

Hayes County Board of Commissioners
December 30, 2025

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for December 30, 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 23, 2025, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 and D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney. Visitors present were Tim McKillip and Alec McKillip. Lance Harter joined via telephone.

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

Alec McKillip visited with the Board regarding county law enforcement responsibilities and compensation.

Discussion was held regarding handbook requirements to document/map all road department work.

Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting via telephone. Discussion held regarding replacement of structure C004353810.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve payroll, excluding Road & Bridge employees #35, #93 and #13, for \$82,668.30. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve road and bridge employee #35 payroll for \$2,080.23. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve road and bridge employee #13 payroll for \$451.94. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, abstain; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve road and bridge employee #93 payroll for \$2,971.88. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to execute an agreement up to \$73,000 with Ace/Eaton out of Kearney, NE for Twin 9" tubes for replacement of structure C004353810. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to withdraw from participation in the BUILD Grouped Bridge Application. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to set salaries for certain County Officers for the new term beginning January 7th, 2027, and ending January 2nd, 2031. County Clerk and County Treasurer, \$60,525.00; County Sheriff, \$62,500.00; County Attorney, \$45,200.00; plus an increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) of two percent (2%) annually. Salary for County Commissioner will be \$24,075.00. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve the credit card use policy. 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 1:41 P.M.

The next meeting will be January 13, 2026 at 1:30 P.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman