

Hayes County Board of Commissioners
March 31, 2026

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for March 31, 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 March 24, 2026, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:37 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; Brett Widger, Weed Superintendent; and D Eugene Garner, County Attorney.

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

Chairman Christner requested comments from the audience. There were none.

Brett Widger, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting to review Department of Ag Survey results. Fornoff moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Reports Requirement Summary for the State of Nebraska, Department of Ag. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve payroll, excluding Road & Bridge employees #35, #93 and #13, for \$81,964.65. Discussion held. Roll call: Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve road and bridge employee #93 payroll for \$3,006.66. Discussion held. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Fornoff, abstain. Motion carried.

Fornoff moved, second by Richards to approve road and bridge employee #13 payroll for \$473.16. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, abstain; Fornoff, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Fornoff to approve road and bridge employee #35 payroll for \$2,455.67. Discussion held. Roll call: Christner, yes; Fornoff, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

The Black Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act was discussed. Christner will contact Chase County regarding their enforcement plan.

Christner moved, second 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 10:12 A.M.

The next meeting will be April 14, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman