

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 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 Karr, 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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the December 6th, 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 Co Commissioner claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager reported on Roads. He presented a cost breakdown of the Bladen Hwy Road for Webster County and Adams County for the Board to go over. They discussed other projects in the future and Road Equipment. Jesse from Oak Creek Engineering met with the Board on behalf of Highway Superintendent, Lance Harter.

Jesse gave Accountability and performance reports on the Bladen Road Project. They reviewed time lines not met and delayed work on behalf of Contractors. In the end, however, the project is completed and the Board has voiced their opinions on this matter.

Co Commissioner, Tim Gilbert reported on the HVAC System.

At 9:40am, the Board discussed COVID Money and tabled this topic until next meeting after the County Officials attend their Annual Conference. Hopefully, they can obtain information from other counties.

At 9:40am, Co Attorney, Patrick Calkins and the Board discussed School District #6 issues pertaining to 2021 RE Tax. Patrick will bring a document to the next meeting for the Board to sign with a decision made on this matter.

At 9:50am, Co Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on Bank Depositories and LATCF Funding. Motion was made by Karr, second by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Janet presented an Application Form 457 from Head Start for Tax Exemption status on a vehicle. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to allow this exemption. 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 go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:05am, the Board discussed the pink card dispute and the matter was settled.

At 10:10am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to transfer \$31,500.00 from the General Fund to Noxious Weed Fund. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, the Board held a telephone conference call with Caleb Johnson from J13 Enterprises. Caleb will be doing the Webster County Budget next year. Questions and answers were submitted from several sources on Budget issues.

At 10:45am, the Board discussed Ambulance claims and billings. The Board approved of hiring Petsch Billing to finish up any old ambulance billings within the next 45 days not to exceed a \$2,000 contract. The new billing service will take over in January of 2023. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this. All members voted in favor:

At 11:00am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve the Imprest Act Reports, Clk of Dist Crt Report, Ambulance Write-off Report and the Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. All of these reports had been reviewed by the Board during the meeting.

At 11:05am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board on new Police Vehicles and Law Enforcement weapons needing replaced. Troy will report at the next meeting on this matter with some cost figures.

At 11:15am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the Board for approval of buying an I-pad for office use and cost is over \$500. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to purchase this office equipment. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:30am, Clerk Liz Petsch reported on mowing of abandoned cemeteries. The County only pays for the mowing 3 times a year, but there can't have been any burials within the last 20 years or they don't qualify as an abandoned cemetery.

Christmas and New Year's Holidays were discussed by the Board. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve of Courthouse closing at 12:00 noon on December 23rd and all day on Monday, December 26, 2022. The Courthouse will also be closed all day on January 2nd, 2023.

The Courthouse Christmas Party will be held Sunday, January 15th, 2023 at the Red Cloud Golf Course at 5pm, with dinner at 6:00pm. More details later.

Total Wages - \$16,722.22. **GENERAL FUND:** Kelli L Albin-Conway (Poll Worker)-\$247.13; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$572.80; AT & T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.86; Phillip Bentz (Poll Worker)-\$233.06; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$785.02; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$896.16; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$213.50; Buffalo County Sheriff (Fees)-\$88.14; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$78.49; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$627.11; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1317.91; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$217.74; Joan Fisher (Poll Worker)-\$145.75; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Misc)-\$296.00; Barbara Goebel (Poll Worker)-\$154.25; Government Forms & Supplies (Supply)-\$197.91; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1444.36; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$527.45; Charleen M Himmelberg (Poll Worker)-\$143.00; Thomas L Hitchler (Poll Worker)-\$159.88; IAAO (Dues)-\$480.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$30.98; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$206.25; Luann Kosse (Poll Worker)-\$145.75; Carol Kugler (Poll Worker)-\$192.75; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$543.50; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$351.38; Margaret Anne Meline (Poll Worker)-\$162.38; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$986.49; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1153.00; Mips (Supply)-\$270.99; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$50.00; Anne Marie Ohmstede (Poll Worker)-\$165.50; Marcia Parr (Poll Worker)-\$159.88; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$106.60; Valda Phelps (Poll Worker)-\$137.50; Zach Pohlmeier (Expense)-\$157.62; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$1356.17; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1457.39; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$65.81; Marlys Schmidt (Poll Worker)-\$143.00; Jimmy Shaw (Poll Worker)-\$143.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$627.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; Annette Spencer (Poll Worker)-\$44.00; Debra Thayer (Poll Worker)-\$145.75; The Radar Shop (Repairs)-\$448.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2850.00; Thomson Reuters – West (Fees)-\$182.96; Tyler Technologies (Program)-\$499.00; Dennis L Vanwey (Poll Worker)-\$143.00; Veterans Information Services (Supply)-\$30.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$9.99; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$165.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$101.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$434.56; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$125.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$31,500.00; Lisa Whitmer (Poll Worker)-\$182.13; Arlene Wiley (Poll Worker)-\$232.25; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Debra Winslow (Poll Worker)-\$143.00; Penny Witte (Poll Worker)-\$93.50; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$262.24; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$130.61; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$184.65; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$76,238.21; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.69; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$113.24; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$80.23; S.S. (Fica)-\$148.03; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$104.84; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.73; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$74.64; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$350.00; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$45.96; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; NRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$42.40; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply/Repairs)-\$2801.26; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.30; Michael Reiman (Expense)-\$120.00; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$120.00; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$14,253.68; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$138.49; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$82.49. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** CONTECH Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$7065.00; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Services)-\$28,156.67; Vontz Paving, Inc (Asphalt Patching)-\$536,862.47. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$499.20; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$1158.40; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$280.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1644.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC (Dental)-\$204.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Gilbert John Buescher Estate (Refund)-\$3,776.14. **COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND:** Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$452.20; Davis Design (Misc)-\$2038.44; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$456.00. **BLADEN HWY NORTH PROJECT FUND:** Vontz Paving, Inc (Asphalt Patching)-\$718,105.23. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** NE Weed Control Assn/Region IV (Registration)-\$120.00; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$215.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$320.60; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.93; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Training)-\$250.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$181.02; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$250.00; Ron's Pharmacy (Supply)-\$63.53.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 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 December, 2022
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk