

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on November 5, 2025. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Hardy, Brandon Hardin, Daniel Wright, Hope Miller, Curtis Wiese and Jonnie Kusek.

Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public. Minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular meeting and the October 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Equalization meeting were reviewed. Bryan Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Julie Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp 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. Warrants were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. George Vinton is preparing a contract for the newly appointed road superintendent. It was reported that the scraper needs repaired, three years ago it was estimated at \$31,000. Crisp will talk with Mike Baum to get a current estimate for the necessary repairs. Crisp said the new maintenance building now has water and heat. Work on the office is continuing and should be completed soon. Water has been turned off at the old shop.

Resolution 2025-14, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025 was adopted with a motion from Thad Emerson and a second from Julie Kraye. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Jonnie Kusek, Director of Transportation at Open Plains Transit spoke with the board about the VA Highly Rural Transportation Grant. Kusek asked Hooker County Transit to sign an agreement to provide transportation for Veterans to and from medical appointments. The trips are reimbursed through a grant that Open Plains Transit coordinates. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Hooker County Transit and Open Plains Transit for Veterans Transportation Services. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. The audit draft July 2024-June 2025 was presented to the board. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the audit draft July 2024-June 2025. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Jessica Hampton notified the board that the NIRMA dividend check was in the amount of \$951. NACO salary guidelines were handed out to the commissioners in preparation for salary negotiations in the December meeting. NACO Workshop agendas were distributed, deadline to sign up for conference is November 21, 2025. The board requested that a letter to the Mullen Hospital District be drafted. It will be reviewed in the December meeting.

Crystal Hardy presented the treasurer's report, provided an update on delinquent taxes. 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 unavailable for the meeting.

Library budget worksheet was reviewed.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND			
Applied Connective Technologies	\$2,542.70	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$119.23
Artis Hicks	\$30.00	Custer Public Power District	\$76.27
Benchmark Government Solutions LLC	\$73.70	DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	\$44.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	\$12,554.12	Dooley Oil Inc-Nebraska	\$900.41
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$347.75	Grant County Treasurer	\$691.21
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance OCIO	\$66.00	Handyman Hardware & Construction	\$96.37
DataShield Coporation	\$59.21	Kwik Stop	\$557.64
Douglas Boyer	\$129.00	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$20.73
First Concord Benefits Group	\$285.83	Mid-American Research Chemical	\$992.84
Grant County Treasurer	\$691.21	Neal Oil	\$8,843.75
Hampton Inn-Kearney	\$449.85	NMC, Inc	\$13,277.23
Hooker County Court	\$102.00	Sandhill Oil Co., Inc	\$384.64
Hooker County Tribune	\$314.56	Triple G RediMix LLC	\$5,701.45
Kwik Stop	\$666.43	Village of Mullen	\$52.85
Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$38.63	WPCI	\$100.00
Mary Lou Harding	\$60.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$810.41
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$20.00	Internal Revenue Service	\$1,189.76
MIPS, Inc	\$2,647.56	Payroll	\$15,652.22
Nebraska Association of County Officials	\$1,066.15	LIBRARY FUND	
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center	\$50.00	Brodart Co	\$261.75
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association	\$175.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$114.53
Quill Corporation	\$67.42	Lakeview Books	\$98.95
Robbin Bullington	\$40.00	Macke's Grocery, Inc.	\$15.98
United States Postal Service	\$185.00	Michael Frederick	\$50.00
Village of Mullen	\$511.99	Quill Corporation	\$174.79
Vision Service Plan	\$71.97	Sandhill Oil Co., Inc	\$240.16
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$25.38	Village of Mullen	\$316.03
Windstream of the Midwest, LLC (2)	\$36.82	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$89.95
WPCI	\$100.00	Internal Revenue Service	\$151.00
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$4,262.05	Payroll	\$1,973.75
George Vinton	\$2,250.00	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
Internal Revenue Service	\$12,829.23	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$343.16
Medical Air Services Association-B2B	\$75.00	ROD PRES & MOD FUND	
NE Department of Revenue	\$2,050.50	Applied Connective Technologies	\$1,175.00
Payroll	\$27,919.80	INSTITUTIONS FUND	
ROAD FUND		Region II Human Services	\$776.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	\$1,312.30	Region II Services	\$768.00

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



