

Hayes County Commissioners
March 11, 2025

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 8:00 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 *Times Republican* on March 6, 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.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. Those present were board members: Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, and Kevin Fornoff; Tammy Schwenk, County Treasurer; Susan Messersmith, County Clerk; Marian Richards, Sign Tech; D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney; Kim Cook, Baleigh Abbott, Brandi Hagemann and Alysia Messersmith with UNL Extension, and Brett Widger.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards approve the agenda. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff 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 February 11 & 28, 2025 meetings. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Two applications were received for Weed Superintendent. Christner moved, second by Fornoff to appoint Brett Widger as Hayes County Weed Superintendent at \$450.00/month. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Marian Richards discussed needed building repairs to the shop behind the courthouse.

Kim Cook, Extension Educator joined the meeting to introduce new UNL Extension staff members Baleigh Abbott, Food & Nutrition, and Brandi Hagemann, Extension Zone Coordinator.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to approve application to occupy road right-of-way, 2025-01 from Consolidated Companies, for installation of fiber optic cable at mapped sites in T-7N, and T-8N in R-31W. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, no; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

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

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to approve claims, excluding claim 2503039, for \$66,719.95. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve claim 2503039 for \$438.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to authorize the Hayes County Attorney to offer \$6,982.73 for rock and gravel to repair water damage on Avenue 360A. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff left the meeting at 10:37 A.M.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 11:22 A.M.

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