

Hayes County Board of Commissioners
June 27, 2025

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for June 27, 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 *Times Republican* on June 19, 2025, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:39 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. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those present were board members Wayne Christner, Kevin Fornoff and Barry Richards; Susan Messersmith, County Clerk; D. Eugene Garner, Hayes County Attorney, and Marian Richards, Sign Tech. Visitors present were Gypsy & Bob Emerick.

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

Bob & Gypsy Emerick visited with the Board regarding the current status of the Southwest Nebraska News. The Times is hosting a Town Hall meeting on July 16th, 2025. The location and time will be announced soon.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Budget Preparation Engagement Letter appointing Daniel D. Miller, CPA, for budget services for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at the cost of \$3,250.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve the application of Happy's LLC, as a Special Designated License Retail License Holder for an event to be held at the Hayes County Fair Grounds on August 1, 2025. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Donation of Soil/Dirt Material & Temporary Easement Agreement between Hayes County, and D. Tim & Cynthia Sue McKillip. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Hayes County State of Emergency Official Notification relating to storms occurring on June 24, 2025. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Garner visited with the Board regarding the Court of Appeals decision in Hayes County Vs. Frontier County Court Case CI 23-35 (A-24-0357).

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve payroll for \$99,780.04. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2025-08, General Fund Function Transfer Authorization. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to approve claims, excluding claim 2506104, for \$57,971.83. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve claim 2506104 for \$7,163.28. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 11:27 A.M.

The next meeting will be July 8, 2025, at 8:30 A.M.