

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 4th, 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 approve the minutes of the September 20th, 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 claims and payroll for the October 4th, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to pay County Commissioner Claim: Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. The Bladen Road is progressing finally. Rock (Chip Seal) for Showboat Road is being delivered to the Blue Hill yard. Paul told the Board it looks very good and he feels it will be very sufficient when completed. Crews are busy doing various projects.

At 9:00am, the Board held a zoom meeting with Scott Kralik from B & D Construction, Andy Forney and Sheriff Troy Schmitz on the Jail/Sheriff Building. Discussion consisted of obtaining more information on costs and doing a pamphlet to distribute at meetings. They discussed having an Open House of the Jail for public inspection on Wednesday, October 12th at 3:00pm and then moving into Town Hall meetings the remainder of the day at 5:00pm at Guide Rock Community Center and 7:00pm at Red Cloud Community Center.

At 9:50am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance and Hamilton Firewall. Board felt they should keep things as they are right now and not do any switching. Abbey and Treasurer Janet Knehans will be meeting with Jones Group Wednesday morning to try and get more clarification on the billing procedures.

At 10:00am, the Board discussed flu shots for employees and EMTs. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay for them again this year. All members voted in favor: Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Clerk of District Crt Report, Imprest Account Report, Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report and Ambulance Write-off Report. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve all of them. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board met with Margaret Siel and Brandi Siel with Siel & Associates. They had submitted a proposal for doing the Budget for the County.

At 10:45am, Erin Benal from SCED met with the Board on Broadband Expansion. No decisions were made at this time.

At 11:19am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters relating to the Hospital. At 12:05pm, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go out of Executive Session. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th, 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.

Total wages - \$12,476.95. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$427.73; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.40; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$1775.05; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$164.75; CEI Security (Support)-\$100.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$478.02; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$644.13; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$193.39; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; Michael Goebel (Expense)-\$395.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$1306.00; Hastings Tribune (Subscription)-\$189.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$270.57; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$152.70; Krueger Land Surveying (Survey)-\$1987.50; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1270.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$181.88; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$43.84; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$111.24; Thomson Reuters-West (Misc)-\$182.96; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$256.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$173.38; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$406.56; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Misc)-\$1095.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$13.06; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$18,675.34; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$8.05; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$96.08; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$951.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$14.81; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.72; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$30.11; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$52.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$18,355.98; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Union Bank & Trust Co (Misc)-\$6056.25; Windstream (Phones)-\$78.83. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$103.12. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$304.80; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$212.00; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$156.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$221.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S.,

PC (Dental)-\$320.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$138.83. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Co (Misc)-\$9566.25. BLADEN HIGHWAY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Vontz Paving, Inc (Asphalt)-\$142,364.70. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$154.70; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$329.95; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$25.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$145.00; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$15.62. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$172.30; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$58.73; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$282.60; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Repairs)-\$527.20; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$53.52.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk