

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 20th, 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 July 6th, 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.

At 8:30am, Roads Administrator Paul Stoner met with the Board. Crews are working on roads, cleaning out ditches, and culvert work where needed. Bridge situation is looking better. Graveling is being done also.

A power outage caused HVAC System some problems and Energized Electric came and fixed whatever was needed.

Report on Employee Handbook was reported by Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, July 26th, 2021 from 10:30 to Noon with all heads of offices.

The County Commissioners reviewed and signed throughout the meeting all the County Inventories submitted by each office.

At 9:05am, Deputy Treasurer Monica Schmitz presented to the Board their Semi-Annual Statement for the Board to look over.

At 9:10am, Commissioner Ratzlaff presented to the Board the Contract from McGill Restoration for the Tuckpointing Project to be signed. This bid had been previously approved by the Board. They also discussed the only Bid received for doing the north side of the Courthouse cornices. The Bid for the north side was for \$34,430. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this Bid. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Deputy Abbey Harig spoke to the Board about changing line items pertaining to the Budget for Health Insurance, Self-Insured Dental Fund and Life Insurance all be combined to come out of the General Miscellaneous Fund. The Board felt this should be discussed with Sara James before we proceed with this. This probably will not be done until fiscal year 2022/2023 because Budgets have already been submitted by the offices for 2021/2022.

At 9:30am, Howard Ohmstede from the Guide Rock Rural Fire District and Trevor Karr from the Bladen Rural Fire District met with the Board for their annual request. Resolution 25-2021 was presented to the Board showing preliminary requests from Bladen, Blue Hill, Guide Rock and Red Cloud. The Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby denies the preliminary requests for levy allocation for the Budget Year 2022/2023. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to deny preliminary requests for levy allocation from:

Bladen Rural Fire District

Blue Hill Fire District

Guide Rock Rural Fire District

Red Cloud Rural Fire District

Voting in favor of these denials: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Abstaining: Karr. Motion carried. Resolution 25-2021 was signed by Chairman Vance. The Fire Boards also presented their preliminary requests for levy allocation. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to deny preliminary requests for levy allocations. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Abstaining: Karr. Motion carried. Resolutions 26 through 29 were signed.

RESOLUTION 26-2021

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, and WHEREAS, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Bladen Rural Fire Protection District; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$64,244.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2021-2022 for the Bladen Rural Fire Protection District.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2021.

RESOLUTION 27-2021

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, and
WHEREAS, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Blue Hill Rural Fire Protection District;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$90,000.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2021-2022 for the Blue Hill Rural Fire District.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2021.

RESOLUTION 28-2021

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, and
WHEREAS, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Guide Rock Rural Fire Protection District;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$29,550.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2021-2022 for the Guide Rock Rural Fire District.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2021.

RESOLUTION 29-2021

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board, and
WHEREAS, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Red Cloud Rural Fire Protection District;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$66,280.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2021-2022 for the Red Cloud Rural Fire District;

ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2021.

At 9:45am, Resolution 30-2021 concerning the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership was presented to the Board by Clerk Liz Petsch. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to oppose the inclusion of Webster County within the 49-county designation map. Voting in favor of opposing this Resolution: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 30-2021 was signed.

At 10:15am, Jon Cannon, NACO Representative met with the Board on Legislative Issues and ARPA Money Disbursement. There will be several meetings ahead explaining more on this subject to the Counties. They discussed several Legislative Bills in works on various concerns for the counties. Disbursement of these monies will be handled in a delicate manner because of all the rules and regulations pertaining to Federal Government Guidelines. Mr. Cannon was very informative and gave a lot of insight on how these monies have to be handled. The Board enjoyed his presentation representing NACO. He answered a lot of questions the Board was concerned about and did it in a professional and pleasing manner. The public should concern themselves with these legislative sessions going on in Lincoln. A lot of issues are being addressed that concerns rural Nebraska and we don't want to be left out in the process.

No decision on the Courthouse flooring.

GENERAL FUND: Adams County EMA (Dues)-\$100.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$7289.94; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$133.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$21,224.32; Blue Hill Leader (Publishing)-\$675.09; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2385.84; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7797.79; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$713.37; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$12.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Dues)-\$225.00; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Physical/Sheriff's)-\$289.80; Michael Goebel (Expense)-\$443.51; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$91.75; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$6.49; Kenny's Hardware & Home Center (Supply)-\$23.78; Brealynn Lockhart (Expense)-\$82.93; LUTZ (Budget Services)-\$1950.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (Funding)-\$3812.00; Mips (Support)-\$56.25; Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$2316.83; NACO (Registration)-\$1950.00; National Assoc. of Counties (Dues)-\$262.50; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$216.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$48.74; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Subscription)-\$1149.42; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$133.20; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$44.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2904.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$142.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.55; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$332.50; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$2986.02; Ken VanWey (Mowing/Trimming)-\$960.00; Viero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.43; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$35.00; Zelle Human Resource Solution (Fees)-\$5000.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** American Life Insurance Corp (Life)-\$2694.02; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$2268.31; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.70; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Repair/Supply)-\$5477.16; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$23,859.10;

Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2777.99; County Corner (Fuel)-\$69.14; S.S. (Fica)-\$3002.41; Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust (Motor Graders)-\$19,982.69; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; GIS Workshop (Dues)-\$4500.00; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$297.43; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$81.25; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$152.14; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Repair/Supply)-\$792.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$2.05; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$113.34; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$14,971.23; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$125.37; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$276.19; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Repairs)-\$851.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2718.57; Werner Construction Company (Asphaltic)-\$50.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Rick Hersh (Gravel/Borrow)-\$3067.50. SHERIFF'S DEPT FUNDRAISING FUND: 911 Custom (Supply)-\$986.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$138.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$288.00; Gary Lehn, DDS (Dental)-\$45.60; Jessica A Meeske, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$630.60. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$366.00. BLADEN HWY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$1374.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Life)-\$238.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$392.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Kenny's Hardware & Home Center (Supply)-\$18.16; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$87.88; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$197.98. Total Wages - \$148,238.86.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, 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 20th day of July, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk