

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 18th, 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 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 Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the October 18th, 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. The Bladen Road is looking good. Paul informed the Board all the dirt roads have been done. The Board and Paul discussed equipment.

At 9:05am, Lance Harter met with the Board and gave them an update on the change of order on the Showboat Road Chip Seal Project.

At 9:20am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans presented 14 County Tax Sales that are ready to be processed but needs the Board to sign Resolution 39-2022 before she can proceed. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to sign the Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Chairman TJ Vance signed the Resolution.

At 9:30am, Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board on Certification of Levies and a Tax Correction as well as a TERQ update hearing. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to enter into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. 2022-2023 Webster County Property Tax Levies were gone over by the Board. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the tax levies. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor Scheuneman reviewed the TERQ hearing with the Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay: Shipman. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Noxious Weed Supt Brian Pedersen presented his State Evaluation Report to the Board. River spraying has been done.

Co Comm Gary Ratzlaff was appointed as Designee to cast a ballot on behalf of Webster County in the absence of Chairman TJ Vance at NACO Convention.

Ambulance Write-off Report was approved by the Board with motion by Shipman, seconded by Karr. All members voted in favor.

There was no HVAC System/Fence report and no COVID Money report. Jail/Sheriff Building was briefly discussed.

At 10:30am, Caleb Johnson gave his Proposal of Preparing the Budget for the County next fiscal year. He gave a very informative presentation. We have 3 bids and tabled this matter until November 1, 2022 meeting at which time a decision will be made.

At 11:00am, Ruth Stephens, acting Administrator for the Webster County Hospital reported on activity at the hospital. She informed the Board things were going very smoothly. She was very positive of the direction for the hospital. She stated to the Board they will be making a decision on the new CEO within a few days and is very excited about the person being appointed. They have received grant money. She also presented Hospital License for year 2022 for Chairman Vance to sign.

Total wages - \$158,986.78. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$37.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7795.29; Applied Connective Technologies (Domain Services)-\$60.70; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$66.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$31,574.90; Blue Hill Leader (Subscription)-\$33.50; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$69.58; Charm-Tex Inc (Supply)-\$154.80; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2559.99; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$79.20; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; Dewald Deaver L'Heureux (Counsel)-\$468.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$8296.11; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$277.32; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$4712.39; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$610.56; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$50.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$311.55; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$802.85; Hamilton County Sheriff (Fees)-\$18.66; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$49.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$105.85; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$401.50; LUTZ (Budget)-\$4800.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$61.50; Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$67.60; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1324.92; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Dues)-\$2257.30; Rixstine Recognition (Supply)-\$79.92; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$186.24; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2890.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2428.50; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$851.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1710.00; TK Elevator Corporation (Maintenance)-\$4927.92; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Misc)-\$1776.99; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Trim)-\$1040.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.16; Web Co Clk of Dist

Court (Fees)-\$72.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$506.17; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$102.77; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$9128.21; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.69; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$30.24; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$1759.42; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$41.01; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$1968.98; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$473.96; S.S. (Fica)-\$3338.30; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$93.75; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$41.24; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$213.24; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$6498.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$33.98; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$102.32; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$18,142.51; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$3091.25; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$17,154.28; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$134.37; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$4073.75. SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING FUND: Axon Enterprise Inc (Supply)-\$4273.80. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$137.63; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$132.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1292.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$552.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$160.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Crop (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$573.30; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23. RC AMBULANCE FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$37.48; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2719.97; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$226.12. BH AMBULANCE FUND: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$210.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$404.51; Ron's Pharmacy (Supply)-\$63.53; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$87.65.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 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 18th day of October, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk