



Hayes County Commissioners
April 14, 2020

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for April 14, 2020 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 April 9, 2020, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:48 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, Rita Erickson and Susan Messersmith. Present by video conferencing was D. Eugene Garner.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Discussion was held regarding the current status of courthouse access due to COVID-19 concerns. Public access to the courthouse will continue to be suspended due to COVID-19 concerns and applicable CDC, state and federal government recommendations at this time. County offices will remain available to accept phone calls, and if necessary, schedule appointments in advance for essential or time-sensitive matters. The public is encouraged to use online resources or the US Postal Service to conduct business at the courthouse. The state election office will be providing drop boxes to each county in the near future. This drop box may be used for all courthouse correspondence.

Discussion was held regarding emergency/disaster declarations. These declarations do not transfer authority away from local level decision makers, but rather, activate the response and recovery aspects of emergency plans, and authorize local officials the opportunity to request the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, invoke mutual aid agreements, and apply to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other such available resources.

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

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

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve claims, excluding claims 2004043, 2004046, in the amount of \$46,911.43. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve claim 2004043 in the amount of \$297.00. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, abstain; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to approve claims 2004046 in the amount of \$12,903.00. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$76,090.42. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 10:56 A.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be Thursday May 7, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.



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Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman