

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 4th, 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 April 20th, 2021 meeting. 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 pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to pay claim for Gary Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board on roads. Paul and the Board reviewed the Wind Turbine Project work going on at this time. Roads are being prepared for them. The crews are doing equipment repairs and culvert work.

At 9:15am, Sharon Hueftle from South Central Economic Development District presented to the Board a newsletter and updated them on things happening around the County.

At 9:30am, Clerk Liz Petsch submitted the Blue Cross Blue Shield Sub-Group Application for Health Insurance for 2021. The Board reviewed it and motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to remain with the \$1500 deductible for the employees. We have not had a raise in premiums for two years and the Board felt the \$29.82 increase was reasonable. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Chairman TJ Vance signed the Application.

At 9:45am, County Attorney Patrick Calkins presented his contract for \$1,000.00 a month for secretarial duties. The Board approved of this monthly allotment with a motion by Karr, second by Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board on the Sheriff/Jail Building. The Board would like more information on cost and maybe seek more bids. This subject will be put on the agenda for the May 18, 2021 meeting.

At 10:30am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board for approval of ordering vinyl folders for her office which are a costly item so the Board has to approve of her doing this. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve the transaction. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Gary Ratzlaff reported on the Sprinkler System and the HVAC System. B-Green had been contacted but didn't show up so the Board tabled this matter. HVAC System has no report.

At 10:45am, Clerk Petsch discussed with the Board about the previous County Medical claim presented at the last meeting. Commissioner Ratzlaff looked further into this application and it has been turned over to the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and will be handled by them. This County Medical claim is closed at this time for Webster County.

Clerk Petsch also reported the one bathroom stall on first floor ladies room is not in operation. This will be taken care of as soon as possible.

At 11:00am, Representatives from Zelle, LLC met with the Board about the Employee Handbook and HR services they supply for Counties. The Board felt they only wanted a Handbook at this time prepared for the County to look over and make any changes as needed. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to enter into an Agreement with Zelle for the handbook only. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:15am, Clerk Petsch presented to the Board her Ambulance Accounts Report and also her write-off report for remaining costs of billings not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, Supplement Insurances, etc. The Board reviewed the report and approved it.

At 11:20am, Aaron Jones met with the Board requesting a Special Designated Liquor License for May 30th, 2021 for a gathering on Memorial Weekend held at the Fairgrounds in Bladen. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this License. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed flooring in the Courthouse and will seek more applicants before making a decision because we haven't received any quotes yet after it was published in the paper.

Chairman Vance also reminded the Board of their County Board Workshop in Kearney on June 10-11, 2021 and the Budget Workshop May 13th in North Platte and May 14th in Columbus.

At 11:45am, Jim Farmer from RC & D met with the Board for Chairman Vance to sign a Letter of Support from Webster County for them to send into the State for future recycling.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$708.06; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; Beman's Appliance Sales & Service (Repairs)-\$144.00; Blue Hill Leader (Subscription)-\$31.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$73.30; Busch Construction (Repairs)-\$730.00; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$5000.00; Carmichael Construction, LLC (Repairs)-\$21,941.60; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$304.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$795.11; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1736.68; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$230.43; First Concord Benefits (Premium)-\$1019.08; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$3131.53; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$189.70; GWorks (Support)-\$2150.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$3780.44; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply/Repairs)-\$182.83; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$73.36; LEAF (Lease)-\$33.75; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$210.00; NACO (Training)-\$50.00; NACT (Training)-\$100.00; NE Assn of Co Ext Bds (Dues)-\$100.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$268.46; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1351.18; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$106.78; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Supply)-\$63.98; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$287.33; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Fees)-\$1095.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Document Destruction)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life

Insurance Corp (Life)-\$72.29; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$153.29; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$121.34; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$265.66; S.S. (Fica)-\$81.93; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$296.52; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$73.33; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$84.86; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$608.90; LRNRD Rural Water Supply (Water)-\$22.21; Medical Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$35.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$262.47; R&M Disposal, LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$44.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$81.96. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1089.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Heartland Oral Surgery & Dental (Dental)-\$963.20. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$91.96. AMBULANCE FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$101.77; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00; Kevin Willems (Expense)-\$7.55. Total Payroll - \$12,891.11.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, 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 4th day of May, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk