

Hayes County Board of Commissioners

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for December 9, 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 December 4, 2025, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:34 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; Joe Miller, Emergency Manager; and Lance Harter, Hayes County Highway Superintendent.

Richards moved, second by Christner 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 November 10 and 26, 2025 meetings. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

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

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to enter into an agreement with Point C to administer run-out claims for medical and dental expenses. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Lance Harter, Hayes County Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting. Harter explained the new bridge bundling grant and current costs of updates/replacement for structure C004303605P.

Fornoff left the meeting at 9:55A.M.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve claims, excluding claim 2512041, for \$60,180.24. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve claim 2512041 for \$4,332.40 Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, absent; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Credit card use policy was discussed. Final reading and approval will be at the December 30, 2025 meeting.

Fornoff rejoined the meeting at 11:25 A.M.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to effectuate the purchase of 307 Maple Street in Hamlet, NE. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to set Cash in-lieu payment at \$600.00 per month. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff's 2024 Final Distress Warrant Report.

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

Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 12:33 P.M.

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

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman