

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 6th, 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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the September 6th, 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 August 16th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. They discussed the Forestry Head for the Excavator. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this purchase. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. 2 More repairs are being done on the equipment as needed. A new applicant for the Road position started this week.

HVAC System Fence was discussed. Jail/Sheriff Building was discussed and Sheriff Troy Schmitz informed the Board Town Hall meetings have been set up to help clarify the need for this project before the November Election. Dates are September 28th, 2022 at the Blue Hill Community Building at 5pm and the Bladen Fairgrounds at 7pm. The next scheduled date is October 12th, 2022 at the Guide Rock Community Hall/gym at 5pm and at the Red Cloud Community Center at 7pm. Public is invited.

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

At 9:15am, Chairman TJ Vance opened bids for Showboat Road Chip Seal Project. There was only one bid from Topkote for \$224,733.80 with completion date of May, 2023. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to accept this bid. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Chairman Vance opened bids for "2022 Structure Replacement – Culvert Material Bids". There were 3 bids received. Midwest Sales & Service for \$62,835.09, Contech for \$47,324.00 and Ace/Eaton Metal for \$50,061.12. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to accept Contech. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins presented a Purchase Agreement pertaining to the Bladen Highway Project for Chairman Vance to sign. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Real Estate Purchase Agreement 32-2022 was approved.

At 9:45am, Resolution 33-2022 was presented for the Board to approve and sign. This establishes a new Fund (#2320) to place money received from the Opioid Settlement annually. This also keeps a separate accounting of these payments. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Karr to approve this new Fund #. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 33-2022 was approved.

At 9:50am, Clerk Louise Petsch presented Resolution 34-2022 for the Board to approve of transferring \$31,500.00 from General Fund to the Noxious Weed Fund. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign Resolution 34-2022. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Chairman Vance signed Resolution 34-2022. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Resolution 35-2022 was presented to the Board for Professional Consulting Services from WJE Consulting LLC. This firm prepares indirect cost allocation plan for Webster County. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve of this 3-year renewal at a cost of \$3,650.00 annually. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10am, (not on the agenda), Marlys Schmidt spoke to the Board on ambulance billings. She also submitted a bid for ambulance service billing from Metro-Billing Services, LLP. This subject will be placed in the paper. If anyone is interested, please submit a bid to the County Clerk's Office by November 1st, 2022.

At 10:30am, following a discussion by phone conference with Kayla Schulte on the property tax, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve a 1% increase in restricted funds. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on Tax Exemption Form 457. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. This was pertaining to a vehicle owned by Webster County Hospital making Application for Tax Exempt Status. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this exemption. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr 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 11:00am, Clerk Petsch received a Letter of Agreement for Region Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign this Letter of Agreement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:10am, the Board discussed Hospital matters. It had been decided in the previous meetings that the Webster County Hospital Board Members would be paid \$100 per meeting they attend plus mileage. No motion was made or at least the Secretary did not hear one. Therefore, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to approve of \$1200.00 annually plus mileage. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:30am, Assessor Sonja Krueger informed the Board she will be gone for 4 weeks due to upcoming surgeries she is having. The Board wished her luck. She also spoke to the Board on LB644. She stated to the Board, we needed to document and put in the minutes we are requesting the State to use their State Print Shop to do the postcards, etc for Webster County. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to allow this. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Petsch Billing was discussed at the previous meeting in regards to payment of \$250.00 from each Blue Hill and Red Cloud Ambulances. The consensus of the group was not wanting to pay this. She had stated she would not submit any further claims. After visiting with her legal counsel, it was noted she had a legal contract with the County until the end of the year and it should be honored as that. Therefore, she will be paid for her overtime services until the first of the year. Most of the Board members felt this was okay and necessary as she does have a signed contract until December 31, 2022.

The following claims and payroll were approved: Total Wages - \$20,073.41. **GENERAL FUND:** Alcohol Countermeasuer System Inc (Supply)-\$43.80; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$796.74; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$135.70; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.40; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$65.11; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$827.39; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$1081.54; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$86.00; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$86.03; Alisa Chiplaski (Expense)-\$36.25; Clay County Sheriff's Dept (Housing)-\$130.00; Consolidated Management Co (Misc)-\$14.60; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$448.00; Dewald Deaver L'Heureux (Counsel)-\$133.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$19.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$843.33; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1092.93; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$75.00; Environmental Services, Inc (Repairs)-\$5600.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$61.74; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$94.54; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1449.36; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$20.00; Krueger Land Surveying (Surveying)-\$1950.00; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$199.75; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$335.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$292.25; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; NACO (Registration)-\$80.00; Nebr Dept of Correctional Serv (Medical)-\$3004.50; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$108.75; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$876.70; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1408.53; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$224.75; Secretary of State (Supply)-\$10.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$257.50; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$831.65; Thomson Reuters – West (Misc)-\$182.96; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Trim)-\$1300.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$236.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$149.75; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$31,500.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$75.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$89.98; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$150.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$98.03; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$37,406.31; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$106.23; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$121.41; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Gravel Surfacing)-\$1656.00; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$366.27; S.S. (Fica)-\$101.98; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$64.24; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$911.98; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.19; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.23; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$45.47; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1005.54; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$267.53; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$39.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Peterbilt (Supply)-\$26.83; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs/Supply)-\$3887.19; Penrose Repair (Repairs)-\$812.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$4833.58; Thramers Food Center (Supply)-\$16.85; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.82. **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING FUND:** AXON Enterprise Inc (Supply)-\$141.54; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$162.89. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$192.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$229.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk/Lincoln)-\$344.17. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$22.89; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$162.88; Eldon's Auto Repair Inc (Repairs)-\$997.36; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$61.25. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$37.48; S.S. (Fica)-\$367.57; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.32; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$68.47; S.S. (Fica)-\$216.03; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm. The next

regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th, 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 6th day of September, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk