

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 16, 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 November 2, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, 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, Road/Bridge Highway Manager met with the Board. He informed them he will be having a meeting with Adams County, Lance Harter and hopefully some of the Board Members on December 9, 2021 to open the bids for the Adams County/Bladen Highway Road Project and present their recommendation to the December 21, 2021 Board Meeting. They discussed detours when the projects start. Paul informed the Board the truck was sold on Big Iron. He also talked about a Bridge west of Guide Rock that is in need of repair and other Bridges throughout the County are being looked at as well.

At 9:00am the Board reviewed Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen's annual report from the State. It was very favorable.

The Board went over and approved the Ambulance Write-off Report submitted by Liz Petsch.

The Clerk of District Court Fee Report was submitted and reviewed.

At 9:15am, Tami Scheuneman, Planning & Zoning Administrator met with the Board on a landowner wanting to file a second variance. She talked with County Attorney, Patrick Calkins and he sent a letter to explain this landowner's options.

The HVAC System and fence was discussed.

At 9:30am, a discussion was held on the new County Official's Salaries for the next 4- term of 2023 through 2026. They have to be done by December 31, 2021. Their decision will be made at the December 7, 2021 meeting. The salaries must be fixed by the County Board prior to January 15th 2021.

At 9:55am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve of Resolution 41-2021 transfer of funds for \$150,000.00 from General Fund to Road/Capital Construction Fund and Resolution 42-2021 transfer of funds for \$195,000.00 from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, County Medical Assistance Administrator met with the Board on a Claim for Burial/Cremation. Paper work had been filled out and a discussion was held on these burials. The Board feels these Cremations are an expense for the County and if the family can pay for the expense, we will accept small payments until 66% of the bill paid to the Funeral Home (already paid by the County) has been paid, they will receive the Cremation remains. The County Attorney will draw up a Contract to this affect stating this agreement with the family and the Board will sign it at the next meeting. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to pay this County Medical Claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Shipman. Voting no: Karr and Gilbert. Motion carried.

At 10:25am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on a Tax Correction. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Sonja presented Tax Correction No. 202129 for Clara Duesterhoeft's Homestead Exemption. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to accept this correction. Voting in favor: All members voted yes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board discussed the Year-End Annual Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of Lance Harter. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 43-2021 was signed.

At 10:35am, Commissioner Dan Shipman presented latest information on the Jail/Sheriff Building.

At 10:45am, there was a lengthy discussion on the County Handbook. Information was given by Attorney Calkins and Commissioner Shipman after they had a conference call with Kate. They discussed the 5-member Board consisting of 3 Officials, 1 Co Commissioner and 1 person from the public. More information will be given at the next Board Meeting. A lot of questions need to be answered yet.

At 11:00am, Commissioner Shipman, Attorney Calkins and Gene Horne reported on the current EMS Services consisting of Ambulance transports. There is a shortage of EMTs making it difficult for a few members of the squads

keeping up since they all have full-time jobs as well. The EMS Services need help from people willing to keep providing these valuable and life saving services to the people of Webster County.

At 11:30am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on the Lutz bill she had received for work done on the Covid money. Concensus of the group feels not enough information is being given to us on what and how this money can be spent. We continue to pay billings and we still have no answers. Treasurer Knehans will email Lutz to hold off until they can come up with the answers we are asking for.

At 11:45am, Treasurer Knehans informed the Board we will have to refund to Kreutz Estate the amount of \$721.34 because of overpayment of Inheritance Tax. This overpayment will be paid at the next Board Meeting on December 7, 2021. The Board approved of this.

Treasurer Knehans also received a bill for \$137.00 final administrative fee payment on the Hospital Bond. This fee will be paid at the next Board Meeting as well. This will close out the Hospital Bond County responsibility completely. Total Wages - \$149,505.42. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7364.62; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.04; Barton Pipe & Rod (Repairs)-\$2849.52; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$67.81; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$20,285.22; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$40.87; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1728.78; CVSOAN (Dues)-\$110.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7882.44; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1196.74; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$225.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$85.57; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$672.37; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$53.97; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$444.56; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Transport)-\$1966.00; Mips Inc (Support/Supply)-\$236.14; NACO (Dues)-\$1348.72; National Association of Counties (Dues)-\$450.00; Neb Instit of Forensic Sciences Inc (Tests)-\$2000.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$50.15; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$90.38; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2904.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$709.80; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$67.80; The Radar Shop (Supply)-\$343.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$59.75; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Fees)-\$1460.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2704.82; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$220.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$65.43; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.72; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$673.96; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$14,572.32; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$10.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$3807.24; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$925.21; S.S. (Fica)-\$3014.65; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$296.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.23; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$80.20; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$77.91; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$14.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$378.07; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$309.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$3.69; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$1019.95; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$679.30; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply/Repairs/Fuel)-\$12,513.30; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Supply/Repairs)-\$2440.00; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$546.93; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1455.20; Universal Hydraulics (Repairs)-\$270.17; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$112.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$413.80. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$238.19; 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:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$38.83; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$101.99; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$302.35; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$155.47. **5503 BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$179.92.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7th, 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 16th day of November, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk