

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 7, 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 Shipman to approve the minutes of the November 16, 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 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 Manager, Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul and the Board discussed the bid letting for Bladen Road and other matters concerning this project. The crews are busy putting in tubes, repairing more equipment, improving roads with dirt and doing culvert work.

At 9:00am, the Board reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Adams County. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve Resolution 44-2021 and sign the document. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, the Board discussed new Official Salaries for 2023 thru 2026 4-year term. Two different Resolutions had been looked. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with new salaries for all county officials effective January 1, 2023 through 2026. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Shipman. Voting no: Gilbert and Karr. Abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the HVAC Fence.

At 9:20am, the Board discussed their Bid Letting for Adams County Resurfacing & Bladen Ave Reconstruction.

At 9:30am, County Clerk/Ambulance Accountant, Liz Petsch presented Ambulance Reports for Red Cloud and Blue Hill for quarterly reviews.

At 9:30am, Clerk Petsch and Abbey Harig discussed with the Board County Burial Cremations. The Board felt the remains of the previous burial would be given to the family as they qualified for the guidelines to receive assistance in this case. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to this decision. 4 members voted in favor with 1 member voting no. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, motion was made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to rescind previous motion of County Officials new 4-year term salaries for 2023 through 2026. Voting in favor: 4 members voted in favor of this motion. 1 member voted no. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to give County Officials (excluding County Commissioners) the 3.2% increase in salary for term of 2023 through 2026. Voting in favor: 4 members. Voting Nay: 1 member. Motion carried. Resolution 45-2021 was signed with no increase in salary for the County Commissioners new 4-year terms.

At 10:00am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on Holiday days off. Since Christmas Day falls on Saturday this year, employees will be given the day off on Friday the 24th. Since New Year's Day falls on Saturday, the Courthouse will remain open to the public on the 31st.

At 10:30am, Clerk Petsch discussed surplus items with the Board. Items to be disposed of will be placed on first floor of Courthouse to accept bids on. We will publish this in advance.

At 10:35am, the Board discussed the Christmas Party. It will be Sunday, January 16th. More details later in December payroll.

At 11:45am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans presented an Application for appointment for County Depositories and an Application for exemption for Head Start. Deputy Tami Scheuneman presented 2 Tax Corrections for the Board to approve. Motion was made by Karr, 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. Treasurer Knehans presented an application from Head Start for a vehicle to be tax exempt. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of this exemption. Voting in favor: All members. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of 2 Tax Corrections on name change Deputy Scheuneman presented to the Board. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

COVID money will hopefully be discussed at the NACO Convention this week.

At 10:55am, Clerk Petsch submitted the Clerk of District Court Fee Report and the Imprest Account for review.

At 11:15am, Assessor Krueger met on the Personnel Policy. This meeting continued after the Board meeting was adjourned.

Total Wages - \$14,828.27. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Crop (Health)-\$563.35; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish/Subscription)-\$290.82; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$63.84; Business World

Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$64.58; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$607.36; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$699.56; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$361.53; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1048.82; Holling Plumbing (Repairs)-\$183.98; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; IAAO (Dues)-\$225.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$15.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$3.24; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fees)-\$7.77; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$54.00; Mips (Support)-\$37.50; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2405.83; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$58.24; Premier Custom Building (Repairs)-\$1700.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$787.88; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1248.05; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$64.24; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.55; Superior Publishing Co Inc (Supply)-\$335.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$570.00; Thomson Reuters – West (Legal Search)-\$174.25; Tru-Built Construction (Repairs)-\$14611.39; Tyler Technologies (Support)-\$449.00; Veterans Information Service (Supply)-\$28.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$101.84; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$130.72; Webster Co Clk District Crt (Fees)-\$71.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$44.57; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$90,327.95; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$113.46; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$99.51; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$11.65; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$105.99; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$81.89; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.58; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.08; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$82.65; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$521.06; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$135.50; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$335.42; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; Newman Signs, Inc (Signs)-\$559.67; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply/Repairs)-\$6800.27; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$55.00; Michael Reiman (Expense)-\$120.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$138.49; Starlite Supplies Inc (Gravel)-\$499.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Marvin Webber (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$79.58; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00. VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Blue Hill Community Club (Grant)-\$330.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$252.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1040.60; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$110.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln/Beatrice)-\$186.00; Williams Funeral Home (Co. Burial)-\$1500.00. COVID AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND: LUTZ (Support)-\$1836.25. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Whitney, Newman, Mersch, Otto, Grafton (Refund)-\$721.34. HOSPITAL BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Fees)-\$137.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$99.01; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$407.72. 5502 RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$226.40; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.27; Ostdiek Printing (Supply)-\$54.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. 5503 BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$83.02; S. S. (Fica)-\$293.87; Ostdiek Printing (Supply)-\$54.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 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 7th day of December, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk