

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 19th 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) Absent), Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-Chairman, Gary Ratzlaff gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the July 19th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the July 5th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried.

At 8:30am: Paul Stoner met with the Board. Road crews are busy doing usual work on road and bridges addressing issues throughout the County.

At 8:50am: Lance Harter met with the Board. Bladen Road is making progress. He discussed Showboat Road with chip sealing/armour coating. Tabled decision until next meeting and will take bids on this project. (4 miles total).

At 9:15am: Deputy County Clerk Abbey Harig and Deputy County Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on Cyber Security. They presented two bids and the Board decided to table this until next meeting and have representative from Turner Technology meet with them before making a decision.

At 9:20am: Deputy Scheuneman met with the Board on Protest Hearings. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried. Tami presented Hearings 2022-1 thru 26; Assessor Protests 2022-AP9 thru AP11; 2022-DR1 & DR2; and Tax Corrections 2022-26 & 27. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve of these as presented. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried.

At 9:30am: the Board reviewed Fire District Resolutions and request for Levy Allocation and Tax Dollar Amount Requests from each Fire Board. Resolution 24-2022 was presented showing preliminary requests from Bladen, Blue Hill, Guide Rock and Red Cloud. The Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby denies the preliminary requests for levy allocation for the Budget Year 2023/2024. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to deny preliminary requests for levy allocation from:

Bladen Rural Fire District  
Blue Hill Fire District  
Guide Rock Rural Fire District  
Red Cloud Rural Fire District

Voting in favor of these denials: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried. Resolution 24-2022 was signed by Vice-Chairman Ratzlaff. The Fire Boards also presented their preliminary requests for levy allocation. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to deny preliminary requests for levy allocations. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Vance. Motion carried. Resolutions 25 through 28 were signed.

**RESOLUTION 25- 2022**

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Bladen Rural Fire Protection District;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$64,244.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2022-2023 for the Bladen Rural Fire Protection District.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 26- 2022**

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Blue Hill Rural Fire Protection District;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$262,031.59 is Tax Request for budget year 2022-2023 for the Blue Hill Rural Fire Protection District

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 27 - 2022**

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Guide Rock Rural Fire Protection District;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$30,585.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2022-2023 for the Guide Rock Rural Fire Protection District

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 28 - 2022**

Resolution Requesting

A Preliminary

From the County Board

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 (3) requires all political subdivisions subject to Webster County Levy Authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board is the levy agent for Red Cloud Rural Fire Protection District;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$77,606.00 is Tax Request for budget year 2022-2023 for the Red Cloud Rural Fire Protection District

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

At 9:35am: Deputy Scheuneman met with the Board on sale of property in Inavale, NE. Owner presented a new sale price and Board felt they would stay with their original bid price they gave.

Sheriff's Quarterly Report was reviewed and approved by the Board. The Board also reviewed employee time sheets. There was no HVAC report.

At 9:55am: Ambulance contract for 2023 was discussed again with several options presented but tabled until next meeting as well.

At 10:00am: Janelle Kircher from the Hospital met with the Board and reported on their Budget and progress on the Hospital. Her report was favorable for the Board. Still have issues but Janelle felt the new Board is genuinely concerned and doing a good job. The Board asked if she would report to the Board on a regular basis. She would be happy to do this.

At 10:30am: Treasurer Janet Knehans presented her Semi-Annual Report to the Board. She felt it was a favorable one and the Board agreed as well.

At 10:45am: The Board held a phone conference from Adrian Smith's office giving them an update of important issues and concerns coming up.

At 11:00am: the Board discussed an Electronic Communication Board to be placed in the Courthouse by South Heartland District Health Department. The Board approved of this.

No report on COVID Money or Jail/Sheriff Building given.

Total Wages - \$161,251.54 **GENERAL FUND**: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7643.27; Applied Connective Technologies (Misc)-\$60.70; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$71.79; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$26,026.44; Blue Hill Leader (Subscription)-\$33.50; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$186.20; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$3328.95; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$54.95; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$8132.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$40.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$295.55; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$146.13; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$134.95; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$38.64; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$155.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$2033.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$66.56; NSA/POAN Conference Fund (Registration)-\$130.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Red Cloud Chief (Subscription)-\$34.50; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2257.30; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$85.00; Secretary of State (Supply)-\$10.00; Self Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2774.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1338.80; Kelly Skrdlant (Misc)-\$12.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.55; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Misc)-\$847.01; Viaero Wireless (Fees)-\$19.09; Webster County Imprest Account (Misc)-\$38.85. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND**: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3044.04; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$102.77; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.76; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$12.60; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1962.51; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$392.51; S.S. (Fica)-\$3407.93; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$113.52; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$111.71; gWorks (Dues)-\$4500.00; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs)-\$182.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.70; Kaufman Trailers of NE, Inc (Truck)-\$10,090.00; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$13.50; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$44.84; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$3429.25; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$6002.11;

Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$22,712.05; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$374.26; Roadbuilder Machinery & Supply (Supply)-\$579.83; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$146.50; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Repairs/Supply)-\$1729.65; Superior Motor Parts (Supply)-\$41.00; Timm's Service (Fuel/Repairs)-\$6588.61. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$252.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$132.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$713.55; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$37.48; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$331.06. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$420.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$276.53; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$15.48.

Being no further business, Vice-Chairman Gary Ratzlaff adjourned the meeting at 11:35am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk