

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 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) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Tim Gilbert (District Four) 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 Vance to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the January 17th, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager reported on Roads. Paul told the Commissioners that one maintainer has been sold and discussion was had about different options on what to do with the other two. Paul also discussed tree removal.

At 8:50am, Discussion was held about speaking to Caleb Johnson about needing to amend the budget to put a transfer back in from the General Fund (0100) to the Road/Bridge Fund (0800). A conference call will be set up to discuss this with Caleb at the next meeting.

At 8:55am, The commissioners reviewed the Sheriff's Quarterly Report, the Summary Fee Forecast Report and the Imprest Account.

At 9:00am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz and Deputy Ron Sunday Jr, met with the board about a new radio tower that has been approved through the Emergency Management Region Funding, along with the state. They will report back with more details at a later date.

At 9:15am, LaMont Cook, the new Hospital Administrator for the Webster County Community Hospital came to give an update on the hospital. Mr. Cook had very positive things to say about the hospital and shared ideas on expanding services that the hospital can provide to Webster County.

At 9:30am, Clerk Harig presented several Resolutions to be approved by the Board as follows: Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve **Resolution 1-2023** designating Red Cloud Chief, Blue Hill Leader and the Webster County Website as the County's official publications for the year 2023. **Resolution 2-2023** was presented to the Board designating South Central State Bank of Red Cloud and Blue Hill and Cornerstone Bank of Guide Rock as the official Depository Banks for Webster County for year 2023. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried. **Resolution 3-2023** was presented to the Board concerning collection of delinquent real estate and special taxes, conducting tax sales and issuing Tax Sale Certificates. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr, Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion Carried. **Resolution 4-2023** was presented to the Board, transferring \$195,000.00 from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve this resolution/transfer. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr, Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion carried.

At 9:45am: County Board Appointments for 2023 were gone over by the Board and changes made accordingly. The Board decided to keep all the Board members in their same positions and a unanimous decision was made to keep TJ Vance as Chairman and Gary Ratzlaff as Vice-Chair. Discussion was had in regards to appointing a new County Surveyor. After discussion, a motion was made by Shipman to appoint Josh Grummert as the new County Surveyor, seconded by Karr. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr, Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr, to approve all other board appointments. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

2023

Webster County Board of Commissioners: T J Vance Chairman; Gary Ratzlaff, Vice-Chairman

Region III Governing Board (Behavioral Services): Trevor Karr, Delegate; Tm Gilbert, Alt.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: Dan Shipman, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Kearney: Tim Gilbert, Delegate; Trevor Karr, Alt.

Central Community College: Trevor Karr, Delegate; Dan Shipman, Alt.

Webster County Hospital Trustees Board: Gary Ratzlaff, Board Liaison; Dan Shipman, Alt.

COUNTY ENGINEER: Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering

COUNTY MUSUEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (5-year term) Jim Fitzgibbon (01/01/2025), Michelle Cole (01/01/2024), Sharon Berns (01/01/2024), Marcie Kinnaman (01/01/2028), Roger Crook (01/01/2028), Sara Richards (01/01/2024) Julie Zimmerman.

COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT: County Board

COUNTY SURVEYOR: (4-year term) Josh Grummert (2027)

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAL CONTACT: Gary Ratzlaff and Tim Gilbert

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Ron Sunday

EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD: (3-Year Term) Ashley Armstrong (12/31/2024), Kristi Allen (12/31/2024), Buffy Niemeyer (12/31/2024), Riley Skrdlant (12/31/2026), Nelson P. Trambly (12/31/2026).

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPONSIBLE CHARGE: Paul Stoner and Lance Harter

FLOOD PLAINS MANAGER: Tami Scheuneman

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Abbey Harig

HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE: (6-Year Term) Abbey Hansen, Ron Brumbaugh, Louise Petsch, Marissa L’Heureux, Leon Lutkemeier

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION: (3-Year Term) Troy Himmelberg (01/01/2024), Scott Schmidt – Bladen (01/01/2026), Marvin Hartman – Guide Rock (01/01/2024), Garth Wentworth (01/01/2026), Keith Waechter (01/01/2026), Jerry Langer (01/01/2024), Paul Stoner (01/01/2024).

NIRMA SAFETY COMMITTEE: Abbey Harig, NIRMA Contact Person, Paul Stoner, Troy Schmitz, Carla Jameson, Ron Sunday, Monica Schmitz, Monica Montgomery, Alexa Pedersen.

NIRMA CONTACT PERSON: Abbey Harig

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Tami Scheuneman

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Gary Ratzlaff

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP YOUTH TASK FORCE: Karla Burgess

SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Dan Shipman

SOUTH HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH: (3-Year Term) Kathy Murphy (03/01/2024), Torey Kranau Kohmetscher (03/01/2025), TJ Vance (03/01/2026).

TITLE IV-ADA/504 COORDINATOR: Abbey Harig

TRAILBLAZER RC & D: Jim Farmer

VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER: Gary Ratzlaff

VETERAN’S SERVICE COMMITTEE: (5-Year Term) Don Beitler (06/30/2026), Michael Barton (06/30/2025), Keith Waechter (6/30/2024), Ron Schutte (6/30/2028), Bill Goosic (6/30/2025).

VISITOR PROMOTION COMMITTEE: (4-Year Term) Jarrod McCartney (01/01/2027), Jill Coffey (01/01/2024), Rod Ely (06/30/2027), Linda Hitchler (01/01/2026), Wade Gibson (04/01/2024).

WEBSTER COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Oak Creek Engineers – Lance Harter

WEBSTER COUNTY TRANSIT COUNSEL: Gary Ratzlaff

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY: Brian Pedersen

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: (3-Year Term) Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2024), Linda Mans (01/01/2025), Scott Schmidt (01/01/2026), Justin Shipman (01/01/2024), Rob Wilson (01/01/2024), Tim Meline, Alt.

10:20am: Clerk Harig gave a brief update on the courtroom updates. Petsch Electric is still working to get the updates done that are needed prior to the State coming in with their new equipment.

10:30am: Katie Kulhanek, with Diversion Services, which helps with the central district funding for youth in Webster County came to give the board an overview of what they offer our County and to have them sign the annual Memorandum of Understanding or Community Based Juvenile Services Aid. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr to sign the Memorandum. Voting in favor: Vance,

Ratzlaff, Karr, Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr, to approve all other board appointments. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert.

10:45am, Gene Horne met with the Board to give them information about an EMT recertification class through Southeast Community College he is wanting to hold at the hospital. This will be the third Tuesday of every month and will meet the 20 hours needed to complete the recertification. For more information, please contact Gene Horne or call the Clerk's office at 402-746-2716 opt.2 to get Genes information.

11:00am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present the semi-annual statement.

11:10am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board for Tax Corrections. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert and Shipman. Tax Corrections 2023- 1 – 8 presented with explanation. Motion was by Karr, seconded by Vance to approve the Tax Corrections. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert and Shipman. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Gilbert.

11:15am: Shipman gave a brief update on the HVAC fence.

Total wages - \$152,488.60. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7358.36; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$60.70; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$295.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$87.43; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$31,161.21; Blue360 Media (Supply)-\$90.75; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$98.00; Centec Cast Metal Products (Supply)-\$280.18; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2483.52; Crowne Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$1364.48; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$117.15; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7773.88; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$75.00; Farm & Home Publishers, LTD (Plat Books)-\$625.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$321.10; Government Forms & Supplies (Supply)-\$98.50; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$937.62; Hometown market (Supply)-\$520.15; Integrated Security Solutions (Misc)-\$480.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$14.98; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$47.50; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$450.27; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$84.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$58.50; Mid-States Organized Crime Info (Dues)-\$100.00; Mips (Supply)-\$144.59; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; Lynn Mussman (Dues)-\$60.00; NAEM Attn: Doug Fox (Dues)-\$50.00; National Sheriff's Association (Dues)-\$71.00; Nebr Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Registration/Dues)-\$125.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$37.74; Physicians Laboratory, P.C. (Misc)-\$365.00; PIP Marketing Signs Print (Supply)-\$72.25; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$173.14; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2774.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$838.50; Kelly Skrdlant (Lease)-\$12.00; SSM Health Care Group (Misc)-\$235.50; Ken Vanwey (Repairs/Snow Removal)-\$150.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$38.34; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$11.09; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$178.80; Webster Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1067.22; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$209.12; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.60; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$7.98; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$65.30; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Misc)-\$3496.03; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$101.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$3334.40; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.57; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$103.62; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1121.52; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.70; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$2324.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$244.83; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$90.20; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$3.52; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$57.45; Michael Todd Industrial Supply (Supply)-\$286.15; Midwest Service & Sales (Supply)-\$1333.50; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$82.14; Nebraska Peterbilt (Supply)-\$563.23; Nebraska Machinery Company

(Supply/Repairs)-\$22,415.55; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$7980.48; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Supply)-\$16.95; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1036.17; Van Kirk Contracting (Culverts)-\$1890.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.76. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Speece-Lewis Engineers (Services)-\$13,711.25. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$549.00; Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$3542.40; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$210.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$3866.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)\$438.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$160.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$60.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$291.77; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$29.40; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$398.07. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$210.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$411.20.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:20am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, 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.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk