

Hayes County Board of Commissioners

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for November 10, 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 *Southwest Nebraska Times Republican* on November 6, 2025, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:33 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; Tammy Schwenk, County Treasurer; D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney; Marian Richards, Sign Tech; Leon Kolbet, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Joe Miller, Emergency Manager; Tom Dow, Sheriff; Rebecca Grimes, Tiffani Miller and Maria Carroll, office staff, and visitor, Judd Allen.

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

Christner asked for public comments. There were none.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Imprest Account, and the minutes of October 14 and 30, 2025 meetings. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve claims, excluding claim 2511044, for \$136,802.20. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve claim 2511044 for \$10,623.10. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Arthur, Chase, Dundy, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow Counties for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the completed audit for year ending June 30, 2025, from Donald D. Wilson, CPA.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards adopt Resolution 2025-15, Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Leon Kolbet, Planning and Zoning Administrator, discussed needed updates to the current zoning regulations. Discussion via telephone with Edward Dunn of West Central Nebraska Development District regarding options and resources available through WCNDD to assist with updates.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to offer Single NACO BC/BS \$1600.00 deductible PPO to all county employees effective December 1, 2025. Employees may add spouse or child for an additional \$150.00 and family for an additional \$200.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to offer Single NACO BC/BS Dental Insurance to all employees effective December 1, 2025. Employees may add spouse, child or family at their expense. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to authorize Chair to sign termination/non-renewal notice to PHA/Point C at Wilcox Companies. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve and direct Chairman to sign purchase agreement for the purchase of 307 Maple Street in Hamlet, NE for \$17,000.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to adopt the Permit to Construct Utilities on County Road Right-of-way, including Utility Permit Requirements, effective January 1, 2026. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes. Chair then moved to table the motion. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. The motion to table was carried, and the original motion was laid on the table.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 12:24 A.M.

The next meeting will be November 26, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman