

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 7th, 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 Karr, seconded by Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the June 7th, 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 Vance to pay Co Commissioner claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the May 17th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Shipman. Abstaining: Karr. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager reported to the Board on activity with the Roads. Continuing to repair roads between the rains and working on equipment repairs. Gravel bids will be next meeting.

No report on HVAC System and Fence.

Smoking on Courthouse Grounds was discussed.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of District Court Report and the Imprest Account Report. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve both of them. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

COVID Money was discussed but no action taken.

At 9:15am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on Lutz Billing. They lowered the original billing from \$600 to \$400. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to pay the \$400.00. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. She also discussed the meeting the elected officials and heads of departments had concerning wage increases for next budget year. They had drafted a scenario for the Board to review showing Deputy wages increasing 80% of Officials wages and Clerk wages increasing 70% of Officials wages. The Board approved in allowing the officials to go ahead and budget these percentages for next fiscal year and if needed to be changed, will do it when approving budget requests.

At 9:30am, Tim Veenendaal from USDA Wildlife & Animal Damage Control met with the Board for their Annual Funding request. He introduced Nichole Schwartz as the new Specialist handling problems with wildlife management. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept their proposal. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40am, Dan Rutt from Revive Ministries met with the Board requesting funding for \$2,000.00. He explained the services they are doing in Webster County and the need for these services in the schools as well. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this funding. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay: Shipman. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Landon with Bytes held a phone conference with the Board. No action taken.

At 10:10am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig gave the Board updates on the Courtroom improvements the State will be doing.

At 10:30am, Adam Jurgens from Hamilton County met with the Board on Cyber Security. He gave the Board estimates of cost monthly and quarterly. The Board approved of them coming down and doing an assessment for initial set-up and determining what will be needed to be done and what a 12- month agreement would cost.

At 10:50am, County Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Assessor Krueger went over a Waiver for Exemption Application for Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation which actually is not Nebraska State Historical Society. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this waiver application. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Gilbert. Abstained: Shipman. Motion carried. This will allow Sonja to consider the Exemption Application. She also presented an Assessor Protest. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve it. All members present voted in favor. She then discussed clerical errors made that will require approval by the CBOE to fix. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve these clerical errors. All members voted in favor. Tax Corrections 2022-13 thru 2022-35 for meteorological towers that had been removed without notification to the Assessor's Office, were approved by motion from Karr, second by Gilbert. 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 go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Assessor Krueger has given her Certification of Valuation changes to Louise Petsch, Webster County Clerk.

At 11:05am, Jason Boyd from Jones Group met with the Board on health insurance. After reviewing quotes from Jason and looking over our current BC/BS health insurance quotes, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to switch county employee insurance to Jones Group effective July 1st, 2022 through June 30, 2023. They also voted to

keep cash in lieu at 50% of health insurance premium to those not on health insurance. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:30am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the Board and reported on his NDA Inspections and Roadside Spraying. He also talked to the Board about purchasing or bidding on a spray truck. The Board told him to check into this and report back.

At 11:40am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board on Current Jail Budget concerning and inmate transported to Lincoln.

Wages - \$18,298.52. **GENERAL FUND:** American Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$757.25; Applied Connective Technologies (Misc)-\$60.70; AT&T Mobility (Phone)-\$516.96; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$939.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$440.86; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$46.40; Busch Construction (Mow Cemeteries)-\$950.00; Consolidated Management Co (Training)-\$29.30; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$191.61; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$22.40; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Davenport Group (Supply)-\$3817.00; Dept of the Treasury (Fees)-\$71.82; S.S. (Fica)-\$795.13; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$3324.55; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$231.54; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$1583.95; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1437.98; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$338.85; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$308.17; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$10.98; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$46.40; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$16.50; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$285.00; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$786.64; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$3152.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$223.00; Mips (Support)-\$353.58; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2405.83; NACO (Dues)-\$1411.53; NE Assn Co Clks/Reg Deeds/Elections (Registration)-\$125.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$291.00; NIRMA (Premium)-\$44,339.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$46.40; PIP Marketing Signs Print (Supply)-\$260.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$79.36; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$519.23; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1194.39; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; St of Nebr Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$3608.50; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$351.50; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Inspection)-\$375.00; Terwey Law Office (Counsel)-\$764.10; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1021.25; Thomson Reuters-West (Support)-\$174.25; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Support)-\$119.40; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$655.11; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash (Petty Cash)-\$93.89; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$5082.47; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$24.30; Health Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$419.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$118.92; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.71; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$36.27; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$105.05; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$723.93; S.S. (Fica)-\$27.54; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$224.99; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.63; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.10; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; J&A Auto Supply)-\$803.35; John Deere Financial (Repairs/Supply)-\$104.92; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$113.34; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$265.54; Nebraska Peterbilt (Supply)-\$344.15; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; NIRMA (Dues)-\$40,755.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$393.42; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$57.00; Michael Reiman (Expense)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Marvin Webber (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$82.86; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00. **ROAD/BRINDS CONST FUND:** Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$401.76; Simon Contractors (Supply)-\$88,547.85. **MODERN RECORDS:** Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1639.88; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$166.40; Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$155.80; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$270.40; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$132.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S. PC (Dental)-\$160.00. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$624.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$200.84; NIRMA (Des)-\$2229.00; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$95.44. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$40.06; S.S. (Fica)-\$432.82; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$7.30; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.44; NIRMA (Dues)-\$2620.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$266.35; S.S. (Fica)-\$137.61; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$7.30; NIRMA (Dues)-\$2620.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21st, 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 7th day of June, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch

