

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 15th, 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 February 1st, 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 Shipman to pay claims and payroll. 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 pay claim pertaining to County Commissioner Tim Gilbert. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager, met with the Board on road work being done. He also showed bids for a new CAT Motor Grader to review and discuss.

Paul presented Agreement for professional services from Oak Creek Engineering for 2022 Routine Bridge Inspection from Lance Harter. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, Paul Stoner presented Resolution 6-2022 for Lance to conduct a road study on Road D. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr to allow this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed ambulance quarterly, monthly and ambulance write-off reports presented by Clerk Petsch for Petsch Billing. Board reviewed and approved reports.

No information on HVAC System and fence. Board discussed COVID money. More information will be given at Central District Meeting, Thursday March 17, 2022 in Kearney.

At 9:15am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on her Annual Delinquent Tax List. The Tax Sale will be held March 7th, 2022 at 9:00am in the District Courtroom upstairs on third floor. She also talked about Bank Securities for the Treasurer's Office.

At 9:30am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, Shipman and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Three Tax Corrections were presented. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of these Tax Corrections. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization Hearings. Voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Vance, Gilbert and Ratzlaff. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to reappoint Torey Kohmetscher to the South Heartland District Board of Health. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, the Board discussed the Hospital. Clerk Liz Petsch turned in her resignation to serve on the Hospital Board with sincere regrets, due to not complying with COVID vaccination requirements. The Board accepted her resignation with regrets, with a motion by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff. All members voted in favor. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to appoint Eric Brown to fill this vacancy with term expiring 1/1/2027. Voting in favor: Vance, Karr, Shipman, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Employee Handbook was discussed. Clerk of District Court Fee Report was presented to the Board. Jail/Sheriff Building was discussed.

At 11:00am, Michelle Beaver from South Heartland Health District met with the Board for her Annual Report and request for a percentage of Webster County's COVID money. The Board told her they could not give any funds at this time. Information is not definite yet on how this money can be spent.

Maternity Leave was discussed by the Board for the Employee Handbook and will be given to the committee for inclusion at their meeting at 1pm today.

The following claims and payroll were approved by the Board.

Total Wages: \$147,737.72. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7501.58; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$22.10; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$90.38; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$20,149.41; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$14.13; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$20.98; Consolidated Management Co (Training)-\$37.79; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2441.60; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$673.52; Dell Marketing, L.P. (Supply)-\$294.00; Dunse Nutrition Consultings, LLC (Consult)-\$10.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8013.67; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$238.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites Kearney (Lodging)-\$239.90; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$9.51; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; Crystal Fountaine (Expense)-\$58.48; GWorks (Support)-\$2150.00; Integrated Security Solutions (Fees)-\$480.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Repairs)-\$242.70; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fees)-\$8.46; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$543.84; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Mips (Supply)-\$116.95; NACT (Supply)-\$230.00; NE Assn of County Officials (Fees)-\$50.00; Phelps County Sheriff's Office (Housing)-\$135.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2888.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$930.30; Theobald Law Office

(Counsel)-\$760.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$11.60; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$153.78; Webster Co Clk Dist Court (Fees)-\$145.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$256.45; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$38,987.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2488.37; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$318.59; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$1235.86; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$1827.12; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$50.09; S.S. (Fica)-\$2769.34; Faimon Electric & Digging Inc (Repairs)-\$1528.11; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$440.83; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$103.61; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$8.92; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$135.80; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1193.91; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$8224.80; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$351.83; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$127.95; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$703.36; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$931.76; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$5273.01; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$282.72; Rockmount Research & Alloys, Inc (Supply)-\$315.81; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Bobcat, Hastings, NE (Supply)-\$33.45; Timm's Service (Fuel/Repairs)-\$4925.94; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$28.25. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Daniel E. Alber Jr (Condemnation)-\$1170.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$174.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$364.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: DHHS Finance and Support (Evaluations)-\$860.62; NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Fund (Health)-\$238.19; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$47.98; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$119.34; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$294.10; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$162.81. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$206.31; Kyle Klein (Expense)-\$23.40; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Supply)-\$136.75.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:35am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1st, 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 15th day of February, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk