

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 1st, 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 Gilbert to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 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 Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the November 1st, 2022 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board. He reported the Bladen Road should be completed next week. Paul reported it looks very good. Work by the Road crews continue to be done.

The Board reviewed the Annual Jail Report and Ambulance Quarterly Report. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Karr to approve these reports. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. There were no reports given for the HVAC System and Fence, COVID Money and Jail/Sheriff Building.

At 9:15am, Tami Scheuneman, Deputy County Assessor met with the Board. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Karr to enter into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Deputy Scheuneman reported the sale of the Legion Hall in Guide Rock will put that property back on the tax rolls. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Gilbert to accept this report. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Gilbert to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Marlys Schmidt met with the Board on Grant applications she has applied for on a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance and equipment for the ambulances. She also discussed the matter of not getting State reports filled out and sent in by the Lead EMTs in a timely manner. She asked the Board for help in achieving this by maybe sending a letter to them. The Board agreed.

At 9:45am, the Board went over ambulance service billing applications. 3 bids were presented by Metro-Billing Services, Kina Elliott and Sandra Schendt. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Ratzlaff to go with Metro Billing effective January 1, 2023.

At 10:am, the Board reviewed and signed the Annual Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2022 Report. Resolution 40-2022 was signed and approved with motion by Karr and second by Shipman. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board went over the applications received for preparing the Webster County Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. 3 proposals were received from Lutz & Company, Siel & Associates and J13 Enterprises. The Board reviewed the proposals with Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig and Treasurer Janet Knehans. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Ratzlaff to go with J13 Enterprises. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Kar and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:35am, Casey Muzic from Midlands met with the Board with an Application for Exemption on their new 2022 Chrysler Transit Van. Motion was made by Karr, second by Gilbert to go into Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Karr to accept Form 457 Exemption Application as Resolution 41-2022. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, second by Gilbert to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. She also informed the Board that home delivery meals will start in Bladen and Red Cloud. Both towns will have a site for pickup.

At 10:50am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on interest rates she has been receiving from Banks the County are affiliated with. She also reported on the County CD's. The Board felt with uncertain times and markets going on right now, they should keep everything as is with the Banks and not make any changes.

At 11:05am, Clerk Magistrate Jolene Duffy and Deputy County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on the Webster County Courtroom Technology Upgrade the State will be doing at some point in time. They will be having a phone conference with the State and would like Co Comm Tim Gilbert to be with them in order for all to get more clarification on things before proceeding with the update. Chairman TJ Vance signed the Memorandum of Understanding the State had submitted.

Executive Session that had been scheduled for 11:30am was canceled.

Total Wages - \$14,385.78. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$394.45; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.86; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$785.02; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$1828.24; Carpenter & Skalka Crt Reporting Inc (Misc)-\$75.25; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$219.99; Consolidated Management Co (Misc)-

\$14.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$440.28; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$620.30; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$3307.94; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$101.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$500.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$331.83; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1444.36; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$649.95; Hampton Inn – Kearney (Lodging)-\$189.00; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$88.25; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$5.79; Jared’s Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$466.25; MARC (Supply)-\$717.15; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$900.00; Lyn Mussman (Registration)-\$25.00; NACO (Registration)-\$1350.00; NE Assn of County Officials (Supply)-\$1922.75; Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service (Supply)-\$169.00; Nebraska Sheriff’s Association (Dues)-\$325.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$90.63; U.S. Postmaster (Box Rent)-\$108.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publishing)-\$1882.40; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1806.12; Revive Ministries/Horizon Recovery (Funding)-\$2000.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.55; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$270.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$193.70; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$90.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward’s Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$11,378.26; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$57.32; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$70,551.53; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$106.61; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$484.17; S.S. (Fica)-\$64.96; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.73; City of Hastings (Misc)-\$53.34; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$81.67; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$36.00; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$32.19; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2758.90; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; South Central Bobcat, Hastings NE (Supply)-\$86.26; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$85.17; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$2726.81; Windstream (Phones)-\$81.03. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$1625.00. VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Blue Hill Community Club (Grants)-\$330.00; Web Co Agricultural Association (Grants)-\$2500.00; Webster County Historical Museum (Grants)-\$435.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$406.20; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$57.75; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$280.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$225.40. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$180.00. BLADEN HWY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Vontz Paving, Inc (Misc)-\$404,236.28. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$50.76; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE: S.S. (Fica)-\$260.08; Garwood & McCracken (Misc)-\$100.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.93; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$28.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Red Cloud EMT’s (Supply)-\$126.40. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$29.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$328.4; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, 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 1st day of November, 2022  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk