

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 2, 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 October 19, 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 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, Highway Road Manager, Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul and the Board discussed roads, bridges, equipment repairs, and cleaning roadside ditches of trees. The Board also discussed problems with landowners not keeping their roadsides clear of trees which makes it difficult for Road Maintenance. They will discuss at a later meeting about drafting an Affidavit stating there will be a charge to the landowner if the County has to clear the trees out.

County Clerk, Liz Petsch reported on previous County Medical Claim that had been presented and discussed with the Board. She had sent the family the necessary form to fill out before the Board could look at it and had not received anything back yet from the family.

County Commissioner Tim Gilbert reported the HVAC fence has been worked on and possibly in the near future will be put in place.

At 9:15am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the Board with her Distress Warrant Report she had given to the County Sheriff. She also gave the Board a copy of the year 2020 Tax Remaining Report.

The Board discussed the Handbook briefly. A meeting is scheduled November 9, 2021 at 9:00am.

The Imprest Account Report and September Time Sheets were given to the Board for review.

At 9:30am, Steve Sindt met with the Board on a Water Diversion issue. After a discussion, the County Board decided to eliminate water standing in the road.

At 9:45am, Deputy County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on Blue Cross Blue Shield with First Concord.

At 10:05am, the Board discussed the National Opioid Litigation Settlement with County Attorney, Patrick Calkins. Decision made was to sign up for it. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to sign this Settlement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board reviewed Resolution 40-2021 concerning FEMA adopted Little Blue Natural Resources District and the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve of adoption. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 40-2021 was signed.

At 10:40am, the Webster County Sheriff Distress Warrants Report for 2020 was presented to the Board by Sheriff Schmitz.

At 10:45am, the Board reviewed an Agreement between Webster County and Twin Valley Weed Management Area for the Chairman to sign. All Board members approved of signing this Agreement.

The following claims and payroll are listed:

Total Wages - \$14,451.21. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$20.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$337.30; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.04; Axon Enterprise Inc (Training)-\$375.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$210.15; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$44.80; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$24.28; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$375.52; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$312.59; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$85.00; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Inmate Medical)-\$145.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1048.82; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$80.64; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$350.85; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$59.03; Kearney County Clerk (Judge Budget Shares)-\$4790.88; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Transport)-\$1791.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Fees)-\$175.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$67.20; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$636.08; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1664.66; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$209.00; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$928.88; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1900.00; Thomson Reuters – West (Subsc.)-\$174.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$136.37; Webster Co Clerk District Court (Fees)-\$35.00; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Blood Work)-\$491.00; Webster Co Court (Fees)-\$200.05; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$91.73; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$220.00; Berns Machinery & Repairs (Repairs)-\$35.00; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$41,141.60; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$90.96; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$1854.24; S.S. (Fica)-

\$103.97; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.08; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$70.01; Lawson Products, Inc (Repairs/Supply)-\$406.25; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$80.64; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$44.12; National Industrial & Safety Supply (Supply)-\$199.90; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$1542.31; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$55.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$78.52. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creak Engineering, LLC (Engineering)-\$28,190.00. VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Red Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (Grant)-\$2000.00; Webster County Ag Association (Grant)-\$1947.07; Willa Cather Foundation (Grant)-\$3000.00. VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: Webster County Historical Museum (Grant)-\$1650.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$78.00; Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$110.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1679.40; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$178.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$234.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln/Beatrice)-\$180.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$85.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$42.75; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$138.00; Superior Industries, LLC (Equipment)-\$4376.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$254.77; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.27; Jared's Auto Expert (Supply/Labor)-\$136.50; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. BH AMUBLANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$1476.48; S.S. (Fica)-\$364.55; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th, 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 2nd day of November, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk