

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 1st, 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 18th, 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 Ratzlaff 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 Karr seconded by Shipman to pay claim for Gilbert Electric. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried.

No update on the HVAC System.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board. Weather has played havoc with the roads causing delays in working on them and putting gravel out. Graveling the roads are a priority right now when the roads dry up. Construction and Culvert work is on hold now until the roads have been graveled.

No update on the Employee Handbook.

Flooring bids have not been decided because some other bids are out there and not returned to the Clerk's Office yet. June 15<sup>th</sup> will be deadline on these quotes.

At 9:15am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on NIRMA Deductibles. The Board decided to stay with present deductibles, Insurance billings will be submitted at the next meeting.

At 9:30am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board on wages for his deputies for the new fiscal year. New raises for employees will start on July 1, 2021. The Board approved of his new proposals.

At 9:45am, Jo Springer from SASA reported to the Board on programs they are implementing. They are doing a variety of services for Webster County and are requesting funding in the amount of \$1,800.00. Following a discussion on this matter, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve of their request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Karr. Voting no: Gilbert and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Assessor Sonja Krueger and Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on GEOCOM E911. This is a state mandated program through the Public Service Commission to enhance the rollout phase of statewide next-generation 911. This program will help dispatching for EMTs, Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office, etc. The Board will be meeting with representatives at 1:30pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>, after their Board Meeting to learn more information on this project.

10:30am, Revive Ministries met with the Board and gave information to them on what they have been doing in the past year with county residents with addiction, mental health and juvenile issues. They have been in several schools and are getting a very good response. They are requesting funding of \$2,000.00 for the next fiscal year to continue their program. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve this request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Karr. Voting no: Gilbert and Shipman. Motion carried.

County Board Workshop is set for June and 10 and 11 in Kearney, Nebraska. Commissioners attending are Ratzlaff and Karr.

At 10:45am, Sonja and Tami met with the Board. They discussed the TERC Hearing on June 11, 2021 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Tax Correction #202125 was for a Homestead Exemption Change. Two Clerical errors were also presented. Two Assessor Protests were discussed also. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve all of these 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, Michele Bever from South Heartland District Health Department met with the Board and gave her Annual Report. She gave a very informative report on projects, services and happenings going on. They discussed ARPA funds. She will be attending a meeting tomorrow on this matter and will try and get back to the Board with information on them. The Board filled out a survey for Michele she had asked them to do.

At 11:35am, Clerk Magistrate Jolene Duffy discussed with the Board on new equipment in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Courtroom. The Board approved of her having Kevin Hansen present a quote for two Monitors/TVs for the two tables in the Courtroom the Attorney's sit at. The Board felt this was a definite need to keep up with new technology.

At 11:55am, the Board discussed the Auditor's Report to go over and choose which option to go with for future audits done by the State of Nebraska. The Board was presented with two Options of doing it for one year or doing it for three years. The Board went with the 3-year option of them doing our audit for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this decision. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The summer picnic has been canceled due to lack of enthusiasm to have one.

There were no more tuck-pointing bids, so the Board will wait until the next meeting hoping some more will come in.

**GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$82.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$895.64; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$114.00; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$525.31; BDY Cabinets and More (Supply)-\$56.85; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$67.20; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; Consolidated Management Co (Training)-\$69.42; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$936.14; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$433.42; Gilbert Electric (Repairs)-\$578.60; Government Forms & Supplies (Supply)-\$18.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1053.99; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$3203.21; Jack's

Uniforms & Equipment (Uniforms)-\$375.69; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$174.72; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$113.66; L-TRON (Supply)-\$287.84; LEAF (Lease)-\$390.70; NACT (Training)-\$100.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$920.00; Neb Public Health Environmental Lab (Testing)-\$105.00; Nebr Auditor of Public Accounts (Audit)-\$14,111.30; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$67.20; Pierce Electronics (Repairs)-\$467.01; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1273.72; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$1262.92; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$64.32; Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$45.64; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$292.38; Sunset Law Enforcement (Training)-\$1608.21; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Envelopes)-\$401.84; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)\_ \$522.50; Turner Technology (Support)-\$1181.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$86.74; Webster County Court (Court Costs)-\$88.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$139.75; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$9146.67; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$101.31; S.S. (Fica)-\$158.39; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$49.55; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; Hometown Market (Rd Shop Supplies)-\$31.95; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$194.65; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$165.71; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$22.21; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$370.00; Midwest Service & Sales (Supply)-\$4368.00; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles (Fees)-\$6.00; Nebraska Truck Center, Inc (Supply)-\$150.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$138.69; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Inspections)-\$2105.20; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; Michael Reiman (Expense)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Sunbelt Rentals (Rental)-\$303.60; Marvin Webber (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$79.53; Kary Winslow (Expense). ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Speece-Lewis Engineers (Culvert Proj)-\$1715.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$166.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$2028.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1102.20. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln/Beatrice)-\$180.00. AMBULANCE FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$337.28; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$263.75; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.68; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$56.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. Total Wages - \$18,804.40.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 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 1st day of June, 2021  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk