

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 3rd, 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 Karr to pay claims and payroll for the May 3rd, 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 Gilbert to approve the minutes 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 Shipman, seconded by Karr to pay County Commissioner claim for Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Highway Manager, Paul Stoner met with the Board. The crews have continued to work on road work and cutting trees. Inspections are being done on heavy equipment machines. Paul discussed Road Office Administrator, Monica Montgomery's hours of work time. It was decided by the Board to allow her to start work 30 minutes earlier to better coincide with the Road Crew hours.

No report on the HVAC System or Fence.

ARPA Money was reported by Treasurer Janet Knehans.

Clerk of District Court Fee Report was reviewed and approved by the Board.

At 9:15am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on town of Rosemont. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to do a Road Study by Resolution 16-2022. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 16-2022 was approved. Assessor Krueger also reported to the Board the results of her TERC Hearing by zoom/phone she had earlier. She has to reduce dryland by 8% to be in compliance.

At 9:20am, Clerk Louise Petsch presented Resolution 17-2022 for the Self-Insured Dental Plan. An inclusion of any dependent child of employee who marries automatically is no longer covered by the Dental Plan at time of marriage was added. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve this change. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 17-2022 was approved.

At 9:30am, Jo Bair and her assistant Elizabeth gave a report on SASA and their request for \$2,000.00. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to approve this funding. Voting in favor: Vance and Karr. Voting nay: Ratzlaff and Shipman. Abstaining: Gilbert. Motion denied. Funding not approved by the Board.

Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman discussed getting a Communication Advise for the Board Room for zoom meetings, etc. since a lot of business is being conducted this way anymore. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to purchase this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Deputy Clerk, Abbey Harig and Deputy Assessor Tami Scheneman met with the Board on Cyber Security. They gave a review of meetings they had attended.

At 9:55am, Deputy Scheuneman reported to the Board the GEO Com report was completed.

At 10:00am, Chairman TJ Vance left the meeting and Vice-Chairman Gary Ratzlaff was in charge.

At 10:45am, Deputy Harig reported on the Handicap System parking. It was decided to leave as is.

The Board discussed the Hospital Board and decided to extend the application time to their next Board Meeting, May 17, 2022 at 9:00am. Several items have come up for discussion on new rules of Board Members requirements, as well as mileage/salary. The Board is still having meetings with Pathways so they decided to extend the application process. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to do this extension. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert and Ratzlaff. Absent: Vance. Motion carried.

The Board discussed BC/BS health insurance rates going up and will have a representative from another agency come to the next meeting. They will go over both proposals and make a decision then in order to start working on Budgets for the next fiscal year.

At 11:45am, Casey Muzic from Midland Area Agency on Aging met with the Board and reported on the Webster County Senior Services. She and the Board discussed several issues. Casey then presented her request for funding for next year and monthly funding for the Transit. It is basically the same as last year. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this request. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment.

Total Wages - \$14,604.91. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Clerk (Dues)-\$1437.66; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$456.55; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$1392.73; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$73.71;

CASA of South Central Nebr (Funding)-\$3000.00; Deanna Disney (Expense)-\$89.62; S.S. (Fica)-\$493.01; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1708.40; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$3985.75; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$301.07; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$417.45; GIS Workshop (Support)-\$587.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1437.98; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$21.40; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$293.85; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$248.67; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1679.76; Sonja Krueger (Expense)-\$75.40; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$169.08; NE Assn of Co Ext Bds (Dues)-\$100.00; Nebr County Attys Association (Dues)-\$515.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency (Misc)-\$120.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$49.14; Petsch Electric, LLC (Repairs)-\$80.00; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$116.49; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$1548.01; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1374.93; Saint Louis University (Misc)-\$287.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; University of Nebraska (Dues)-\$4236.60; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$526.50; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$44.45; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$139.98; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$532.43; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$27.98; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$134.04; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$334.77; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.10; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$86.37; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1151.86; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$110.70; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$68.58; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$22.21; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Repairs)-\$251.70; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$104.26; Nat'l Industrial & Safety Supply (Supply)-\$167.76; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$277.86; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$3198.60; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$57.00; South Central Bobcat, Hastings NE (Supply)-\$105.52; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$156.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.18. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$140.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$835.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$160.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$139.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$268.88; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.44; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$28.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$348.63; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Vice-Chairman Gary Ratzlaff adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 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 3rd day of May, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk