

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 15th, 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 June 1st, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr 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 Ratzlaff seconded by Karr to pay claim for TJ Vance. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Vance. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board. Paul gave an update on what the road crews are working on. They plan to start on River Road Monday, June 21st. Discussion was on a few bridges in the county that need work. There was also discussion on getting equipment that is no longer used out of the county shops to clean things up a little.

At 9:00am, Bids for Structure Replacements (Group A) were opened. Bids were received from Ace/Eaton Metals for \$133,791.94, Contech Engineered Solutions LLC for \$159,000.00 and Metal Culverts Inc for 172,292.00. Following discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve Ace/Eaton Metals for price bid above. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Bids for Structure Replacements (Group B) were opened. Bids were received from Ace/Eaton Metals for \$68,475.00, Contech Engineered Solutions LLC for \$64,000.00 and Metal Culverts Inc for \$97,079.20. Following discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve Contech Engineered Solutions LLC for price bid above. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:10am, the Board held their Gravel Bid Letting. Only one bid was submitted by Bladen Sand & Gravel. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve of this bid. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20am, RuAnn Root with CASA joined the meeting via conference call. RuAnn explained the benefits of CASA and what CASA has done for Webster County and asked for funding in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve funding for CASA. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting no, absent or abstaining: Shipman.

At 9:30am, The Board approved the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services funding request for 2021/2022. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this yearly amount of \$7,485.14. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent, or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Teresa Young met with the Board and gave her annual report on the Museum.

At 10:00am, Janet Knehans and Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss amending the 2020/2021 budget. Janet went through all the amendments with the board and with no further discussion needed, Ratzlaff made a motion to amend the budget, seconded by Gilbert. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:15am, the board reappointed Don Beitler for another term on the Veteran's Service Committee.

At 10:30am, the board discussed needing to appoint someone to be on the Webster County Museum Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to appointed Marcie Kinnaman. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:35am, Trevor Karr and Gary Ratzlaff discussed some of the topics from their County Board Workshop. They discussed some of the guidelines pertaining to the ARPA money received by the county. Janet is going to call Jon Cannon and ask that he join our July 20th board meeting to talk more about this.

At 10:40am, reports for Clerk of District Court and Imprest Account were reviewed by the Board.

At 10:45am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on Assessor protests. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff 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 13 protests. Board chairman signed protests 2021AP3-2021AP15. At 11:00am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

11:00am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans presented to the board a report showing that we are in compliance with securities. This report was for Feb – April 2021.

11:05am, the board discussed tuckpointing. They will put this on the agenda for the July 6th meeting.

11:15am, discussion was had on the flag pole on top of the courthouse. The board is still trying to decide what the best option is for this.

11:20am, Discussion was had on the potential new jail building.

11:45am, Vance motioned for a recess, Karr seconded. Voting in favor Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

1:30pm, the meeting reconvened with Deputy County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman discussing the NG 911 system. Emilia Brzozowskio and Amanda Goedeka joined from GEO and Sheriff Brad Baker from Nuckolls County also joined. Nuckolls County just went through this process, Sheriff Baker shared how this process went for them and offered help getting started if needed.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7235.50; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$799.24; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; BDY Cabinets & More (Repairs)-\$2023.84; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$85.44; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$21,224.32; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$27.44; Busch Construction (Mow Cemeteries)-\$315.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1596.33; Dana Safety Supply Inc (Supply)-\$1190.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; Dept of the Treasury (Fees)-\$66.04; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$247.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7695.90; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$10,360.36; First Concord Benefits (Fees)-\$14.94; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Premium)-\$210.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$809.87; Franklin Co Memorial Hospital (Inmate Medical)-\$324.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$865.89; Holiday Inn Express & Suites York (Lodging)-\$220.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$275.04; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$236.51; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$216.38; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$187.04; Tanner Krizek (Expense)-\$10.30; Madison Nat'l Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$28.04; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Mips (Repairs)-\$300.00; Mips, Inc (Support)-\$2295.22; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$73.89; NIRMA (Dues)-\$38,131.00; Noble Construction (Repairs)-\$75.00; Lynn Peavy Company (Supply)-\$96.45; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$62.72; Louise Petsch (Expense)-\$104.16; Pierce Electronics (Repairs)-\$4268.00; U.S. Postmaster (Box Rent)-\$150.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$3000.00; Ramada By Wyndham Inn & Suites (Lodging)-\$267.00; Red Cloud Chief (Subscription)-\$32.50; RPM Collision (Deductible)-\$250.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2777.00; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$112.50; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$641.25; TJ Vance (Expense)-\$179.20; Ken VanWey (Mowing)-\$1200.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.43; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$45.68; Webster Co Clk District Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$34.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$25,735.46; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2625.73; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$97.68; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$12,814.99; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.75; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$322.52; Capital I Industries (Repairs)-\$1392.05; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$10.99; Commercial Lighting (Supply)-\$465.49; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$5136.24; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$1328.89; S.S. (Fica)-\$2929.39; Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust (Motor Graders)-\$34,376.82; Equipment Blades, Inc (Grader Blades)-\$14,336.00; Fastenal (Supply)-\$46.86; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$800.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$44.99; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$160.86; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$82.65; gWorks (Fees)-\$612.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$31.92; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$181.40; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$643.64; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$892.87; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$80.04; Madison Nat'l Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$6.15; Mips Inc (Support/Supply)-\$1941.74; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs/Supply)-\$311.03; NIRMA (Dues)-\$32,216.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$13,211.06; Olson Enterprise LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$6953.05; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$89.37; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1594.68. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Engineering)-\$1062.50. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$131.20; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$160.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Adams County District Court (Mental Health)-\$367.50. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$233.10; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Repairs/Fuel)-\$100.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Madison Nat'l Life Ins Co (Life)-\$3.15; NIRMA (Dues)-\$1752.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; South Central ATV (Repairs)-\$364.80. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$35.23; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$370.86; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.68; NIRMA (Dues)-\$4693.00; Platte Valley Communications (Supply)-\$1940.00. Total Wages - \$146,223.12

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 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 15th day of June, 2021
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ATTEST: Abbey Harig
Webster County Deputy Clerk