

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 2nd, 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, TJ Vance gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the August 2nd, 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 Karr to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:30am: Paul Stoner met with the Board. He reported on the Excavator. Road crews are busy graveling roads and doing equipment repairs when they can. Showboat Road has been patched.

Monica Montgomery, reported on behalf of the Safety Committee. She discussed safety mirrors on the first floor directed towards the entrances. The Board felt this safety measure was a good idea and she will look into it further.

At 9:00am: Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met on LTD Quotes (Long Term Disability). Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with the Standard Plan. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. She also reported on the life insurance plan.

At 9:10am: Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff reported on the HVAC System.

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

The Board discussed the possibility of hiring a full-time Custodian (not on the agenda).

At 9:30am: Assessor Sonja Krueger (in place of Lance Harter) presented a Resolution following a public hearing, to vacate a portion of alleys, streets and county roads within the unincorporated community of Rosemont, NE. A study had been done on this. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to proceed with this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Chairman Vance will sign deeds and file them with the Register of Deeds Office.

At 9:35am: County Attorney Patrick Calkins met with the Board on the Bladen Road Project. He presented a Purchase Agreement from Chad R and Colleen E Timm to the County of Webster. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign this Purchase Agreement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am: Brad Larson from Turner Technology met with the Board on his bid to the County for IT services. This matter was tabled from the previous meeting in order to have both bids represented. The other bid is Hamilton. The Board will make a decision later in the meeting.

At 9:55am: Attorney Calkins will present a new contract at a later time reducing the amount because he will be sharing with another Furnas County.

At 10:00am: The Board will only be honoring Petsch Billing until the end of the year because they feel they can have it done cheaper. They will be taking bids for another person or company to do the Ambulance Billings for the County.

At 10:30am: Gene Horne and Marlys Schmidt met with the Board on their Budgets. Clerk Petsch removed her monthly overtime hours from their Budgets for the remainder of the year due to consensus of the group not wanting to pay it.

At 10:40am: Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman informed the Board Rhea Deisley had accepted their bid of \$2,000.00 on the Inavale property for sale she owned. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to purchase it. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Attorney Calkins will draw up the Deed.

At 10:45am: South Heartland District Health Department Board of Health appointment: Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to appoint Kathy Murphy Buschkoetter to the Board of Health. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:00am: Assessor Krueger met with the Board on Employee Handbooks that have been updated for the Board members. She also went over her Assessor and Appraiser budgets with the Board.

At 11:15am: Deputy Clerk Harig and Deputy Assessor Scheuneman met on Cyber Security Quotes. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to accept the Turner Technology bid. Voting in favor: Karr and Shipman. Voting nay: Vance, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Motion denied. Motion by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to accept Hamilton. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Voting nay: Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Deputy Harig did an overall review of budgets with the Board.

At 11:25am: Noxious Weed Supt Brian Pedersen met with the Board on his budget and made changes.

At 11:30am: Commissioner Dan Shipman met with the Board on Asbestos Report and removal of boiler in the basement of the Courthouse. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to proceed at an approximate cost of \$5,600.00.

At 11:35am: The Board reviewed the Resolution that had been sent for approval on the County Board Election Bond Ballot on the Jail/Sheriff Building to be put on the General Election on November 8, 2022. The Board felt they needed more clarification and tabled this until later in the meeting.

At 11:45am: The Board went over Building and Grounds budget and made changes.

At 11:50am: The Board held a phone call to Kayla Schulte, CPA with Lutz. They needed some clarification on the Jail/Sheriff Building Bond. They also want to talk with Andy Forney before signing the Election Bond Resolution.

At 12:10pm: They called Andy Forney but was unable to contact him. This item on the agenda will be tabled until the next meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, since our valuations went up tremendously.

At 12:30pm: The Board went over Sheriff Troy Schmitz's budgets for the Jail and Sheriff Offices.

The following Claims and Payroll were approved:

Total Wages - \$22,316.33. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Crop (Health)-\$757.13; AT & T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.40; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$827.39; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$374.81; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$126.25; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$2442.53; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$388.31; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$96.03; Michael Goebel (Expense)-\$599.03; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1447.42; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$910.35; Elizabeth Janning (Mileage)-\$52.50; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$370.23; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$75.00; Krueger Land Surveying (Fees)-\$2737.50; Lutz (Support)-\$1850.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (Fees)-\$310.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; Neb Instit of Forensic Sciences Inc (Misc)-\$2000.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$125.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$560.24; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1623.35; RR Donnelley (Supply)-\$66.05; St of Nebr Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$2529.80; Thomson Reuters-West (Fees)-\$174.25; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Maintenance)-\$855.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$166.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$141.38; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00; Zee Medical Service (Supply)-\$47.95. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$93.61; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$230.84; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$85.33; Central Nebraska Equipment (Supply)-\$85.29; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$1111.66; Deisley Excavating & Trucking, LLC (Misc)-\$4050.00; Del Ray (Supply)-\$672.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$106.09; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$479.05; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.10; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$185.08; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$26.40; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$615.95; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$752.93; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$78.62. **MODERN RECORDS:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Larry Baker (Dental)-\$778.04; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$154.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$607.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$108.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$601.20; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$270.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$207.00. **COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND:** Davis Design (Contract)-\$10,500.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Franklin County Treasurer (Spray Truck)-\$15,251.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$309.45; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$309.45; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2:** S.S. (Fica)-\$433.57; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$379.99.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th, 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 2nd day of August, 2022  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk