

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 16th, 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 Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 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 pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 8:30am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul presented a Resolution setting a public hearing date on April 20th, 2021 for discussion on vacation and abandonment of a portion of Road 800 for the Board to look over and sign. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this Resolution for hearing date on this matter. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Resolution 14-2021 was signed. Paul also stated several repairs had been made to the equipment. A tube needs to be replaced near Bladen. Roads are bad right now because of weather.

No report on Tuck Pointing or HVAC System.

Imprest Account Report was presented to the Board for review.

At 9:15am, Treasurer Janet Knehans went over her Public Tax Sale List with the Board. The County generated \$45,935.63 on delinquent taxes that were sold on March 1st, 2021. There are still \$7,400.00 remaining in delinquent taxes.

Clerk Louise Petsch presented Three Resolutions of transfer for the Board to approve. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Noxious Weed Fund (5400). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 15-2021 was approved. Resolution 16-2021 was approved. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to transfer \$195,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road/Bridge Fund (300). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road/Capital Construction Fund (800). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Resolution 17-2021 was approved.

At 9:45am, the Board discussed the closing documents for Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2021. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to approve signing these documents. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Jim Farmer from RC & D Trailblazer met with the Board requesting 2021 Sponsorship Fee of \$350.00 for Recycling Projects in the 7 counties and LRNRD and LBNRD. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to renew this sponsorship fee for 2021. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Electronic Recycling date has been set for Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at Red Cloud and the House Hazardous Recycling will be Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at Red Cloud from 8:00am to 10:00am.

At 10:10am, Keith Buschow stopped in and reported to the Board on the Extension Office. It is completed and looks very nice.

At 10:30am, the Board discussed the Jail/Sheriff's Office Building. Commissioner Shipman had talked with Adams County on their new Jail Building they are in the process of building and the possibility of Webster County working with them on housing prisoners. They discussed further a Sheriff/Jail Office Building to replace our old one because it is so outdated and needs major repairs done.

At 10:45am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Tax Corrections #'s 202119, 202120 and 202121 were submitted. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve these tax corrections. 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 go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:00am, Clerk Petsch presented a Special Designated Liquor License from the Webster County Ag Association for the Webster County Fair. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this license. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:05am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Executive Session. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting no: Shipman: Motion carried. Several issues were gone over but no action taken. The Board voted to go out of Executive Session at 11:20am with four members voting in favor and one voting no.

At 11:25am, the Board discussed the Biden "30 x 30" Plan. This will be discussed at the April 6th, 2021 meeting when the Board has done more research on this matter.

The Board received two agreements from Union Bank for the Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2021 to be signed. The Board reviewed them and Chairman Vance signed them.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6833.43; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$113.38; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$18,458.68; Busch Construction (Repairs)-\$500.00; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$510.08; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$1285.00; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$129.99; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1531.29; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; Dunse Nutrition Consultings, LLC (Consult)-\$10.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7224.55; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1609.39;

First Concord Benefits (Fees)-\$217.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$15.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Premium)-\$1963.03; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$249.91; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$143.27; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$8.69; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$14.02; Mips Inc. (Support)-\$2269.22; NACT (Training)-\$100.00; NAEM (Dues)-\$50.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$57.79; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$732.82; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2607.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$529.30; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$92.50; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2327.50; Turner Technology (Support)-\$52.50; Ken VanWey (Snow Removal)-\$800.00; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Viaero Wireless (Phone)-\$19.42; Webster County Treasurer A (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; Webster County Treasurer B (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer C (Transfer)-\$30,000.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2625.73; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$133.74; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$258.51; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$924.57; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.59; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$10,002.08; C&D Service Center (Repairs/Supply)-\$2215.58; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$2688.96; Century Lumber Center (Supply/Fuel)-\$602.63; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Repairs/Fuel)-\$2376.95; S.S. (Fica)-\$2916.18; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$23.20; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$119.89; Geoquip Power Systems, LLC (Rental)-\$1920.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$160.43; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$85.45; Calvin Henkel (Expense)-\$300.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1263.13; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.41; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$114.57; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$210.40; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; Nebraska Truck Center, Inc (Supply)-\$35.46; Newman Signs, Inc (Supply)-\$817.16; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$2597.11; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply/Repairs)-\$7805.27; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Bobcat, Hastings, NE (Supply)-\$64.62; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$271.83; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$135.25; Sunbelt Rentals (Rental)-\$91.87; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$718.80; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$181.77. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Culverts)-\$1837.50; Speece-Lewis Engineers (Culverts)-\$9649.48. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$185.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$326.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$780.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC (Dental)-\$171.00. **HOSPITAL BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co. (Bond)-\$1680.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$233.10; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$50.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$371.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$89.03; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$275.40; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$133.18; McKesson Medical-Surgical (Supply)-\$958.18; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-154.32. Total Wages - \$140,582.14.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, 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.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk