

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 21st, 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, by zoom (District Three), Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Ratzlaff gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Vance (by zoom) to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2021 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:30am, Highway Manager, Paul Stoner met with the Board on Roads. He reported that tubes that were ordered were finally here but they were the wrong ones. Bridge north of Kohmetscher's is being replaced. Parts ordered for the Peterbuilt truck are here. Lots of road work being done by crews. NextEra has been working on their projects.

At 8:50am, the Board discussed the HVAC System. Commissioner Gilbert reported Barton is ready to start building the fence.

The Board discussed the Employee Handbook. The Handbook will be completed and sent to the Board for their January meeting to approve and sign.

At 9:15am, the Board went over the bids submitted on 2022 Adams County Resurfacing & Bladen Avenue Reconstruction. Bids were received from Vontz Paving & Werner Construction. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve of Vontz Paving. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Christmas Party was discussed. It will be held January 16, 2022 at the Red Cloud Golf Course.

At 9:30am, Clerk Louise Petsch presented to the Board the unpaid Claims Report submitted each year in June and December stating there were no unpaid claims.

No report on COVID money or Jail/Sheriff Building.

At 9:35am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the board on Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization Hearings. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. 8 Tax Corrections were gone over and approved by the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve and sign the Tax Corrections. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to go out of Board of Equalization Hearings. All members voted in favor: Motion carried.

Assessor Krueger also requested from the Board, permission to get an estimate from County Surveyor Thomas Krueger in surveying some property in Red Cloud that needs to be corrected. Board approved of this request. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go ahead and contact Thomas Krueger and report cost to the Board. Voting in favor: Vance (by zoom), Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Rick Calkins from Alma, NE and Gene Horne met with the Board on EMS services. They discussed how to attract people to serve as EMTs and Drivers for the Ambulance Services. He suggested maybe working with the Fire Departments, rural Fire Boards and City/Village Boards. Webster County has a shortage of EMS people and need something formed in order to serve the people with ambulance services.

At 10:30am, Jennifer Reiman from Glenwood met with the Board to discuss fiber network in the Guide Rock area. They have applied for a Grant to give the area better service. The Board called Rod Johnson, Public Service Commissioner to let them know the Board is interested in this type of service.

Total Wages - \$149,505.42 **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7400.62; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$73.38; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$20,285.22; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$381.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2158.24; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7882.43; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$230.46; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$225.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$402.74; IAAO (Dues)-\$225.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$19.98; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Transit)-\$1777.00; Mips (Support/Supply)-\$681.50; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$49.80; Petsch Electric, LLC (Repairs)-\$572.31; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2904.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$783.36; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2565.00; Ken VanWey (Mowing/Trimming)-\$645.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.38; Webster County Hospital Clinic (Flu Shot)-\$50.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2704.82; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$30.25; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.68; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$2366.65; S.S. (Fica)-\$3014.65; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$41.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$374.35; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$705.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$8.00; L&M Tire

(Supply)-\$77.95; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Repairs)-\$335.42; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$650.77; Nebraska Tractor & Equip Co (Supply)-\$222.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs/Supply)-\$6400.85; Oak Creed Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$952.50; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$7294.03; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$2112.99; St of NE-Dept of Administrative Services (Supply)-\$42.23; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1274.56; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$28.25. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creed Engineering, LLC (Project)-\$4188.70. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$368.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$2547.96. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln/Beatrice)-\$186.00; Williams Funeral Home (Co. Burial)-\$1500.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$238.19; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Nebraska Weed Control Assn-Region (Dues)-\$210.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. 5502 RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$119.47; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$28.00; McKesson Medical-Surgical (Supply)-\$96.95; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$133.38. 5503 BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$258.50.

Being no further business, Vice Chairman Gary Ratzlaff adjourned the meeting at 11:05am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 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 21st day of December, 2021  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk