

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 5th 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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the July 5th, 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 June 21st, 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 met with the Board. Equipment repairs still being done. Road crews taking care of roads throughout the County. Paul presented Resolution 21-2022 lowering the speed limit on Road Z. A Road Study by Lance Harter had been done on this matter. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, The Board and Paul Stoner reviewed the gravel bids tabled from the previous meeting. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with Agreement from Bladen Sand & Gravel. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:10am, Paul Stoner presented Notice of Award Resolution 22-2022 for C009110425 Structure that had been awarded to Van Kirk Bros for \$153,528.00. The Board approved of this and Chairman TJ Vance signed it.

Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve Ambulance Report for Blue Hill and Red Cloud Ambulances and the write-off report as well. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

County Attorney Contract for Legal Services was tabled until next meeting.

At 9:20am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded Karr to approve the Imprest Account Report and the Clk of Dist Crt Report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz discussed the Jail/Sheriff Building Project with the Board and also went over his budgets for the Jail and Sheriff's Office for next fiscal year.

At 9:45am, Clerk Louise Petsch presented Certification to County Treasurer of no unpaid claims as of June 30, 2022. The 2021-2022 Budget was amended to reflect an Inheritance Tax Refund done during fiscal year 2021-2022 for \$3044.67). This had not been budgeted for. Clerk Petsch also presented an Auditor's Letter of Engagement from the State of Nebraska. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to have Chairman TJ Vance sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on Protests Hearings. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, 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. 17 parcels were gone over with the Board and motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve the Protests. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. The group recessed until 10:05am.

No HVAC Report given.

At 10:05am, the Board and Assessor Krueger resumed their Board of Equalization with Notice of Resolution 23-2022 presentation of Rosemont Street/Alley vacation and abandoned study. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to proceed with this at a public hearing to be held at 9:30am on August 2, 2022 in the Board Room in the Courthouse. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Board then recessed their Board of Equalization Hearings until July 12 & 13th when they will have all day hearings.

At 10:30am, NACO representative Beth Ferrall met with the Board and updated them on things coming up in the future. Annual Conference will be in Kearney, NE again this year.

At 11:00am, Gene Horne and Marlys Schmidt met with the Board on the Blue Hill and Red Cloud Ambulances. They talked about new ambulances and presented their Budgets for the next fiscal year. The consensus of the group was to check into and take bids on ambulance billing for the County from other entities to get a cheaper cost.

At 10:40am, Teresa Young from the Webster County Museum gave her annual report to the Board and went over her budget for the next fiscal year.

At 11:30am through 1:45pm the Board held budget hearings from County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Noxious Weed Supt, Road Office, and Extension Office. Deputy County Clerk Abbey Harig attended these hearings.

Total Wages - \$12,218.11. GENERAL FUND: Adams County EMA (Dues)-\$100.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$189.29; ASAAP (Funding)-\$5000.00; B-Green Lawn Care (Repairs)-\$521.20; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$827.39; Katie

Bolte (Expense)-\$79.81; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$107.66; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$2000.00; Crowne Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$124.95; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$214.52; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$2257.35; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$710.92; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$704.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$17.50; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$565.01; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1437.98; Hampton Inn-Kearney (Lodging)-\$338.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$67.28; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$178.03; JDS (Support)-\$2800.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; Nebr Dept of Correctional Services (Housing)-\$2800.85; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$23.20; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1248.92; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$313.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1638.75; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$157.76; Web Co Clerk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$35.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$106.37; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$147.02; Barco Municipal Products, Inc (Supply)-\$1765.00; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$17,805.69; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$106.73; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$672.21; S.S. (Fica)-\$166.62; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$10.98; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.10; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$176.80; Lawson Products, Inc (Supply)-\$165.26; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$283.84; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$13,900.77; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Schriener Farms (Misc)-\$1500.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.73. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$4612.50. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$103.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC (Dental)-\$796.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: Adams County Dist Court (Misc)-\$315.00; NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$99.00. COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND: Davis Design (Contract)-\$8400.00; Skyler Eschliman (Misc)-\$800.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$307.44; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.44; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$246.10; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$21.06.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19th, 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 5th day of July, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk