

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2025

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on April 10, 2025. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Gregg Mooney, Devan Polt and Mike Baum.

Minutes of the March 11th, 2025 meeting were read aloud and approved. Thad Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes, Bryan Crisp seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Mike Baum updated the board, crack sealing is complete, more material is needed for next year. Baum received 150 tons of 3A and is determining which road to overlay. Road work continues on the Paxton road.

The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation sent an agreement between the county and state regarding surveying. George Vinton had reached out to Ryan Dickinson, the County Surveyor prior to the meeting, but had not received a response. The board tabled the agenda item until the May meeting.

A Policy on Cooperation in Volunteer Emergency Services was presented to the board. The agreement provides support from Hooker County to volunteer emergency services such as the volunteer fire department. Thad Emerson made a motion to adopt the Policy on Cooperation in Volunteer Emergency Services. Bryan Crisp seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Gregg Mooney with NACO attended the meeting and updated the board on NACO insurance pool and that rates will be released in May. Mooney also provided information about Medicare guidance and the representative for Hooker County. Mooney will be working with Hooker County to set up meeting times for the public and the Medicare representative.

Devan Polt presented the noxious weed annual report where he scored 3400 out of 3400 points. Polt also updated on various county weed issues. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to accept the annual noxious weed report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton presented the board with 2025 Reports & Opinions from the State of Nebraska Property Assessment Division. Hampton also gave a brief update on transit driver applications. Interviews will be the week of April 14th with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2025.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Sandhills Corral LLC on 5/3/2025 at the Hooker County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Hardy left the treasurer's report with Hampton to distribute to the commissioners. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost was absent.

Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

George Vinton presented Resolution 2025-5 appointing Glenn Val Velson as Special County Attorney for inheritance tax determination for the Estate of Cherry Vallentine. Bryan Crisp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-5 appointing Glen Val Velson as Special County Attorney, Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,927.65	MASA Global	\$ 75.00
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 2,321.20	Payroll	\$ 29,974.16
AT&T Mobility	\$ 275.88	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Brouillette, Troshynski, Kingston & Jackson	\$ 252.00	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
Cardmember Service	\$ 125.91	Kwik Stop	\$ 581.21
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 346.58	Macke's Grocery	\$ 19.87
DAS State Accounting	\$ 88.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 563.89
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 14.74
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 135.25	Vinton Feed Store	\$ 35.60
Fair Law Office	\$ 25.00	Andersen and Sons NAPA	\$ 476.57
First Concord Benefits	\$ 45.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 118.37
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Dooley Oil	\$ 150.29
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 149.80	Emerson Equipment	\$ 500.00
Crystal Hardy, exp	\$ 149.80	Guynan Machine & Steel	\$ 43.43
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 209.43	Inland Truck	\$ 251.86
Kwik Stop	\$ 1,136.34	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 2,894.00
Macke's Grocery	\$ 53.58	NMC	\$ 213.84
Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC	\$ 4,023.00	Rose Equipment	\$ 60.48
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	IRS	\$ 3,626.54
MIPS, Inc	\$ 1,012.65	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 538.09
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 467.22	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,118.83
NACO	\$ 75.00	Payroll	\$ 11,285.49
Quill LLC	\$ 21.47	LIBRARY FUND	
Sandhill Oil	\$ 480.20	Consolidated Telephone	\$ 114.32
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,808.08	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 35.00
Twin Rivers Body Shop LLC	\$ 319.45	Sandhill Oil	\$ 420.73
Village of Mullen	\$ 415.50	Village of Mullen	\$ 258.59
West Publishing	\$ 298.50	Broad Reach Books	\$ 261.75
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 17.87	IRS	\$ 313.34
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 32.13	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 44.55
IRS	\$ 9,159.63	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 153.53
NE Department of Revenue	\$ 1,336.74	Payroll	\$ 1,433.47
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,462.55	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
		Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 343.16

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, May 8th at 3:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

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Bryan Crisp, Chairman