

Hayes County Board Minutes



Hayes County Commissioners
January 12, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for January 12, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on January 7, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:36 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, D. Eugene Garner, Phil Dixon, Boyd Gigax, Tyson Bardsley and Lance Harter.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations to reorganize the Board for calendar year 2021. Christner moved, second by Richards to retain Unger as Chairman. There were no further nominations. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Unger to retain Christner as vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, abstain. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-1, designation of Pinnacle Bank as Official Hayes County Depository for 2021. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-2, designation of The Hayes Center Times Republican and/or the McCook Daily Gazette as official newspapers of publication for Hayes County for 2021, and to designate the County's website, <http://www.hayescounty.ne.gov> as an additional method of providing notices. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-3, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to invest monies. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2021-4, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to transfer monies. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Unger to adopt Resolution 2021-5, authorization for Hayes County Treasurer to have funds secured with a pledge receipt. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to set the following meeting dates and holidays for 2021.

Regular Meeting dates for 2021:

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

Holidays for 2020

January 1	July 5
January 18	September 6



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February 15

April 2

April 30

May 31

October 11

November 11

November 25/26

December 24/25

December 31

Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger made the following 2021 appointments:

Region II Human Service County Representative – Christner

West Central Area of Aging County Representative – Christner

West Central Nebraska Development District Representative – Unger/Richards, alternate

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Representative – Richards

Planning and Zoning Secretary –Schwenk

Economic Development Board - Richards

NIRMA contact person –Messersmith

Safety Committee Chairman –Unger

Unger moved, second by Christner to appoint Char Hamilton as 2021 Hayes County Emergency Manager for \$750.00 per month. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to appoint Boyd Gigax as 2021 Hayes County Weed Superintendent for \$450.00 per month. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to appoint Garald Unger as 2021 Hayes County Veterans Service Officer for \$175.00 per month. Roll call: Unger, abstain; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to appoint Leon Kolbet as 2021 Hayes County Zoning Administrator/Flood Plain Manager for \$150.00 per month. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to appoint D. Eugene Garner for Child Support Enforcement. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to set indigent funeral costs at \$1,500.00. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

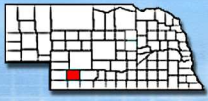
Unger moved, second by Richards to appoint Phillip Dixon as the 2021 Highway Superintendent at the contracted rate of \$10,800.00 per year, and Bridge inspector for \$125.00 per bridge. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

One bid for maintenance and snow removal was received for Board consideration. Richards moved, second by Unger to accept the bid of Joe Miller for \$275 per month for the 2021 maintenance and snow removal services. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

One bid for courthouse lawn and grounds care was received for Board consideration. Unger moved, second by Richards to accept the bid of Toby Cox for \$2,940.00 for 2021 courthouse lawn and grounds care. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

One bid for Janitorial services was received for Board consideration. Unger moved, second by Christner to accept the bid of Debbie Cox for \$650.00 per month for 2021 Janitorial services. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to retain TKO Pest Control services for pest control. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.



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Boyd Gigax joined the meeting to review the Weed Superintendent's annual weed reports. Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the five annual weed reports for 2021 and direct Chairman to sign same. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Phil Dixon, Lance Harter and Tyson Bardsley joined the meeting to discuss county line bridge C004306105, future projects and the upcoming Bridge Match Program application.

Richards moved, second by Unger to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report and 2020 Final Distress Warrant report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to direct Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chair to sign the final Certification and Verification of Information and Data of the Semi-Annual Housing Program Income Report related to the Owner-Occupied Housing Grant in Hayes County. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to sign the letter of intent to continue financial support of Hitch and Hay Public Transit for budget years 2021-2023. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve payroll for \$74,432.18. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve claims, excluding claims 02101046, for \$40,473.78. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

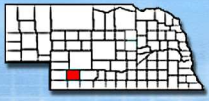
Unger moved, second by Christner, to approve claim 02101046 in the amount of \$5,278.50. Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be February 9, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
February 9, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for February 9, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:43 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith and Nancy Frecks. D. Eugene Garner and Phil Dixon were present by Zoom and Conference call.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Nancy Frecks, Southwest 3 Counties Extension Educator joined the meeting to present the 2019-20 budget expenditures, current fiscal year 2020-21 budget, County Impact Report and activity summary of each educator.

LB 102, a bill transferring the duties of ex officio Clerk of the District Court to the Judicial Branch and changes to the elected Clerks of the District Court was discussed. A letter of opposition will be sent to the Judiciary Committee. Legislation relating to Daylight Savings Time was also discussed.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting by conference call. Hayes County has received notification of award from the County Bridge Match Program for Bridge C004302510P. Dixon and Richards will attend the Frontier County Commissioner meeting on February 24 to discuss Bridge C004306105.

Board acknowledged receipt of the Audit Report of Hayes County, Nebraska dated June 30, 2020.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Unger to approve Payroll for \$69,055.89. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

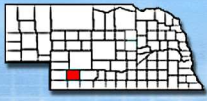
Richards moved, second by Christner to approve claims for \$62,455.65. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 10:53 A.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
March 9, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on February 25, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:36 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, D. Eugene Garner and Phil Dixon.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Community Plan of Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services for 2021-2025. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

The Board expressed support for the program "Beyond the Violence" as a tool for use as an adult diversion program for domestic abuse.

Chairman Unger recessed the meeting for the Board of Equalization Hearing/Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The Board of Equalization Meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on February 25, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith and D. Eugene Garner.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

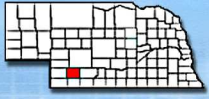
Richards moved, second by Unger to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Board of Equalization Meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve Tax Correction 2021-01 for parcel 430000995. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. State §77-202 a public hearing was held for the purpose of hearing testimony, if any, regarding new 2021 Exemption Application. Applicant received advanced notice of said hearing date and time. Unger opened the hearing at 10:05 A.M. and closed the hearing at 10:20 A.M.

Permissive Exemption Applications filed by the University of Nebraska Foundation were reviewed. No action was taken at the time. Additional documentation will be requested.

Chairman Unger adjourned the Board of Equalization and returned to the Regular Meeting at 10:29 A.M.



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Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding claims 2103042 and 2103013, for \$41,317.33. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, 2103042 and 2103013 for \$1819.00. Roll call: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve Payroll for \$77,518.67. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting to visit with the Board regarding the County Bridge Match Program and the meeting with Frontier County regarding bridge C004306105.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chair to sign the County Bridge match Program Agreement Project STWD-CBMP(5). Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-7, Second Amendment Resolution. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

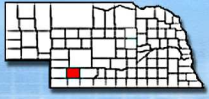
Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chair to sign the Deed of Reconveyance for OOR loan 09-HO-3043. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 12:23 P.M.

The next Meeting will be April 13, 2021.

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Hayes County Commissioners
April 5, 2021

An Emergency Meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was held April 5, 2021 at 4:55 P.M. at Hayes County Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. The Open Meetings Act was available for review. Roll call: Wayne Christner present; Barry Richards, present; Jeffrey Unger, absent, and Susan Messersmith.

Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt a disaster declaration stating: Hayes County has suffered a large prairie fire aided by strong winds causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Hayes County within the disaster area.

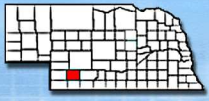
Therefore, the Vice-Chair of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of Hayes County and will execute for and on behalf of Hayes County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he/she deems necessary in the fulfillment of his/her duties. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

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Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
April 13, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on April 8, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:36 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, D. Eugene Garner and Joe Miller.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger requested comments from the audience. Comments and questions were received from Joe Miller.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to appoint Joe Miller as Deputy Emergency Manager. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding President Biden's Executive Order 14008 which would permanently preserve 30% of America's land and 30% of the oceans. The County Attorney will research the topic and bring more information to the Board at a future meeting.

Chairman Unger recessed the meeting for the Board of Equalization Hearing/Meeting at 9:30 A.M.

The Board of Equalization Meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on April 8, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Applicant received advanced notice of said hearing date and time.

Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 9:30 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, D. Eugene Garner. Chet Poehling, Counsel for the University of Nebraska Foundation, and Larry Gossen, Dean at the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture joined the meeting via Zoom. Also present were County Government students and teacher.

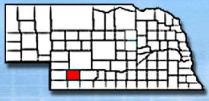
Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger and requested comments from the audience. There were none.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Board of Equalization Meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger opened the hearing. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. State §77-202 a public hearing was held for the purpose of hearing testimony, if any, regarding new 2021 451 Exemption Applications.

Mr. Poehling spoke to the Board regarding Hayes County land which was gifted to the University of Nebraska Foundation. The gifted land will be leased to Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and used to educate



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students on various aspects of ranching. State Statute outlines criteria which must be met in order to grant tax-exempt status and remove the gifted parcels from the tax rolls.

Chairman Unger closed the hearing at 9:54 A.M.

Unger mover second by Christner to approve 451 Exemption Applications for parcels 430006837, 430006926, 430006934, 430007213, 430011121, 430006896 and 430001124. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, no. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the change in value applied to parcels 430001517, 430007477, 430007450, 30006721, 430034792, 7430007639. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger closed the meeting and returned to the regular meeting at 10:02 A.M.

No action was taken on Wauneta Telephone Company's Application to Occupy Hayes County RROW for installation of Fiber Optic Communications. Christner will contact the company to clarify questions regarding the application.

Unger moved, second by Richards to establish fund 2580 for Money received from the COVID America Rescue Plan. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to retain Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) as legal counsel for the Hayes County Sheriff. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners received a correspondence from Lance Harter, of Oak Creek Engineering, regarding Structure C004306105 replacement.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve Payroll for \$73,130.86. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding claims 2104045 & 2104054, for \$69,579.10. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

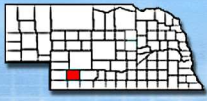
Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, 2104045 and 2104054 for \$7,733.50. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 11:49 A.M.

The next Meeting will be May 11, 2021.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
May 11, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on May 6, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, D. Eugene Garner and Phil Dixon. Eric Kamler and Chad Thies joined the meeting via conference call.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the April 5 and 13, 2021 meetings. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve Wauneta Telephone Company's application to occupy road right-of-way to install fiber optic communications at locations in western Hayes County. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on services offered by gWorks to assist with required county redistricting based on 2020 Census information. No action was taken at this time.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct chair to sign the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Report and Requirements Summary for Hayes County Weed Control. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Eric Kamler, community liaison-agriculture specialist for Representative Adrian Smith, joined the meeting via teleconferencing. Topics discussed were the 30 X 30 Project (America the Beautiful Initiative), the overhaul of the tax code, infrastructure plans, and trade.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting. Plans for replacement of structure C004306105 were discussed. The County Attorney will move forward with drafting an interlocal agreement between Hayes and Frontier Counties.

Chad Thies, with Zelle HR Solutions, joined the meeting via teleconferencing. Chad discussed the human resource and compliance services offered by his company.

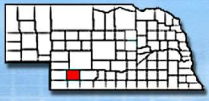
Unger moved, second by Christner to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve Payroll for \$76,005.68. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims for \$41,875.07. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 11:35 A.M.

The next Meeting will be June 8, 2021.



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Hayes County Commissioners
June 8, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for June 8, 2021 at 8:45 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on June 3, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Blake Gigax, Rita Erickson and Susan Messersmith. Visitors present were Kathy Hass, Evelyn Pettit and Jim Bowen.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Kathy Haas, Family Resource Center, summarized the services provided by FRC, reviewed the Income/Expenses of FRC for the 2020-2021 budget year and thanked the Board for their past contributions.

Unger moved, second by Christner to contribute \$1,200.00 to Family Resource for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to establish a separate checking account for the American Rescue Plan Act federal monies Hayes County will be receiving. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve claims, excluding claim 2106048, for \$65,344.94. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to pay claim 2106048 for \$8,644.50. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

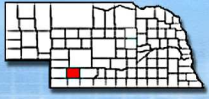
Blake Gigax met with the board to review the annual reports and requirements prepared by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program.

Jim Bowen, with Southwest Weed Management, joined the meeting. SWWM has obtained a grant to assist landowners along the Red Willow Creek in control of phragmites and salt cedars. Letters will be sent to landowners to encourage them to authorize SWWM to spray these noxious weeds.

Unger moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Audit Engagement Letter with Dana F, Cole & Company, LLP for the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit services at the cost of \$12,000.00 plus additional expenses of \$1,500.00. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Daniel D. Miller, CPA for budget services for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at the cost of \$2,800.00. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chairman to sign the Hayes County – Frontier County Interlocal Agreement-County Bridge Match Program. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.



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Hayes County Board of Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the proposed Deed of Conservation Easement. Unger moved, second by Richards to refer the proposed Deed of Conservation Easement to the Planning Commission for consideration pursuant to NE. REV. Statute 76-2.112. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve Payroll for \$72,168.91. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

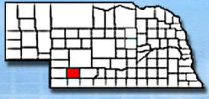
An end-of-fiscal year meeting will be held June 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 12:50 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be July 13, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
June 29, 2021

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for June 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on June 24, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. Present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, Tammy Schwenk and Susan Messersmith.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve claims, excluding claim 2106122 and 2106123, in the amount of \$192,542.61. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

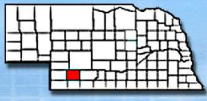
Unger moved, second by Christner to approve claims 2106122 and 2106123 in the amount of \$33,412.00. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The next meeting will be July 13, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

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Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
And Board of Equalization Meetings
July 13, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on July 8, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, Rebecca Grimes, Tammy Schwenk, Leon Kolbet and Phil Dixon. Visitors present were Chad Thies and Jon Schroeder.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, and Imprest Account and the minutes of the June 8 and 29, 2021 meetings. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chad Thies, with ZelleHR, joined the meeting to visit with the Commissioners regarding services offered by his company.

Unger moved, second by Christner to enter into a 6 month contract with ZelleHR for Human Resource services and support. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Phil Dixon joined the meeting. He reviewed the Proposal for Professional Services from Oak Creek Engineering and discussed bridge plans for the Red Willow Creek bridge replacement and the Palisade bridge.

Richards moved, second by Unger to approve the Proposal for Professional Services with Oak Creek Engineering and direct Chair to sign the same. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

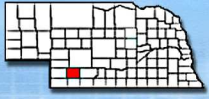
Jon Schroder joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the Deed of Conservation Easement Agreement between K & R Farms, Inc. and Middle Republication Natural Resources District. The Hayes County Planning Commission found the agreement to conform with Hayes County's Comprehensive Zoning Plan.

Unger moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-8, a Resolution approving the application for a conservation easement for 47.77 certified irrigated acres, water only, from a well on the N2 & SE4 of Sec-7- T-5N-R-35W of the 6th PM, Hayes County, Nebraska. Roll call: Richards, no; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:35 A.M. for Board of Equalization.

The Board of Equalization Meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for July 13, 2021, at 11:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on July 8, 2021, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 11:35 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson and Susan Messersmith.



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Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, Board of Equalization Meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve the change of value for parcels 430024347, 430000758, 430000766, 430004486, 430004494, 430024193, 430014317, 430023448. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger closed the Board of Equalization meeting and returned to the regular meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to pay claims for \$33,670.72. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$88,305.24. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

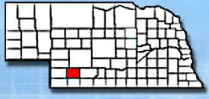
Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-09, a Resolution supporting the continued private ownership of land and opposing the 30x30 program and designation of County lands as wilderness. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners will hold a budget workshop on July 29, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 12:50 P.M.

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Board Chairman



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Hayes County Commissioners
July 29, 2021

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for July 29, 2021, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on July 22, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Vice-Chair indicated location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, Rita Erickson, and Susan Messersmith.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Unger arrived at 8:50 A.M.

Christner moved, second by Richards to direct Chairman to sign the Annual Certification for allocation of Hayes County HBP and STP Funds for period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

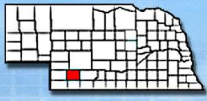
Preliminary budget request for General and Road and Bridge Funds were submitted and reviewed.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2021, at 8:30 A.M.

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Hayes County Commissioners
August 10, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for August 10, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on August 5, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith and Tammy Schwenk. Visitors present were Mary Lawson, Pamela Mann and Dan Miller.

Christner moved, second by Unger to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, absent; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards arrived at 8:35 A.M.

Pamela Mann and Mary Lawson, representing Region II Developmental Services and Southwest Area Training Service, spoke regarding the services and programs provided, sources of income, how monies are spent and thanked the Board for their past contributions.

Tammy Schwenk informed the Board of available Department of Environment and Energy grants. She will move forward on a scrap tire grant application.

Dan Miller joined the meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 budget. The budget hearing will be September 14, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. The final tax request hearing will follow at 9:45 A.M. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Lance Harter, with Oak Creek Engineering, visited with the Board regarding the replacement of Structure C004302510P. Final design plans have been sent to the State for approval. Once approved, Lance will put the project out for bid.

Richards moved, second by Christner to schedule the bid opening for replacement of Structure C004302510P at the September 14, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-10, signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2021. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved second by Richards to direct Chair and Highway Superintendent to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2021. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

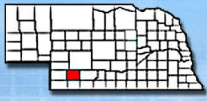
Richards moved, second by Christner to approve County Inventories dated June 30, 2021. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Unger to approve payroll for \$79,736.46. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to pay claims, excluding claims 2108048 and 2108049, for \$52,257.16. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to pay claims 2108048 and 2108049 for \$6,079.99. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.



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Unger moved, second by Richards to go into executive session at 11:30 for discussion regarding notice of claim and demand from Kip & Andrea Richards, received July 30, 2021. Roll call: Unger, yes, Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to come out of executive session at 11:47 A.M. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the July 13 and 29, 2021 meetings. Roll call: Christner, yes, Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to publication requirements of § 23-122 the following is a list of Hayes County job titles and current salaries.

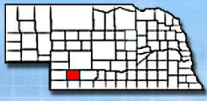
Job Title	Salaries	
Commissioners	\$20,721.39	Yr
Sheriff	\$50,846.23	Yr
Pt-time Law Enforcement	\$28.50	Hr
Treasurer	\$50,846.23	Yr
Deputy Treasurer	\$20.00	Hr
Ex-Officio Clerk	\$50,846.23	Yr
Ex-Officio Deputy	\$39,261.36	Yr
Clerk Office Assistant	\$17.76	Hr
Extension Office	\$29,250.00	Yr
Attorney	\$34,943.09	Yr
Child Sup Enforcement	\$3,121.20	Yr
Attorney Secretary	\$16.25	Hr
Road Dept Employee	\$17.35-18.35	Hr
PT Road Employee	\$17.35	Hr
Zoning Administrator	\$1,800.00	Yr
Zoning Admin Sec.	\$16.06	Hr
Hwy Supt	\$10,800.00	Yr
Emergency Manager	\$9,000.00	Yr
Veterans Service Admin	\$2,100.00	Yr
Weed Superintendent	\$5,400.00	Yr
Economic Dev Coordinator	\$25.00	Hr
Courthouse Maintenance	\$3,300.00	Yr

The next Regular Meeting will be September 14, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

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Hayes County Commissioners
September 14, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for September 14, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on August 26, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Vice-Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Vice-Chair indicated location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith and Phil Dixon. Visitors present were Jerry Fiest, Dillon Brown, Lance Harter and Dan Miller.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes, Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife Services District Supervisor, Jerry Fiest, joined the meeting. Hayes County, along with three other counties, currently cost share with the federal government to provide predator control services to this area. Going forward, federal funds will not be available to assist with this service. Mr. Fiest presented financial information related to Hayes County's current contribution and the increase in funding needed to continue services. No action was taken at this time.

Dan Miller joined the meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 budget.

Vice-Chairman Christner recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:56 A.M. for the Budget Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony in support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. Vice-Chairman Christner asked for comments. No public comment was received.

Christner moved, second by Richards to close the Budget Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting at 10:05 A.M. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the additional 1% increase in the restricted funds authority. Roll call: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2021-11.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 14th day of September, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of COMMISSIONERS of HAYES County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for HAYES County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other



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than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated and passed this 14TH day of September, 2021.

Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Christner recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:18 A.M. for the Property Tax Request Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony in support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to the property tax request. Vice-Chairman Christner asked for comments. No public comment was received.

Christner moved, second by Richards to close the Property Tax Request Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting at 10:20 A.M. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes.

Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-12.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the County of HAYES passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the County of HAYES resolves that:

SECTION 1. The 2021-2022 property tax request for the General Fund be set at \$982,909.00.

SECTION 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.92 percent.

SECTION 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.2000050 per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 4. The County of HAYES proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.200450 per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the County of HAYES will exceed last year's by -14.07%.

SECTION 6. A copy of this resolution shall be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

Roll call: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Phil Dixon, and Lance Harter, with Oak Creek Engineering, joined the meeting.

The following bids were received for Board review for replacement of Structure C004302510P. Simon Contractors--\$634,000.00, Kea-- \$798,734.30, and Midwest Infrastructure \$719,948.00.

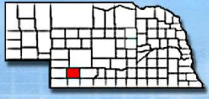
Christner moved, second by Richards to accept the bid from Simon Contractors. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve payroll for \$84,894.88. Roll call: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to pay claim, excluding claims 2109047, for \$65,325.70. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to pay claims 2109047 for \$10,012.50. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.



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Christner moved, second by Richards to trade the county owned Bobcat T770 Skid steer, SN AT6323863, for a new T770 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader. Roll call: Unger, absent, Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

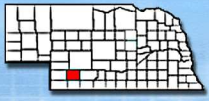
Richards moved, second by Christner to contract with gWorks for redistricting services at the cost of \$3,100.00. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Christner adjourned the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be October 12, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

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Hayes County Commissioners
October 12, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on October 7, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith and Phil Dixon. Visitors present were Curtis Smith, Kim Primavera, Nikki Hamilton, Christy Hamilton, Jordan Arndt and Courtney Brockman.

Richards moved, second by Unger to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes, Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Phil Dixon joined the meeting to review the current bridge projects and discuss use of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding.

Unger moved, second by Richards to split costs with Hitchcock County for an opinion of qualified use of ARPA funds from Lutz & Company. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Kim Primavera and Nikki Hamilton visited with the Board about possible solutions for Francis Street traffic issues.

Jordan Arndt and Courtney Brockman, with Zelle HR, reviewed the Employee Handbook and gave recommendations for updates and additions to the handbook.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding claims 2110046 and 2110047, in the amount of \$72,461.72. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Unger to pay claims 2110046 and 2110047, in the amount of \$12,792.00. Roll call vote: Richards, abstain; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$79,433.27. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

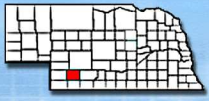
Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 2:32 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be November 9, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

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Hayes County Commissioners
November 9, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for November 9, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on November 4, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:39 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, Lance Harter and Curtis Smith.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes, Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Smith joined the meeting to review Health/Dental plans for the 2021-2022 year.

Chairman Unger recess the meeting at 10:11 A.M. for the One & Six-Year Road Improvement Hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony regarding the proposed One & Six-Year Road Plan. No Comments were received.

Chairman Unger closed the hearing at 10:18 A.M.

Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-13, approval of the One & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Lance Harter, with Oak Creek Engineering, reviewed the current bridge projects.

Unger moved, second by Richards to apply jointly with Frontier County to the County Bridge Match Program for a concrete box culvert to replace structure C004306105. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding claim 2111043, in the amount of \$44,017.27. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claim 2111043, in the amount of \$7,573.50. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

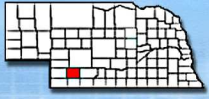
Richards moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-14, Signing of the Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2021. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$79,718.58. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner sign on to the settlement agreements for the Opioid Litigation Settlements and to contribute the county's direct share to Nebraska's Opioid Recovery Fund for use within Region II Behavioral Health. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 11:37 A.M.



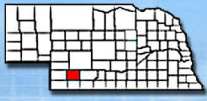
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The next Regular Meeting will be December 14, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

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Hayes County Board Minutes



Hayes County Commissioners
December 14, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for December 14, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on December 9, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:39 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson, Susan Messersmith, Phil Dixon and Leon Kolbet. Visitors present were Heidi Wheeler, Jessi Piens and representatives of Simon Contractors.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the November 9, 2021, meeting. Roll call: Richards, yes, Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Heidi Wheeler, with Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department met with the Commissioners and reviewed the 2021 Annual Report of programs and services offered.

Leon Kolbet met with the Board regarding updating the Comprehensive Plan. Kolbet also submitted his resignation as Hayes County Zoning Administrator.

Unger moved, second by Richards to accept Kolbet's resignation as Zoning Administrator and thank him for his service to the County. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Wildlife Predator Services were discussed.

Unger moved, second by Christner to advertise for a part-time sign tech position. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

A pre-construction conference was held with Simon Contractors regarding Structure C004302510P. Construction start date is set for January 2022.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claims, excluding claim 2112050, in the amount of \$ 33,093.06 Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claim 2112050, in the amount of \$7,573.50. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, abstain. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve payroll for \$75,976.79. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

The next meetings will be December 30, 2021, at 8:30 AM. and January 11, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.



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Hayes County Commissioners
December 30, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for December 30, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on December 23, 2021, and posted in accordance with law. Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:50 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. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Rita Erickson and Susan Messersmith.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

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

Unger moved, second by Christner to adopt Resolution 2021-15

RESOLUTION 2021-15

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners must set salaries for certain County Officers for the new term beginning January 5th 2023 and ending January 7th 2027 in accordance with *NEB. REV. STAT.* §23-1114.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAYES COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

That the following salaries should be and hereby are affixed for the following County Officials of Hayes County, Nebraska for the term beginning January 2023 and ending January 2027:

County Attorney	\$40,190.00
County Clerk/Assessor.....	\$53,680.00
County Commissioner	\$21,880.00
County Sheriff	\$53,680.00
County Treasurer	\$53,680.00

The annual salary for the listed offices has been established for the calendar year 2023, plus an increase during the term of office (2024, 2025, and 2026) of two percent (2%) annually. Said salaries shall be full compensation in consideration of performance of all statutory duties relating to said office.

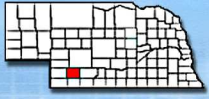
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above stated salary the elected official shall be eligible to participate in the County's health and medical plan as offered to all county employees, as may be amended from time to time.

Passed and approved this 30th day of December 2021. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Comprehensive Community Plan. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to advertise for a sign tech position. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to establish boundaries for Commissioner District One, Commissioner District Two and Commissioner District Three as set forth in the attached map (proposal 3) attached hereto and incorporated by this reference. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.



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Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 12:37 P.M.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman