

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on May 8, 2025. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Mike Baum, TL Meyer, Crystal Hardy, Todd Yost, Meghan Trevino and Ashley McIntosh.

Minutes of the April 10th, 2025 meeting were read aloud and approved. Thad Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie Kraye 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. Crisp will contact Don Pettigrew about crack sealing material and if Grant County would like to share a load. Mike Baum said the Paxton road is 95% complete, gravel prices from G3 is \$11.50 per ton and he presented costs of trucks new and used to replace the dump truck. The broke down dump truck is sitting at Inland and needs to be moved. Baum will contact Guynan and Troyer to see which place will have time to move the dump box to the new dump truck. Baum received quotes of \$160,000-165,000 for new trucks and is going to look at used Peterbilts with 250,000 miles that are priced in the mid \$40,000s. Baum will update the board after he has looked at the used truck options.

Thad Emerson made a motion to sign the agreement between Hooker County and The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding surveying. Bryan Crisp seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Thad Emerson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6 approving the execution of the agreement between Hooker County and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation. Bryan Crisp seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Meghan Trevino, West Central District Health Departments Executive Director provided the board background information to public health and what is available to Hooker County. Trevino discussed state and federal cuts and how that is effecting programs.

Ashley McIntosh, Bridge of Hope and Child Advocacy Center Executive Director talked to the board about Bridge of Hope and what they provide. McIntosh provided background on the center and talked about available trainings she could bring to Hooker County. McIntosh is also interested in getting involved with the school to educate children.

TL Meyer, Central Sandhills Area Extension Educator presented the 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 budget request. The total budget was lower than the previous year. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 ~~year~~ ²⁰²⁵⁻²⁰²⁶ budget request. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Meyer informed the board that Shaniya DeNaeyer Albertus has put in her resignation as 4-H Extension Assistant. Meyer is hopeful the position will open for hiring soon.

Clerk Jessica Hampton presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2025-2026 rates. Hooker County received a 5.4% increase. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the \$2600 deductible with \$2000 buy down and the Dental PPO Plan Premier Option 3. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The last part of separating transit from the federal and state government is the bus barn. The FTA (Federal Transit Administration) is requiring a current appraisal of the bus barn. The appraisal will be submitted with a formal request to the FTA by Sarah Soula with Nebraska Department of Transportation. Once the request and appraisal have been received the FTA will respond with next steps. Hampton contacted two commercial appraisers, Jeff Bain with Jim Bain Appraisal and Gary McCormick with McCormick Appraisal. Jeff Bain bid \$1,200-1,500; Gary McCormick bid \$2,800. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to hire Jeff Bain with Jim Bain Appraisal for \$1,200-1,500. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Hampton provided agendas for the upcoming NACO Budget Workshop and Board Workshop.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the SDL for Munson's Market Inc. on 6/28/2025 at 37830 Mill Iron Drive, Mullen, NE. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer's report, an update on the delinquent tax list and percentage of collected 2024 taxes. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Sheriff Todd Yost did not have any updates.

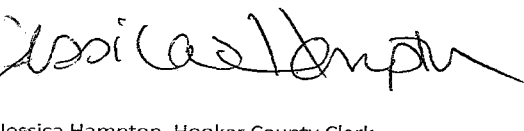
Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,927.65	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 119.06
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 837.20	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 275.86	Macke's Grocery	\$ 21.55
Cardmember Service	\$ 147.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 14.74
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 346.80	Custer Public Power District	\$ 111.59
DAS State Accounting	\$ 88.00	Dickinson Land Surveyor	\$ 600.00
First Concord Benefits	\$ 2,045.00	Great Plains Health	\$ 50.00
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 664.09	Handyman Hardware	\$ 282.16
Gworks	\$ 2,626.00	Hooker County Clerk	\$ 75.00
Hooker County Court	\$ 89.00	MARC	\$ 869.37
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 217.33	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 4,039.27
Shanda Licking, exp	\$ 216.30	NMC	\$ 1,656.58
Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.35	IRS	\$ 4,206.91
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 653.76
MIPS, Inc	\$ 944.65	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,384.03
NACO	\$ 50.00	Payroll	\$ 12,665.97
Quill LLC	\$ 42.43	LIBRARY FUND	
Region II Human Services	\$ 32.07	Consolidated Telephone	\$ 114.36
Village of Mullen	\$ 402.88	Village of Mullen	\$ 237.54
West Publishing	\$ 298.50	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.44
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 20.63	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 35.86	Lookout Books	\$ 117.79
WPCI	\$ 100.00	IRS	\$ 360.64
IRS	\$ 9,121.39	NE Department of Revenue	\$ 44.32
NE Department of Revenue	\$ 1,332.99	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 151.72
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,462.55	Payroll	\$ 1,720.02
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 343.16
Payroll	\$ 29,747.03		

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, June 12th 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


Bryan Crisp, Chairman