

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 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 January 18th, 2022 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 Ratzlaff 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 discussed equipment that needs fixed and plans for updating a few pieces of equipment.

At 9:00am, The board called Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent in regards to the Bladen Ave right of way acquisition and discussed how to proceed.

At 9:25am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the board on Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization Hearings. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. One Tax Correction was 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, 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.

At 9:30am, The board called Sheriff Troy Schmitz. Troy wanted to make the board aware of an inmate that had been arrested but is being held in Lincoln due to being held for EPC. Troy also shared with the board that he is having issues getting state bids for new patrol vehicles due to supply issues.

At 9:45am, The Commissioners graciously accepted a bench donated by Brenda Knehans and family in memory of Lonnie Knehans.

At 9:50am, The Board acknowledged Brian Pedersen for being nominated for an award through the Nebraska Weed Control Association.

At 9:55am, County Clerk Liz Petsch informed the board due to the federal mandate, she will be removed from the hospital board for not receiving the COVID vaccine. Liz said she has enjoyed being on the hospital board and hates that she will not be able to continue.

At 10:00am, Matt Utecht and Megan Ockinga from Global Life met with the board to talk about supplemental insurance. They would like to speak with the employees, the board gave them the go ahead to set this up.

At 10:30am, The Board discussed updates and the status of the employee handbook. Discussion was had to add a section on maternity leave. Deputy Clerk Harig will reach out to surrounding counties to see what their policies say.

10:50am, Megan Burda, the Engagement Zone 10 Coordinator for Nebraska Extension introduced Lindsay Waechter-Mead as the new Beef System Educator for the region. The Board welcomed Lindsay and is happy to have her on board.

The following claims and payroll were approved by the Board.

Total Wages - \$10,164.88. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$28.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$335.50; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.56; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$213.87; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$373.47; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$339.13; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$633.86; Franklin Co Sheriff (Fees)-\$6.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1412.28; Troy Himmelberg (Expense)-\$33.40; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1059.75; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1806.84; Kenny's Hardware And Home Center (Supply)-\$22.58; Jerry Langer (Expense)-\$26.38; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$335.70; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$210.00; Mips Inc (Supply)-\$2405.83; NAEM Attn: Doug Fox (Dues)-\$50.00; William Ouren (Fees)-\$75.00; Physicians Laboratory P.C. (Fees)-\$30.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1881.46; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$103.27; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$22.87; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$141.61; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1543.75; Thompson Reuters (Support)-\$174.25; Webster Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$29.95; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$79.66; Bell's Digging & Plumbing (Repairs)-\$521.50; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel & Borrow)-\$55,100.25; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$119.83; Cornhusker Cleaning Supply (Supply)-\$137.35; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$387.63; S.S. (Fica)-\$33.94; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.27; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$138.86; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Repairs)-\$97.86; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$24.42; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; Nebraska Peterbilt (Supply)-\$295.15; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1041.53; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$198.30; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Supply)-\$1162.38; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$57.00; South Central

Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$257.74; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$44.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$79.78; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$150.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Engineering)-\$5303.85. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$174.00; Webster Co Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$532.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Norfolk Lodge & Suites (Lodging)-\$229.84. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$167.79; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.57 ; Petsch Billing (Contact)-\$250.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND : Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$774.99; S.S. (Fica)-\$195.65; 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, February 15th, 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.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Abbey Harig
Webster County Deputy Clerk