

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 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 February 15th, 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: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:30am, Paul Stoner, Road Manager informed the Board he had been looking into options of motor graders, trade options and interest. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to proceed with purchase of 3 motor graders discussed at previous meetings. Voting in favor: Gilbert, Karr, Shipman, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Road crews are continuing to work on repairs of equipment and roads.

HVAC report was given by Commissioner Gilbert. Fence was also discussed.

AARP money will be discussed at our meeting in Kearney, March 17, 2022.

At 9:00am, the Board signed the Hazardous Materials Response Plan for Webster/Nuckolls Counties LEPC Plan.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report given by Sheriff Schmitz. All taxes to be collected have been done and the remaining amount is zero. An Annual Jail inspection will be done March 21, 2022.

At 9:15am, Paul Stoner presented a Road Study from Lance Harter for the Board to review and sign. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Shipman to sign Resolution 7-2022. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 7-2022 was approved.

At 9:30am, LeAnn Jochum from SCEDD met with the Board and reported on Broadbent Internet and the need for rural communities.

At 9:45am, Clerk Petsch presented to the Board Resolution 8-2022 to transfer \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Building Remodeling Fund (4050). Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Gilbert, Karr Shipman, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 8-2022 was signed.

At 10:00am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman presented a Tax Correction. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this Tax Correction. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor: Motion carried.

At 10:10am, the Board discussed open-door policy in the Courthouse. The first floor has issues with cold weather when the doors are opened and closed all day. The Board encouraged all offices to have their door open during business hours when possible. If not, they need to post a sign outside their door stating they are open and to come on it. They have been doing this and will continue to do so.

At 10:30am, the Handbook was discussed.

At 10:35am, the Clerk of District Court Report was presented to the Board for review.

At 10:45am, the Board discussed progress on the Jail/Sheriff Building with B & D Construction, Mark Lewis by phone conference. More information at a later date.

At 11:15am, the Board along with Mark Callahan from Mary Lanning Hospital discussed the Webster County Hospital. Several people were in attendance, so the Board moved the meeting upstairs to the District Courtroom. Mr. Callahan spoke to the group and answered questions and concerns from the public. They decided the County Board of Commissioners and County Hospital Board would meet again on Thursday, March 10th 2022 at the Courthouse at 7:00pm to discuss proposal options and will then bring this again to the public for another discussion. The Board is trying to keep this topic an open discussion with the public so everyone is informed on what is going on. The Hospital is NOT being sold. That was never an option. The Board only wants to do everything possible to keep the doors open and the hospital functioning for the residents of Webster County.

The following claims and payroll were approved by the Board. Wages - \$14,081.92. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$380.30; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.56; Bell's Digging & Plumbing (Repairs)-\$1429.35; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$555.73; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$26.67; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1026.18; Central Nebr County Assessor Assn (Dues)-\$20.00; Gov Connection, Inc, DBA Connections (Supply)-\$300.86; Consolidated Management Co (Training)-\$16.62; CVSOAN (Training)-\$60.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$419.66; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$303.90; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$490.49; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$225.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$134.86; Forensic Anthropological Consultant (Misc)-\$825.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1439.71; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Hometown

Market (Supply)-\$837.53; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$70.56; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$6.99; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$75.40; LB413164-Blue 360 Medical, LLC (Misc)-\$87.75; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$243.14; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Misc)-\$1103.00; Mips (Support)-\$150.00; NACO (Registration)-\$240.00; NACT (Dues)-\$50.00; National Sheriff's Assoc (Dues)-\$68.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Cntr (Training)-\$250.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$49.21; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$92.40; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Renewal)-\$283.29; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$298.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; St of Nebr Dept Correctional Svcs (Housing)-\$722.80; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$930.91; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1615.00; Thomson Reuters-West (Misc)-\$174.25; University of Nebraska (Supply/Support)-\$1946.43; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$50.40; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$348.03; Webster Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$200,000.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$159.75; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$118.39; S.S. (Fica)-\$181.06; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.27; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$22.21; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$341.69; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Inspections)-\$18,453.58; Rockmount Research & Alloys, Inc (Supply)-\$43.82; South Central Bobcat, Hastings, NE (Supply)-\$57.64; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$263.89; Windstream (Phones)-\$82.60. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$47,037.34. BLADEN HWY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Contract)-\$40,482.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$65.88; NE Weed Control Assn/Region IV (Registration)-\$165.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.57; McKesson Medical-Surgical (Supply)-\$1.24; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2: Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 March, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk