

Hayes County Commissioners
January 14, 2025

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for January 14, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Hayes County Courthouse, 505 Troth Street, Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *McCook Gazette* on January 10, 2025, and posted in accordance with law. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for review and was posted in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Vice-Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Those present were board members: Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, and Kevin Fornoff; Tammy Schwenk, County Treasurer; Susan Messersmith, County Clerk; D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney; Marian Richards, Sign Tech and Joe Miller, Emergency Manager.

Richards moved, second by Christner to amend the agenda to include payroll. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of December 10 & 30, 2024 meetings. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations to reorganize the Board for calendar year 2025. Richards nominated Christner and Fornoff second the nomination. Christner nominated Fornoff and Richards second the nomination. Nomination closed. Roll call for Christner as Chairman: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Roll call for Fornoff as Chairman: Christner, no; Fornoff, no; Richards, no. Christner will serve as Board Chairman for 2025.

Christner opened the floor for nomination of Vice-Chairman. Richards nominated Richards and Christner nominated Fornoff. Christner declared nominations closed. Roll call for Richards as Vice-Chairman: Fornoff, no; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Roll call for Fornoff as Vice-Chairman: Richards, no; Christner, no; Fornoff, yes. Richards will serve as Vice-Chairman for 2025.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2025-1, designation of Pinnacle Bank as Official Hayes County Depository for 2025. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2025-2, designation of The Hayes Center Times Republican and/or the McCook Gazette as official newspapers of publication for Hayes County for 2025 and to designate the County's website, <http://www.hayescounty.ne.gov> as an additional method of providing notices. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to adopt Resolution 2025-3, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to invest monies. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2025-4, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to transfer monies. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2025-5, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to have funds secured with a pledge receipt. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to designate the second Tuesday and last business day of each month as regular meeting dates. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve holidays to be observed for 2025. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, no. Motion carried.

Chairman Christner made the following 2025 appointments:
Region II Human Service County Representative – Christner
West Central Area of Aging County Representative – Christner
West Central Nebraska Development District Representative – Christner

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Representative – Fornoff
Economic Development Board - Richards
NIRMA contact person –Messersmith
Safety Committee Chairman –Fornoff

The Board reviewed Oak Creek Engineering agreement for professional services. Fornoff moved, second by Christner to appoint Lance M. Harter, License Number S-1426, Class A License, of Kearney, NE as Hayes County Highway Superintendent for 2025 at \$6000.00 per year with overage at \$95.00/hour and mileage at the IRS rate. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve special payroll for \$2,708.42. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain. Motion carried.

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

Emergency Manager Joe Miller reported all FEMA paperwork is completed to date.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve the Sheriff's Report. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve claims, excluding claim 2501003, for \$65,175.49. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve claim 2501003 for \$194.30. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, abstain; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the completed audit for year ending June 30, 2024, from Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Fornoff moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the one-year audit engagement letter for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with Donald D. Wilson, CPA, for \$8,400.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, seconded by Fornoff to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

The next meeting will be on January 31, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman