

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 15th, 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 November 15th, 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 Karr to pay claims and payroll for the November 15th, 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 Shipman to pay Co Commissioner claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Co Commissioner Trevor Karr reported on Roads in absence of Paul Stoner. Bladen Road had some set backs due to Sub-Contractor issues and will not be opened until a later time. Crews are continuing to maintain roads and working on equipment.

The Board discussed HVAC System. Co Comm Tim Gilbert will check with KT & Air about fixing problems at the Courthouse with the HVAC System. The Board also asked Clerk Petsch to contact Faimon Plumbing and Heating in Lawrence, NE on plumbing issues.

Co Treasurer, Janet Knehans visited with the Board on the Bladen Hwy Road Project.

At 9:30am, Clerk Liz Petsch presented a Resolution transferring \$195,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road/Bridge Fund (300) to be approved and signed. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this transfer. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 40-2022 was signed.

At 9:35am, a Master Agreement for Land Survey Corner Preservation with NDOT and Resolution was sent from the State of Nebraska was presented. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve and sign Resolution 41-2022. All members voted in favor of this motion. Motion carried. Resolution 41-2022 was signed.

The Board discussed the Jail/Sheriff Bldg and Ambulance situations.

At 9:45am, Co Treasurer Janet Knehans, presented a letter she had sent to Sheriff Troy Schmitz on November 1, 2022 certifying 10 Distress Warrants for tax year 2021 to be collected. Sheriff Schmitz in turn presented a letter stating he had received this from the County Treasurer. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve these letters and publish in the minutes. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. They also discussed a 2021 RE Tax on School Dist #6. This was tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer Knehans discussed CD's with the Board that are in South Central State Bank and Cornerstone Bank. Janet is also looking into LATCF Funding money available to apply for.

At 10:20am, County Surveyor Tom Krueger met with the Board notifying he will be retiring from working as Webster County's County Surveyor. He thanked the Board for all the years of appointing him for this position. The Board thanked him for his service and wished him well in his semi-retirement.

At 10:30am, Gene Horne, Red Cloud EMT Captain met with the Board on Grants for \$150,000.00 on a new Ambulance and \$50,000.00 on equipment for the Ambulances. They agreed to go ahead and allow him to apply for these.

At 10:50am, Co Assessor Sonja Krueger reported to the Board on the pink card dispute. This was also tabled until the next meeting.

The Board continued to discuss Jail/Sheriff Building about other options maintaining the present facility. Total Wages - \$155,875.34. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Clerk (Dues)-\$1423.64; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7585.27; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$60.70; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$76.28; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$30,376.19; City of Blue Hill (Misc)-\$22.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1849.39; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$70.95; CVSOAN (Dues)-\$100.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; Julene J Degener (Mow Cemeteries)-\$390.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8032.97; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$19.59; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$311.55; Galls, Inc (Supply)-\$318.67; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$98.00; Hampton Inn – Kearney (Lodging)-\$189.00; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$124.39; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$432.74; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$5.99; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.70; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$642.20; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$2004.41; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$60.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.841; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; NACO (Dues)-\$1411.53; National Association of Counties (Dues)-\$450.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom Inc (Phones)-\$65.37; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Dental)-\$2890.00; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$69.20; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C, L.L.O (Counsel)-\$104.50; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co

(Misc)-\$50.00; Turner Technology (Support/Repairs)-\$472.50; Ken Vanwey (Misc)-\$545.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.17; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$690.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Cost Allocation)-\$935.51. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$119.37; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$4268.52; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$81.98; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$2953.38; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$394.21; S.S. (Fica)-\$3322.69; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$209.98; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$146.89; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$115.74; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$93.30; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs)-\$132.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$203.90; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$2017.34; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$114.84; L&M Tire (Supply)-\$17.25; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$32.19; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$17.22; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$27,386.57; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2811.02. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. BLADEN HWY NORTH PROJECT FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Contract)-\$4841.35. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$385.83; S.S (Fica)-\$279.23. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$47.83; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$28.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$158.36; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$306.55. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$271.85; Platte Valley Communications (Repairs)-\$113.50.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, 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 15th day of November, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk