

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 18th, 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 May 4th, 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. They discussed bridges, tires, repairs on equipment and repairing and surfacing roads throughout the County.

The HVAC System was discussed. Commissioner Tim Gilbert had talked to Dustin Gay from Energized Electric because we are still having problems. He will talk with him more on solutions.

Tuck Pointing still only has one bid on file.

The flooring issue in the Courthouse has been advertised but no bids have been submitted yet.

The Board discussed the Sprinkler System. They decided to let Brad Young and Kenneth VanWey handle this jointly and report to the Board.

Clerk Liz Petsch informed the Board that Pella Windows had been at the Courthouse to fix the broken window on the third floor. They did not have the right equipment but will return soon and fix the window properly.

At 9:15am, the Board held a conference call with Jared Reimers from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office. They discussed their concerns on the 30 x 30 plan and the 2nd Amendment with Jared. He assured them they were in agreement with the Board's concerns,

The Budget Workshop was discussed that was held in Columbus and North Platte. Those attending felt it was a good session and very informative.

At 9:30am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on Cash-in-Lieu and Family Health Insurance. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to keep it at 50% of health insurance premium which will be \$469.55. This is for employees who have other health insurance or on Medicare. Voting in favor of this motion: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 22-2021 was signed by Chairman TJ Vance. The Board then discussed family health insurance for employees. They are currently paying 25% of the employee's share of their premium. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to pay 50% as of June 1st, 2021 of their premium for family health insurance. Hopefully, this will help attract more people to apply for the jobs in the County. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Clerk Petsch presented Resolution 23-2021 for transfer of funds from the Bridge Bond Fund to the Inheritance Fund for \$40,000.00. This is reimbursement of monies given earlier for annual payment of Bridge Bond Fund. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to transfer these funds. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 23-2021 was signed.

The Board discussed the Hospital.

At 10:00am, the Board discussed the update on the Jail Building. More information needs to be obtained before proceeding. B & D Construction has been contacted but would like to know definitely what we want and expected cost before they commit.

At 10:30am, Chairman Vance presented the Noxious Weed Evaluation Report for the Board to go over. Because of COVID, Brian Pedersen was not able to fully comply with 20 hours of Continuing Education because the meetings were canceled. However, the State's report was favorable and Brian will be complying with the 20 hours as needed. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept and sign this report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Reports for Clerk of District Court and Imprest Account were reviewed by the Board.

11th Street Repair was tabled until June 1st meeting as Commissioner Ratzlaff had not received anything more from the City of Red Cloud.

At 10:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on closing her office in order for all of them to attend a mandatory meeting that is required for them to attend, so they can get there accredited hours needed for the Treasurer's Office now. A lot of new information will be given and gone over at this meeting that involves all her staff. The Board approved as she doesn't have a choice with new legislation, etc. She will publish this in all avenues to inform the public of this upcoming meeting. She will be closed a half day on June 8th and all day on June 9th and be back in the office on June 10th.

At 11:00am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on two tax corrections. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Deputy Tami Scheuneman presented two tax corrections for Windfarm Towers and Wulf & Bolin. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve and sign Tax Corrections #'s 202123 & 202125. 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. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed having an employee picnic since we didn't get to have the Christmas party last year. This was tabled until next meeting.

Clerk Petsch informed the Board claims submitted that affected people who still owed Personal Property taxes were settled and okay to pay. This is something new required and the Clerk's office cannot present claims to the Board if the claimant's personal property taxes are delinquent. All claims were in order to be paid.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$6517.69; Beyke Signs (Supply)-\$240.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$85.44; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$17,549.40; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$305.66; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; Consolidated Management Co (Training)-\$26.22; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1747.68; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; Dugan Printing & Promotions, LLC (Supply)-\$259.86; S.S. (Fica)-\$6868.04; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$221.99; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$165.90; First Concord Benefits (Premium)-\$1405.03; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$10.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Premium)-\$210.00; Government Forms & Supplies (Supply)-\$50.00; gWorks (Support)-\$1080.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$153.98; Hometown Market (Jail Supply)-\$341.28; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$601.71; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$6.38; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$159.60; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$28.04; Mips, Inc (Support)-\$2295.22; NACO (Registration)-\$170.00; NACO (Dues)-\$1348.72; NE Assn of Clks/Reg Deeds/Elections (Training)-\$125.00; NE Assn of County Officials (Registration)-\$100.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Fees)-\$10.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom Inc (Phones)-\$60.70; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$50.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$501.73; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Dues)-\$2299.60; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$105.77; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2573.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$333.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$23.56; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Maintenance)-\$437.00; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Envelopes)-\$55.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$237.50; University of Nebraska (Support)-\$1477.65; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Programming)-\$5986.60; Ken VanWey (Mowing/Repairs)-\$770.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.43; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$51.20; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$450.00; Webster County Treasurer (Sheriff Pickup)-\$15.00; Zee Medical Service (Supply)-\$46.05. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$2414.93; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$142.54; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$1530.75; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.68; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,002.00; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$15.93; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$373.43; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$5935.92; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$43.78; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$1086.10; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$290.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$2683.45; First Concord Benefits (Premium)-\$203.48; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$236.63; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$161.57; GT Metal (Repairs)-\$100.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$81.60; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$231.57; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$10.99; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips, Inc (Support)-\$108.98; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$22.83; Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles (Fees)-\$36.00; Nebr Dept of Correctional Services (Trucks)-\$39,000.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$150.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$643.09; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Supply)-\$10,525.62; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Supply)-\$2108.22; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$183.76; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2588.82. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** VanKirk Contracting (Culvert)-\$17,744.29. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$904.80; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$171.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$331.00. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$40,000.00. **BLADEN HIGHWAY NORTH PROJECT FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co (Fes)-\$500.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$233.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$85.50; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$8.40; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$141.08; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$6.49; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$1998.92; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$132.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$122.25; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$78.02; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$36.72; Ron's Pharmacy (Supply)-\$8.60. Total Wages - \$132,781.54.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st, 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 18th day of May, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk