

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 17th, 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 (Absent), 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 Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the May 17th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the May 3rd, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Road Supervisor, met with the Board. He reported on road repairs, crews blading and spotting in gravel.

Not much to report on the HVAC and Fence System.

Clerk Liz Petsch presented her Write-Off report to the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to approve it. Voting in favor: All members present: Absent: Karr. Motion carried.

Clerk Petsch also presented the Imprest Account Report. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Shipman to approve. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting Nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the employee time sheets

At 9:15am, Two Liquor Licenses were presented to the Board for approval. Liquor License for Webster County Fairgrounds and Rodeo; and Blue Hill Golf Course for a wedding. Motions were made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to approve both of these Licenses. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Clerk Petsch presented Resolution 18-2022 for the Board to sign and approve. This Resolution transfers \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Building Remodeling Fund (4050). Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Gilbert to approve this transfer. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Absent: Karr. Motion carried. Resolution 18-2022 was approved.

At 9:35am, Motion was made by Shipman, second by Ratzlaff to change deductions of health insurance premiums, county matched retirement, dental premiums and life insurance to be taken out of Misc General instead of each department separately. This will make the budgets a lot simpler to do in trying to anticipate cost changes. All of these figures will be one amount in the General Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Absent: Karr. Motion carried.

The Board discussed ARPA Money.

At 9:45am, Jodi Graves spoke to the Board on Community IMPACT Network. She emphasized the need for it in Webster County and hopefully down the road when we decide how to spend our ARPA Funds, we will consider them.

At 10:10am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Gilbert to go into Board of Equalization Hearing. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Absent: Karr. Protest Hearings will be done July 12th from 9 to 4pm; July 13th from 4 & 6pm; and July 19th, from 1 to 4pm. Assessor Krueger went over clerical errors made in the office and wind tower projects. Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman went over 5 Tax Corrections with the Board also. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Ratzlaff to approve all these changes. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Shipman to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr, Absent. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Abbey and Tami spoke on Cyber Security. More information forthcoming.

At 10:50am, Deputy Clerk Harig briefly discussed the improvements the State of Nebraska will be doing in our Courtroom on third floor as far as updates to equipment and better quality.

At 10:55am, Jason Boyd met with the Board to go over insurance comparisons with Blue Cross Blue Shield. He will meet with the Board again.

At 11:50am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board and reported on his zoom meeting with Jail/Sheriff Building Contractors. They are asking for a survey to be done and if we are thinking possibly of adding on to the new structure at a later time.

At 11:57am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into Executive Session for matters concerning the Hospital. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Voting nay: Shipman Absent: Karr. The Board went over the applications received for the Hospital Board. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Executive Session. All members present voted in favor. Action taken was appointment of Hospital Board Members as follows: Leon Lutkemeier, Marisa L'Heureux, Ron Brumbaugh, Brian Hof and Abby Hansen with motion by Shipman,

second by Gilbert. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Absent: Karr. Motion carried. Attentative date of beginning will be June 1st, 2022.

Wages - \$148,356.40. **GENERAL FUND:** Kelli L Albin-Conway (Election)-\$222.41; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7326.90; Applied Connective Technologies (Misc)-\$119.06; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$79.60; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$19,210.31; Calkins Law Office (Counsel)-\$76.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2152.23; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Jolene K Duffy (Expense)-\$57.18; S.S (Fica)-\$7838.57; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$182.41; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$825.87; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$217.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$1503.13; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; Joan Fisher (Election)-\$179.73; Barbara Goebel (Election)-\$148.50; gWorks (Support)-\$1134.00; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$108.81; Marvin Hartman (Election)-\$165.87; Charleen M Himmelberg (Election)-\$181.90; Thomas L Hitchler (Election)-\$164.67; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$2972.16; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$687.15; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$10.98; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2112.99; Luann Kosse (Election)-\$183.83; Krueger Land Surveying (Survey)-\$1500.00; Carol Kugler (Election)-\$170.50; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$107.83; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$811.18; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Margaret Anne Meline (Election)-\$115.50; Mips (Supply)-\$3564.18; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2405.83; NACO (Registration)-\$200.00; Nebr Dept of Correctional Serv (Misc)-\$5105.84; NE Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$45.05; Marcia Parr (Election)-\$169.35; Valda Phelps (Election)-\$148.50; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Supply)-\$140.00; Saint Louis University (Misc)-\$165.50; Marlys Schmidt (Election)-\$148.50; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2761.00; Jerry T Shaw (Election)-\$215.80; Jimmy Shaw (Election)-\$165.87; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2358.35; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$67.74; Debra Thayer (Election)-\$179.73; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1425.00; Turner Technology (Repairs)-\$102.78; Dennis L VanWey (Election)-\$158.50; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.09; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$98.47; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$110.00; Web Co Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Web Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$200,000.00; Lisa Whitmer (Election)-\$170.50; Arlene Wiley (Election)-\$189.24; Debra Winslow (Election)-\$161.77; Penny Witte (Election)-\$137.50.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2704.82; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$198.44; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.70; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$10,330.10; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$176.60; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$10.39; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$1645.65; County Corner (Fuel)-\$986.07; S.S. (Fica)-\$3025.82; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$2386.76; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.24; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$93.25; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs)-\$53.00; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1404.00; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$53.34; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$370.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$65.47; Nebr Dept of Motor Vehicles (Misc)-\$90.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$1130.29; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs/Fuel)-\$13,393.76; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$246.39; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$185.10; Timm's Service (Fuel/Repairs)-\$2766.02; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$549.65; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$56.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$15,920.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$199.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$593.60; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$30.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$238.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$258.62; S.S. (Fica)-\$269.96; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$86.57; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$368.97. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$524.56; Ron's Pharmacy (Supply)-\$127.05.

Being no further business, Vice-Chairman Gary Ratzlaff adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 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 17th day of May, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk