

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance (District Three), Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Vance gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of paying payroll and claims. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 8:45am, David Levy/Natalie Williams/Tami Scheuneman met with the Board for LB Wind Farm Project approval. After discussion, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve and sign Resolution 9-2021 and the Disclosure Letter. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 9-2021 was approved.

At 9:00am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. They discussed road work being done and repairs being done on the equipment.

The HVAC System, Extension Floor and Tuck Pointing on the Courthouse had no reports to be given at this time.

Clerk Liz Petsch presented the Clerk of District Court Report, Webster County Ambulance Report and the Imprest Account Report for the Board to look over. She also presented to the Board Resolution 10-2021 for them to sign declaring September 13, 2021 as "Larry Dix Day" in honor of his retirement of 19 years from NACO as Executive Director. He will now be Executive Director Emeritus until the end of the year. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve Resolution 10-2021. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 10-2021 was approved.

The Board also discussed closing the Courthouse during inclement weather. It was decided Chairman TJ Vance would have the say on when and if the Courthouse would be closed or start at a later time in the morning depending on the schools of Red Cloud and Blue Hill being closed.

Treasurer Knehans told the Board the doors to the Courthouse were not closing and locking properly. This will be looked into.

At 9:40am, Andy Forney met with the Board with Sara James by telephone. They discussed the bond issues for the Bladen Road and Showboat Road. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to finally proceed with the Project. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Sara advised the Board on possibly amending the budget if money was received before fiscal year end.

At 10:15am, Sonia Klouse met with the Board on 2020/2021 Memorandum of Understanding Report regarding Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid for counties of Webster, Clay, Adams, Nuckolls, Fillmore, Phelps, Kearney, Franklin and Harlan.

At 10:30am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on a Permissive Exempt Report for Willa Cather, the 2021 Cemetery Report and the Permissive Report for 2021.

At 10:35, Extension Educator Beth Janning met with the Board. She gave the Board their Annual Extension Report for their approval. She also asked the Board to approve the newly elected Extension Board for 2020/2021 as Riley Skrdlant, President; Nelson P Trambly, Vice President; Buffy Niemeier, Secretary; Kristi Allen, Treasurer and Doug Hubl. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Members present besides the Board Members were Assessor Sonja Krueger and Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman. At 12:00pm, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to go out of Executive Session. All members voted in favor of this motion. No decision was done.

At 12:05pm, Treasurer Knehans presented her Delinquent Tax List to the Board. These taxes will be sold on the County's Tax Sale in March. Janet also reported on the Cares Act program where the County received monies on COVID relief.

The County Board thanked Emergency Manager Ron Sunday for all his hard work in getting COVID reimbursement for Webster County. It was a good amount of expense return for the County.

The Board/Janet/Liz discussed money that had been set aside in the County General Fund for a new Jail/Sheriff's Office.

At 12:30pm, Sheriff Schmitz discussed with the Board about different cell phones for his Deputies.

The following payroll and claims are listed below:

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$324.14; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$581.84; Calkins Law Office (Counsel)-\$697.84; Capital One Retail Services (Repairs)-\$405.64; CASA of South Central Nebraska (Fees)-\$3000.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Jolene K Duffy (Expense)-\$5.75; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$190.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$360.61; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$500.78; First Concord Benefits Group (Premium)-\$217.50; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$130.94; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$108.88; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$15.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Mips (Supply)-\$332.00; NACO (Training)-\$50.00; Noble Construction (Repair)-\$250.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1919.29; RPM Collision (Deductible)-\$250.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$36.98; Skalka & Baack Law Office (Counsel)-\$730.00; Turner Technology (Support)-\$262.50; Ken VanWey (Repairs/Snow Removal)-\$1010.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Court Fees)-\$108.00; Webster County Court (Court Fees)-\$186.10; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00; Zee Medical Service (Supply)-\$74.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** City

of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$128.63; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$625.25; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$95.83; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.84; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$84.86; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$26.41; Jared's Auto Expert (Repair)-\$1304.88; John Deere Financial (Repair/Supply)-\$211.06; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Medical Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$70.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$4101.38; Universal Hydraulics (Repairs)-\$557.50; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$88.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$75.09. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$3487.50. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$652.15; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$123.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$186.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$15.00. AMBULANCE FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$238.98; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. Total Wages - \$7925.41.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office and at [www.co.webster.ne.us](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2021  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk