

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 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 March 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 Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board. Paul has ordered tubes. The crews are continuing to do repair work, hauling dirt on roads and working on bridges.

Commissioner Tim Gilbert reported on the HVAC System and Fence.

Chairman TJ Vance reminded the Board of the Central District Meeting at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, NE on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will learn more on the ARPA money situation.

The Board also discussed Cyber Security protection.

At 9:00am, the Board held their hearing on Vacating Road D. No public attended the meeting.

At 9:05am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to sign Resolution 9-2022 vacating and abandonment of Road D as stated in said Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 9-2022 was signed.

The Board reviewed the Imprest Account Report and motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of the report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 9:08am, Clerk Liz Petsch presented the Ambulance Write-off Report to the Board for review. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Clerk Petsch also presented two ambulance claims for the Board to write off because of inability to collect due to insurance issues and Medicaid denying both billings. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to write-off both claims in the amounts of \$572.00 and \$764.00. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:10am, Clerk Petsch presented Resolution 10-2022 for the Board to approve of changing the dental premiums as per Auditor's request. Clerk Petsch did a summary of changes to be done. Monthly premiums for the County to pay for employees are as follows: Family rate was \$127.00 (new amount is \$100.00); Spousal rate was \$111.00 (new amount is \$75.00) and single rate stays at \$34.00 month. These rates will take affect July 1, 2022. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve and sign this Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 10-2022 was signed.

At 9:20am, Treasurer Janet Knehans presented her Public Tax Sale report. Total Public Tax Sales were \$58,828.57; 33 tax sale certificates at \$20.00 each totaled \$660.00; 11 registered buyers at \$25.00 each totaled \$275.00 for a grand total of \$59,763.57 collected for the County. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this report. All 5 members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to transfer \$195,000.00 from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund (300). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 11-2022 was approved and signed.

Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to transfer \$150,000.00 from General Fund to Road/Bridge Construction Fund (800). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 12-2022 was approved and signed.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to transfer \$30,000.00 from General Fund to Noxious Weed Fund (5400). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 13-2022 was approved and signed.

At 9:30am: No report on Handbook was available.

At 9:40am, Treasurer Knehans discussed the need for a second copier in the Treasurer's Office. Her copier in the vault is not working and is too old to repair. Since this was not on the agenda, it will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 9:40am, Commissioner Dan Shipman reported to the Board his information on the Jail/Sheriff Building he obtained from talking to a representative for information on cost of new building, etc. It was decided to have him come to our next meeting and give information to the Board as a whole.

At 10:00am, Lindsey Mead met with the Board and presented the Extension Board's 2021 Report.

At 10:05am, Commissioner Shipman reported on the Hospital to the Board from meetings he attended.

The following claims and payroll were approved by the Board.

Total Wages - \$150,944.38. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7501.58; Applied Connective Technologies (Misc)-\$52.25; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$97.43; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$20,149.41; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$894.46; Buffalo County Sheriff (Fees)-\$18.50; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$156.00; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$179.99; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2511.65; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$631.30; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8015.53; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1845.05; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$864.63; Electronic Systems, Inc (Misc)-\$91.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$225.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$299.31; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$683.85; Interstate All Battery Center (Supply)-\$50.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$52.52; Krueger Land Surveying (Fees)-\$2550.00; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$863.18; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Misc)-\$1491.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2405.83; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$41.89; Phelps County Sheriff's Office (Misc)-\$45.00; Physicians Laboratory, P.C. (Misc)-\$2612.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Subsc.)-\$558.97; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1914.46; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2888.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1615.00; Tru-Built Construction (Repairs)-\$11,715.00; Ken VanWey (Repairs)-\$465.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.36; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$62.80; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$100.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$85.00; Webster Co Clerk Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$30,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility). **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2704.82; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$279.79; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.64; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$29.98; Central Nebraska Equipment (Supply)-\$49.86; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$2175.85; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$431.64; S.S. (Fica)-\$3014.65; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.23; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$105.50; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$117.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$484.07; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$542.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$39.95; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$11.95; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$3.11; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$11,513.15; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$8616.54; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$1896.30; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$57.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$5373.88; South Central Bobcat, Hastings, NE (Supply)-\$5.16; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Supply)-\$98.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1095.18; Michael Todd & Company (Supply)-\$594.92; Winter Equipment Co, Inc (Supply)-\$1647.09. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Speece-Lewis Engineers (Misc)-\$900.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Island View Dental (Dental)-\$33.50; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$132.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$167.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$893.60. **DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND:** AT-Scene LLC (Misc)-\$2000.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$238.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$60.98; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$220.88; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$194.82. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$122.10; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Repairs)-\$28.25.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:25am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, 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 15th day of March, 2022  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk

Two Board Members, Treasurer, Sheriff, Clerk and Attorney attended an Exit Audit Meeting by phone conference with the Nebraska's State Auditor's Office. Several issues were addressed and members present informed the Auditor they had already corrected some of the issues.