

Hayes County Board of Commissioners
January 30, 2026

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for January 30, 2026, 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 January 22, 2026, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:35 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, County Attorney joined via telephone. Visitor was Bob Littrel.

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

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to approve the Contract for Temporary Right-Of-Way Easement between Hayes County and Clint R. & Kayla M. Schafer for use of land to construct an emergency temporary shoofly for structure C004304710 with the following amendments: Strike the last paragraph and replace with payment of \$10,000 for use of land to build shoofly, and remove the grantees obligation to rebuild fence within the temporary easement. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Kim Cook and Bailey Lashley, Extension Educators, joined the meeting to present the 2025 annual programming and financial summaries for Nebraska Extension.

Richards moved, second by Fornoff to pay Robert Littrel \$20.00/hr. for courthouse snow removal. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve payroll, excluding Road & Bridge employees #35, #93 and #13, for \$80,692.80. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #93 payroll for \$1,442.58. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #13 payroll for \$85.22. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, abstain. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Christner to approve road and bridge employee #35 payroll for \$1,514.71. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes. Motion carried.

D. Eugene Garner, County Attorney, joined the meeting via telephone at 10:39 A.M. Contract for Temporary Right-Of-Way Easement, West Central Nebraska Development District Professional Service Agreement for Zoning Regulations Update Project, and the road between sections 23 & 24 T-7N, R-35W were discussed.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve the Professional Service Agreement with West Central Nebraska Development District for Hayes County Zoning Regulations Update for \$7,500.00 and direct Chairman to sign the same. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

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 11:38 A.M.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman