

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At 8:35am, on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Kayla Schulte from Lutz & Assoc. met with the Board at their regular meeting and held their Budget Hearing and Property Tax Request Public Hearing. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into the Public Budget Hearings. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried. Kayla gave an informative presentation to the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go out of the Public Hearings. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, the Webster County Board of Commissioners met 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 Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to proceed with the Public Budget Hearing. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried. Following a review of the Budget for 2021/2022, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go out of the Public Budget Hearing. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

At 9:05am, the Board proceeded to approve the following Resolutions:

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve a 1% increase in restricted funds. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Budget Message was signed. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to approve Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution #32 was signed. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve a Resolution setting the Property Tax Request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution #33 was signed.

Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to establish a Remodeling Fund. This was discussed at previous meetings. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution #34 was signed.

At 9:30am, Bids were opened for Bridge replacements. One Bid for Structure No. C009191530 from Van Kirk Bros in the amount of \$302,371.00 to begin Spring of 2022; One Bid for Structure No. C009401533 from Van Kirk Bros in the amount of \$206,191.50 to begin Spring of 2022; and one Bid for Structure No. C009101539 from Van Kirk Bros in the amount of \$214,720.75 to begin Spring of 2022. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to accept the bids from each Structure to Van Kirk Bros. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45, Highway Road Administrator, Paul Stoner met with the Board on work being done. They went over road conditions and water drainage problems throughout the County. The crews continue to work on roads and repairs at the shops. Some equipment is being repaired in order to be sold.

County Commissioner, Tim Gilbert reported on the HVAC System and will report at next meeting as well.

The Board reviewed the Imprest Account Report, Clerk of District Court Report and Ambulance Write-off Report.

At 10:00am, the Board held their Bid Letting for Structure No. C00910401P and Structure No. C009100505. There were 4 bids presented: Midwest Infrastructure in the total amount of \$993,624.00; Theisen Construction in the total amount of \$916,485.00; Simon in the total amount of \$893,502.00 and Diamond Engineering in the total amount of \$993,703.02. Following a discussion, a representative for Highway Superintendent Lance Harter and Paul Stoner felt these bids were too high. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to table making a decision on this matter until the next meeting on September 21, 2021. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:10am, the Board reviewed a new Ambulance Contract splitting the Ambulance Budget into Red Cloud Ambulance No. 1 and Blue Hill Ambulance No. 2. Two new Fund names were established for Red Cloud as No. 5502 and Blue Hill as No. 5503. This will require separate billing/income information for both Ambulances. Petsch Billing will receive \$500 monthly for overtime work because this will create more work and bookkeeping. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of this split and Billing requirements. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Chairman TJ Vance presented to the Board an email from Mirya Hallock and the Board of the change at their last meeting. The Board made the decision to remodel the existing hospital instead of building a new one. This will be done accordingly as the grant money is received by the hospital.

At 10:40am, the Board held a discussion on the Covid policy. They discussed sick time allotted and felt we will continue to follow the existing rules of our Employee Handbook.

At 11:00am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on time cards. She showed the Board how her office handles vacation and sick time for staff.

At 11:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans reported on ARPA money.

At 11:40am, Assessor Krueger and Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on information they received at their Assessor's meeting last week. They talked about the 30 x 30 program, CRP land, irrigated, grassland and easements. A lot of data will have to be gathered from the land owners. She also talked about several LB's that will affect the County offices. A lot of changes coming in 2022 is anticipated.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$582.55; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$62.24; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$58.24; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$44.81; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; DAS State Accounting/General Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$622.55; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$609.77; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$259.20; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$103.76; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1052.09; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Jordening's Body Shop (Repairs)-\$250.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Brealynn Lockhart (Expense)-\$32.58; McGill Restoration (Tuck Pointing)-\$136,746.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Dues)-\$5236.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Transport)-\$880.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$1.00; NACO (Registration)-\$200.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Cntr (Fees)-\$135.00; Nebraska Secretary of State (Registration)-\$120.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$79.19; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$22.40; Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$145.60; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Ramada Midtown Conf Center (Lodging)-\$576.00; Red Cloud Chief (Renewal)-\$33.50; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1493.82; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$212.47; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$99.60; Robert Schulz (Repairs)-\$85.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.54; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$402.75; Thomson Reuters – West (Support)-\$174.25; Tru-Built Construction (Tuck Pointing)-\$2544.40; Ken VanWey (Repairs/Mowing)-\$1325.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$30.96; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$315.18; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$134.00; Webster County Hospital (Inmate)-\$3426.36; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$13,242.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$54.07; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$185.00; B's Enterprises, Inc (Grader Blades)-\$4630.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$70.92; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$49,461.61; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$90.25; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$118.35; S.S. (Fica)-\$61.27; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$9.29; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$42.09; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$97.83; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$11.10; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$115.75; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.41; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$31.95; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$309.53; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$26.63; Meridian Agriculture Distribution (Supply)-\$581.50; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$18.99; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply)-\$9455.35; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply/Repairs)-\$2857.89; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; Universal Hydraulics (Supply)-\$93.00; Werner Construction Co (Trucks)-\$128,000.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$77.65. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$32,850.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$955.20; Jessica A Meeske, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$123.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$96.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$30.00. **5502 RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$27.59; S.S. (Fica)-\$273.72; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.53; McKesson Medical-Surgical (Supply)-\$262.60; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$114.46; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. **5503 BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$329.19. Total Wages - \$16,908.90.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21st, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk