

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 19th, 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 19th, 2022 meeting. 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 approve the minutes of the April 5th, 2022 meeting. 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. The crews have continued to work on culverts, tubes, road work and chopping trees.

At 9:00am, County Commissioner Tim Gilbert reported on the HVAC System and Fence. County Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff informed the Board control wires for the sprinkler system will need to be repaired.

At 9:15am, Highway Superintendent, Lance Harter presented to the Board the Road Plan. They discussed several areas and motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve the 1-year plan. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, the Board discussed CASA. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay their request of \$3,000.00 at our next meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35am, Clerk Louise Petsch submitted Resolution 15-2022 for the Board to sign. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Bridge Bond Fund back to the Inheritance Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to go into Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Following discussion of 3 Governmental Protests, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of them. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor: Motion carried. She went over 2022 Valuation Information with the Board. Assessor Krueger then discussed boundary lines, streets and closing alleys in Rosemont and Cowles. She is trying to clean up things to correct the GIS System Municipal Boundary Lines.

At 10:05am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen presented his Report from the State for the Board to review. It was a very favorable report on Brian. He is doing a fantastic job covering all areas of his job. They rated him at 100 percent!! Good job Brian!

At 10:10am, Clerk Petsch reported to the Board on Ambulance write-offs and financial status of income and expenses on both Red Cloud and Blue Hill Ambulances from December 2021 to March 2022. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve of both reports. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:20am, 3 people attended an open forum on the Hospital. They informed the Board they are having a good response to Pathways Assessment of the Hospital they are doing at this time. The next Hospital Board meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Courtroom at the Courthouse.

At 10:50am, the Board discussed the credit cards with employees in attendance. They will do some more searching on this matter and report at the next meeting. They felt some areas of the Courthouse need this option. The Board encouraged everyone to be very thorough in documenting the usage of the credit card and make sure two people are going over them.

At 11:00am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on Safety issues.

At 11:05am, Chairman TJ Vance signed the Investment Option Report from Union Bank & Trust Co. COVID money was discussed but no decision made on spending at this time.

At 11:15am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans and Deputy Clerk Harig discussed information they obtained recently at the Cyber Security meeting in Kearney.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment.

Wages - \$150,195.91 **GENERAL FUND**; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7449.75; Applied Connective Technologies (Misc)-\$150.00; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.56; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$94.08; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$19,210.31; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$87.75; Carrot-Top Industries Inc (Supply)-\$202.18; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$3039.29; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$59.90; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7968.86; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$65.44; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$41.90; First Concord Benefits (Dues)-\$78.70; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$225.00; Franklin

County Sheriff (Fees)-\$27.50; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$842.71; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$103.17; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; NACO (Registration)-\$200.00; NEB Instit of Forensic Sciences Inc (Misc)-\$2000.00; Nebr Auditor of Public Accounts (Misc)-\$14,966.57; Nebr Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Registration)-\$75.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$51.76; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$171.68; Pro Printing & Graphics (Supply)-\$115.25; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$119.40; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2854.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1635.30; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; City of St. Paul (Supply)-\$78.96; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$1282.41; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1021.25; Thomson Reuters-West (Misc)-\$348.50; Tru-Built Construction (Repairs)-\$6067.81; Ken Vanwey (Repairs/Snow Removal)-\$260.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster County Hospital (Misc)-\$180.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Misc)-\$1095.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2704.82; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$848.49; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.70; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$30.98; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$41.97; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$3685.97; Country Corner (Fuel/Supply)-\$860.16; S.S. (Fica)-\$3039.82; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$105.15; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$48.77; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$216.90; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$83.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$196.25; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Supply)-\$11,570.73; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$233.90; St of NE-Dept of Administrative Services (Supply)-\$393.89; Timm's Service (Fuel/Supply)-\$3468.55. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$1103.20; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$312.80. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln/Beatrice)-\$585.83. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$40,000.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$238.19; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$136.80; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$12.27; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; Timm's Service (Supply)-\$1000.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$177.27; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$144.99. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$139.99; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$352.04.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 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 19th day of April, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk