

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 21, 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 June 21st, 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 Gilbert to pay Co Commissioner claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the June 7th, 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 reported to the Board on activity with the Roads. Equipment repair is being done in the Inavale Shop. Everything else with the road crews is good.

No HVAC System report at this time.

At 8:45am, Co Comm Dan Shipman reported on zoom meeting concerning Jail/Sheriff Building.

At 9:00am, Gravel bids for 2022/2023 were received and opened by Chairman TJ Vance. Two bids from Bladen Sand & Gravel and Southwest Gravel Products LLC were reviewed but no decision was made at this time. After discussion, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to table this decision until their July 5, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Kerry Anne Block with ASAAP reported to the Board and requested funding in the amount of \$5,000. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Annual Funding Request of \$9,029.18 was approved at the previous meeting but was not on the agenda, therefore motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this funding. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35am, County Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Sonja discussed the CBOE Hearing on Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's application for exemption. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to deny this exemption. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, and Gilbert. Voting no: Karr. Abstaining: Shipman. Motion carried. Sonja presented Assessor Protests 2022AP2 thru 2022AP8. Motion made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve the Protests. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Sonja gave her 6-year Plan of Assessment for Webster County for the Board to review and file with the Clerk's Office. She also presented clerical errors 2022CE40 thru 2022CE52 for the Board to approve. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, RuAnn Root from CASA met with the Board and presented information on all the work they have been doing in Webster County and asked for funding of \$3,500.00. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Gilbert to approve of this request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Lance Harter met with the Board for opening bids for Structure No. C009110425 Replacement. Bids were received from Saul Ramos Construction, Midlands Contracting, Inc. and Van Kirk Bros. Lance's estimate was \$194,765.00. All three bids were under this amount. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to table final decision until next meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:20am, the Board discussed wages for 2022/2023 fiscal year. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with 75% of Officials wage for the Deputies and 68% of Officials wage for Clerks. Voting in favor: Karr, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting no: Gilbert and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 10:25am, Vet Service Officer Gary Ratzlaff informed the Board of a vacancy on the Committee at the end of June. Gary recommended reappointing William Goosic to the Veterans Service Committee with a term ending June 30, 2027. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve of this request. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board discussed a claim from Davis Design and motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay this claim at the next meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, Richard Armstrong met with the Board and discussed clarification from the Board on the actions taken with the Hospital. Mr. Armstrong felt his questions and concerns were answered and thanked the Board for allowing him to address them.

At 11:00am, Deputy County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on health updates given on the new health insurance.

At 11:20am, Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Pedersen presented information to the Board on a 1996 Spray Truck that is up for sealed bids. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to put a sealed bid on it. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:25am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve of Resolution transferring funds for \$162,197.75 from Road/Bridge Fund (300) to the Bladen Highway North Project Fund (4600). Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 19-2022 was approved and signed.

At 11:30am, renewal of Ambulance Contract for Petsch Billing was approved with motion by Vance, seconded by Karr until December 31st of 2022. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. This is for approx. 16 hrs a month overtime to do ambulance billings, Medicare and Medicaid billings for \$500.00. The other 85 hrs are done during office time.

Resolution 20-2022 for cash-in-lieu was presented to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to pay \$400.00 a month to employees not on health insurance. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:45am, Midlands met with the Board. They approved of them moving a desk, filing cabinet and table in to the Drivers Exam Room in order for Midlands not to have to pay rent since people going to the meal site has decreased tremendously. They will only occupy the office on a limited basis.

The Board reviewed wages again with the Extention Agent, Lindsay Waechter Mead.

The Board will be holding a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 27th at 8:50am and a Special Meeting at 9:00am. Total Wages - \$148,752.87. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7362.40; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.26; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$78.48; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$17,752.54; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$131.60; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$127.60; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$127.23; Centec Cast Metal Products (Supply)-\$242.23; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$3919.96; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$211.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$7925.07; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1182.89; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1931.02; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$217.50; GALLS, LLC (Supply)-\$482.85; gWorks (Support)-\$9745.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1616.79; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$428.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$129.92; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$259.99; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$44.47; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$103.55; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (Misc)-\$3395.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1497.00; Mips (Support)-\$35.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$70.25; Norfolk Lodge & Suites (Lodging)-\$208.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$255.06; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$70.76; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$89.79; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Renewal)-\$212.60; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$214.67; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2795.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$646.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.54; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1425.00; Thomson Reuters-West (Misc)-\$174.24; United States Postal Service (Fees)-\$160.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Supply)-\$355.71; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Repairs)-\$1585.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.09; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$52.83; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$107.88; Webster County court (Fees)-\$19.00; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$90.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2700.13; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$9101.29; C&D Service Center (Supply/Repairs)-\$1347.07; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$104.30; CIMCO, Inc (Supply)-\$69.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$3222.75; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$911.61; S.S. (Fica)-\$3046.20; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$22.96; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$7.78; Fastenal (Supply)-\$302.50; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$157.05; gWorks (Support)-\$643.00; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs/Supply)-\$514.83; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$78.20; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$51.19; Krueger Land Surveying (Fees)-\$375.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$113.34; NIRMA (Health)-\$40,755.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$19,141.46; North Central Air (Supply)-\$8.39; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Supply)-\$14,526.15; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$1474.40; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$146.96; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$3910.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$162,197.75. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Wayne and Cheri Bonifas (Misc)-\$420.00; Krueger Land Surveying (Fees)-\$862.50. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$225.40. **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND:** LUTZ (Support)-\$400.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$233.50; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$38.29; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.64; Self Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$340.30; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$544.35. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$31.50.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5th, 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 21st day of June, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk