

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 21, 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 September 7th, 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 Shipman to pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board on Roads. They discussed the bids tabled from the previous meeting. Paul discussed the matter with the Board and recommended going with the low bid by Simon. He also suggested they should only do Bid for Structure No. C009100505 at this time, and leave the other one C00910401P to be done later on. They felt the Bids were too high to be able to do both of them. Crews are continuing to work on roads.

At 9:15am, the Bid Lettings done at the previous meeting were gone over again. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to accept the one Structure No. C009100505 bid from Simon and to decline all other bids on the other Structure No. C00910401P. This one will be done at a later time. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff reported on the HVAC System and fence. He had been in touch with Mike Barton and they discussed the fence matter and will report more information at the next meeting.

The 9:30am time scheduled on the agenda did not appear.

At 9:35am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans reported on the ARPA money. There is still some confusion as to what this money will cover. More information will be given at the next meeting.

At 9:45am, (4) Four Resolutions were presented to the Board. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to transfer \$195,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road/Bridge (300) Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 36-2021 was approved and signed. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to Road/Bridge Construction (800) Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 37-2021 was approved and signed. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Noxious Weed (5400) Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 38-2021 was approved and signed. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to do an interfund transfer of money on Ambulance Accounts (5502 and 5503). Transfer was for \$40,936.69 going from the Red Cloud Ambulance Service No. 1 to Blue Hill Ambulance Service No. 2. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 39-2021 was approved and signed. The Board also received an Engagement Letter from Lutz & Assoc. to handle COVID-10 Funds (SLFRF) received for the County. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to sign this document. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Engagement was approved and signed. The Board also received a Cost Allocation Plan for billings for the year ended June 30, 2020 for approval. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to accept this report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried and Chairman TJ Vance signed the document.

Employee Handbook was discussed by County Commissioner Dan Shipman and the Board. Some topics covered were dress code and reason being stated why a County Official or employee would not sign the Handbook. They felt all offices should follow the same rules as far as conditions and protocol of the Employee Handbook. Several comments have been made outside of the courthouse that offices are not dressed professionally for serving the public. This subject is a controversial issue and hopefully, we can all come together with one solution to benefit all the employees. More meetings will be done on this.

The Board discussed ambulance situations.

HVAC System and fence was discussed with the Board from information given by County Commissioner Tim Gilbert. He has talked to Rutt's and he is willing to come down and review the situation.

The following claims and payroll are listed:

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Co (Health)-\$7331.63; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$355.01; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$21,224.32; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$51.30; Busch Construction (Cemetery Maint)-\$390.00; Comfort Inn & Suites (Lodging)-\$237.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2650.85; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7845.04; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$385.70; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$12.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Premium)-\$225.00; Hastings Tribune (Subscription)-\$173.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$153.98; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$41.24; Integratiopartners

(Renewal)-\$259.36; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$83.47; LUTZ (Consulting)-\$4500.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Amy McDole (Expense)-\$348.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1406.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$210.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2493.83; Nebr Labor Law Poster Services (Posters)-\$99.50; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$96.14; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$166.61; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2938.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.54; Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$86.24; Viaero Wireless (Fee)-\$19.42; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$30,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$413.16; Ameritas Life Ins Co (Health)-\$2726.42; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Supply/Repairs)-\$912.75; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$6.48; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$2102.74; County Corner (Fuel)-\$60.21; S.S. (Fica)-\$3039.13; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$16.88; Fastenal (Supply)-\$14.04; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$93.49; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$82.30; Island Supply Welding Co (Supply)-\$66.20; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$876.48; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$544.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$14.28; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$10.04; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; Newman Signs, Inc (Supply)-\$4307.45; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply/Repairs)-\$3691.59; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply/Repairs/Fuel)-\$12,981.44; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$122.87; Timm's Service (Supply/Fuel)-\$1447.59. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$390.93; Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$31,150.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$85.44. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$296.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$689.00; Webster Co Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$21.60. HOSPITAL BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$524.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Co (Health)-\$238.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$229.14; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. 5502 RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$32.95; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$40,936.68. Total Wages - \$149,336.62.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:45am, in order to review the Road Shops and several entities in the County. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, 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 21st day of September, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk