

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 6th, 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 Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the June 15th, 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. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to pay claim for County Commissioner Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Highway Manager, Paul Stoner met with the Board. He presented an Interlocal Agreement with Village of Cowles and Resolution for an Engineering Study done by Lance Harter for the Board to look over and Chairman TJ Vance to sign. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve and sign both the Interlocal Agreement and Engineering Study Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 24-2021 and Interlocal Agreement were signed. Paul also informed the Board the Crews were doing equipment repairs, graveling roads and resurfacing them as well. Bid Letting for Bladen Hwy and Showboat Road will possibly be done in August of 2021.

Report on HVAC System. Repairs were done on third floor.

No report for Employee Handbook.

At 9:20am, Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Pedersen met with the Board on work being done throughout the County on spraying, etc. He discussed getting a new sprayer and having some repair work done on the Noxious Weed pickup. They discussed his wage to budget for also. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve of purchasing a new sprayer and giving a 2% raise in salary. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Tuck Pointing bids were discussed. There were only 2 bids presented and the Board discussed them at the previous meeting and again today. Bids were received from McGill Restoration and Mid-Continental Restoration. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to accept McGill Restoration. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50, USDA APHIS Service Agreement was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to sign. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Treasurer Janet Knehans discussed with the Board of maybe hiring someone to document the ARPA money expenditures. The Board felt this was a good idea. Janet informed the Board Jon Cannon will be at our July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting to discuss this as well.

At 10:30am, the Board discussed joining the NACO National Association of County Officials. This had been recommended to the Board by NACO. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to join the National Association. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, County Clerk Louise Petsch presented to the Board a Letter certifying to the County Treasurer there were no unpaid claims as of June 30, 2021.

County Veteran Service Officer Gary Ratzlaff informed the Board Don Beitler has been reappointed to the Veteran Service Committee. This is a 5-year term.

At 10:50am, Treasurer Knehans discussed with the Board the NACO Annual Convention December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, Nebraska. She needs a list of Officials who will be attending the meetings so hotel reservations can be made. We need to have this done by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Covid Money was discussed.

Clerk of District Court Report, Imprest Account Report, Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report and Ambulance Write-off Report was reviewed by the Board.

The Tenth District Probation Report for their Proposed Budget Request was presented to the Board by Clerk Petsch. Their Request hasn't been approved yet but a cost amount has been submitted for Budgeting purposes.

At 11:00am, Chairman TJ Vance signed the Audit Agreement from the State of Nebraska for conducting our Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

County Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board on the Red Cloud Police Contract. He meets with the City of Red Cloud tonight and will submit his contract renewal for 5 years. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to proceed with this option. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$365.32; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$525.30; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$487.29; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$77.28; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$132.45; Calkins Law Office (Contact)-\$1000.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$454.03; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$435.72; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1817.12; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$325.60; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$18.17; GIS Workshop (Support)-\$9745.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$190.27; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$229.90; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1646.98; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$12.98; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$15.00; JDS (Fees)-\$2650.00; Kenny's Hardware & Home Center (Supply)-\$17.48; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$15.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; LUND Industries (Supply)-\$291.22; MARC (Supply)-\$593.44; Mips Inc (Repairs)-\$75.00; Nebraska Dept of Revenue (Fees)-\$20.00; NSA/POAN Conference Fund (Training)-\$100.00; Pat's Auto Repair & Towing, LLC (Fees)-\$325.00; Lynn Peavy Company (Supply)-

\$55.95; Alexa Pederson (Expense)-\$44.80; Louise Petsch (Expense)-\$148.50; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$167.16; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$316.73; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1387.90; SASA Crisis Center (Funding)-\$1800.00; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$303.18; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$652.80; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.55; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$38.00; Sunset Law Enforcement (Training)-\$198.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$403.75; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$175.85; Web Co Clk Dist Crt (Crt Fees)-\$65.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Adams County Highway Dept (Culverts)-\$467.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$114.75; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$46,304.32; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$101.18; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$89.32; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; S.S. (Fica)-\$130.05; Figgins Construction (Asphaltic)-\$15,103.74; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$129.47; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$109.25; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1514.90; John Deer Financial (Supply)-\$52.22; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$24.42; MIPS, Inc (Support)-\$299.26; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$290.97; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$110.09; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$135.24; Werner Construction Company (Asphaltic)-\$1068.75; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$28.25; Windstream (Phones)-\$79.56. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$252.00; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$223.20; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$546.20; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$204.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$186.00. BLADEN HIGHWAY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Oak Creak Engineering, LLC (Road Project)-\$32,638.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$85.50. AMBULANCE FUND: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$210.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$280.61; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$101.99; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$167.95; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. Total Wages - \$11,152.39, Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20th, 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 6th day of July, 2021  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk