

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 5th, 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 Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll of the April 5th, 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 Gilbert to pay claim for Co Commissioner Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, and Vance. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board. Paul said crews are continuing to do repair work, working on culverts and ditch work at Blue Hill, Red Cloud and other areas of the County. They also discussed Windfarm and Nextera.

No report was given on HVAC and Fence System.

ARPA money hopefully will be decided at next Naco meeting on how and what we can do with the money.

Commissioner TJ Vance reported on Cyber Security. Handbook Discussion was done yesterday in the Courthouse with employees present. It was approved as is. Sheriff's Quarter Fee Report was also presented to the Board for review.

Clerk Liz Petsch presented the Clerk of District Court Fee Report for the Board to review.

Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve the two reports presented above. (Sheriff's Quarterly, Clk Dist Crt Fee)

At 9:15am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman appeared for Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Tax Corrections 2022 5, 6, & 7 were presented with explanation. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of the Tax Corrections. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Clerk Petsch submitted Resolution 14-2022 to transfer \$40,000.00 from Inheritance Fund (2700) to Bridge Bond Fund (3700) in order to pay their annual Bridge Bond payment. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to transfer these monies. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on several issues. She had purchased a 2nd copier for her vault which was approved at the last meeting and will be paid out of the General Fund. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve this. All members voted in favor of the motion. She also explained the ARPA money has a deadline of April 30th; she also has added Avery Brumbaugh's name to the checking accounts. Janet also discussed with the Board about handling the ARPA and bookwork involved with doing this. They decided to contact Mark from Lutz & Assoc., and have him handle these monies for the County. They also discussed the 2 credit cards being used and issues that can arise. This topic will be put on the agenda for the April 19, 2022 meeting. Janet also informed the Board TJ Vance needs to be put on the South Central State Bank Accounts and Keith Buschow's name taken off.

At 10:00am, the Board discussed the Webster County Hospital. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to dismiss the present Hospital Board Members as of 10:30am April 5, 2022, consisting of Mike Buschow, Richard Armstrong, Janice Hartman, Corri McCarter and Eric Brown. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Abstaining: Karr. Motion carried. Certified letters will be sent to each of them. Chairman TJ Vance and the Board members informed Hospital Administrator Myriah Hallock of this action by telephone. The Webster County Commissioners will be the Hospital Board Members effective immediately. Applications will be taken for replacement of new Hospital Board Members. They can be picked up at the Clerk's Office and returned to the Clerk's Office by May 3rd, 2022. The Board will hold a special organizational meeting on Thursday, April 7th, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Hospital.

The Board called Brenda Lamb from Pathway Design Group and discussed procedures in moving on with this transition. They will have further conversations with Brenda later in the meeting.

At 11:00am, the Board met with Mike Wachal from Davis Design. Scott Kralik, Kate Smith, and Greg Smith were also in attendance. They discussed Jail/Sheriff Building Plans and changes to be made with the drawing they presented to the Board. Several issues were discussed on cost, etc. BD Construction is also included in this project. They looked over the jail facility before returning back to the Board Room. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to proceed with this project and bond information. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay,

absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. They concluded their session with the County Board at 12:30pm and ate lunch with them before leaving.

At 1:00pm, the County Board continued discussion with Brenda Lamb from Pathways. She informed the Board the voices from the community need to be heard and they should have public meetings in order to make this transition run smoothly. Pathways plan to have an assessment meeting April 18, 19 & 20. A press release informing the public of this decision by the County Board will be published in the Red Cloud Chief and Blue Hill Leader. Lots of topics were discussed. The main goal of the County Board is to keep our Hospital open and functioning for the communities of Webster County. We need to all work together to make this possible.

Total Wages - \$13,689.69. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$402.83; AT & T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.56; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Misc)-\$32.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$90.72; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$1000.00; CHARM-TEX Inc (Supply)-\$85.70; Comdata Universal Mastercard (Misc)-\$115.37; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$529.65; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$788.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$449.78; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1303.14; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$3594.33; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$280.06; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1439.71; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$120.15; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$492.67; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$18.49; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$67.76; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; LUTZ (Support)-\$500.00; Mips (Supply)-\$24.75; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2405.83; NACT (Registration)-\$250.00; Nebr Clerk of Dist Crt Assn (Dues)-\$50.00; Nebr Dept of Correctional Serv (Misc)-\$3323.45; Nebraska State Patrol (Fees)-\$430.50; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$90.72; Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$162.59; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$91.90; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1892.00; Region 3 Behavioral Health Serv (Dues)-\$2299.60; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2031.60; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.58; State Probation Office-Dist #7 (Dues)-\$1437.66; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3800.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.10; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$103.17; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$103.04; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$435.19; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$68.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Misc)-\$25.00; Zee Medical Service (Supply)-\$68.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ace/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$67,418.91; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$117.35; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Surfacing)-\$4853.03; Central Nebraska Equipment (Repairs/Supply)-\$346.03; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$440.39; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$103.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.27; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$248.40; Lamar Van Boening (Supply)-\$186.23; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$22.21; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$237.73; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$866.20; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$34.27; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$57.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$253.52; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$544.08; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.48. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Speece-Lewis Engineers (Misc)-\$450.00. **VISITOR PROMOTION FUND:** City of Blue Hill (Grants)-\$603.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$108.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$156.00; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$235.60; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$225.40; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$103.20. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$399.83. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$40,000.00. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Company (Bonds)-\$210,916.25. **BLADEN HIGHWAY NORTH PROJECT FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Contract)-\$15,545.00; Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$152,708.25. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$169.97; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$16.51; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$23.99; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$97.05. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$265.45; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.57; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$99.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** CLIA Laboratory Program (Fees)-\$180.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$325.28; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$143.88.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, 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 5th day of April, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk