

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 reported on Roads. He informed the Board that a new maintainer has been delivered to Blue Hill. The crews continue to work on equipment and truck repairs. They discussed work needing to be done on bridges in the County.

HVAC and Fence Report given by Co Commissioner Tim Gilbert.

AARP Money and COVID Money were discussed.

At 9:30am, County Clerk Liz Petsch presented Certification to County Treasurer Report there were no unpaid claims as of December 15, 2022. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept this report. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35am, Co Attorney, Patrick Calkins reported on the 2021 RE Tax School Dist #6 situation. He informed the Board after researching the issue, he felt it was best to have a title search done. This matter will be put on the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 agenda.

At 9:40am, Clerk Magistrate, Jolene Duffy met with the Board on the new Courtroom Technology the State of Nebraska will be installing. Several things will have to be done before this process can proceed. It was approved by the Board to have Co Commissioner Tim Gilbert and Jolene Duffy check on this further and report back to the Board.

At 9:45am, Co Sheriff, Troy Schmitz gave his report to the Board on purchasing new handguns, rifles, ammunition and a new sheriff vehicle. Approximate cost was estimated at \$47,000.00 total. The Sheriff's Office equipment, etc. needs to be County owned. Most of the Officers are using their own personal rifles. Some amount of trading can be done, but not any great amount to recover cost of new equipment. The Board felt Sheriff Schmitz should proceed with ordering some of these items.

At 10:00am, Lindsay Waechter Mead presented a renewed UNL Interlocal Agreement to look at and sign. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this updated Extension Agreement. Voting in favor, Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Josh Grummert presented his proposal for applying for the County Surveyor Position that will be up for appointment on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

At 11:00am, Adam Goertzen presented his proposal for applying for the County Surveyor Position also. The Board felt both proposals were very good.

The Board discussed the Christmas Party on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Total Wages - \$155,875.34. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$42.72; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7585.27; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$60.70; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$85.20; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$31,161.21; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$17.08; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$3350.26; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$54.45; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance)-\$132.64; Dewitt Funeral Home (Misc)-\$636.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8032.97; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$303.04; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$13.26; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$311.55; Furnas County Clerk (Misc)-\$370.18; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$171.50; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$423.43; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1877.59; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Repairs)-\$224.36; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$133.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$60.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$223.00; Mips (Supply)-\$320.80; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$62.73; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$88.75; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2849.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$655.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.56; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$516.15; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$4108.75; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.17; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Fees)-\$147.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; B's Enterprises, Inc (Grader Blades)-\$3259.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$115.14; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.64; C&D Service Center (Supply/Repairs)-\$487.84; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$19.06; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$3085.54; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$880.02; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc (Repairs)-\$519.15; S.S. (Fica)-\$3322.69; Eggers Motor Service & Sales (Repairs)-\$3368.68; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$1.26; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$116.20; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1168.29; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$20.28; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$122.10; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$502.95; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Supply)-\$19,295.33; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Repairs)-\$275.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$2231.86; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$3701.05. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$22,444.40; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Professional Fees)-\$18,869.20; Speece-Lewis Engineers (Professional Fees)-\$5198.13. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$2664.00; Sean M Dally, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$214.00; Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$119.00; Webster

County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$180.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$160.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23; Nebraska Weed Control Assn-Region 4 (Dues)-\$15.00; Nebraska Weed Control Assn (Dues)-\$210.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$176.40; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$94.92; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$29.40; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$174.44; Red Cloud EMTs (Supply)-\$320.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$104.03.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 20th day of December, 2022  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk