

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 21st, 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) 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 February 7th, 2023 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 Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the February 21st, 2023 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. Paul presented the Adams County Interlocal Agreement for the Bladen Highway. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this interlocal agreement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Attorney Patrick Calkins presented the Resolution 2023-6. This gives the road department the authority to draft and propose an updated tree and brush policy. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept the new policy. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:50am, Chairman Vance discussed information from the Chairman workshop that he attended the week before. He discussed with the board different grants that are available for the County.

At 9:00am, Highway Superintendent, Lance Harter met with the board and presented a Routine Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection agreement. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to continue working with Oak Creek Engineering on this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Clerk Harig met with the board to update signers on all accounts in the Clerk's office. Louise (Liz) Petsch has retired and needs to be removed from all accounts and online access. Current signers should be Abbey Harig, Katie Ord and TJ Vance. Online access should be Abbey Harig and Katie Ord. Ratzlaff motioned to approve these changes, Gilbert seconded. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20am, Clerk Harig presented the updated Dental Policy with Resolution 5-2023 to the board. Changes were made regarding discussion from February 7th, 2023 board meeting. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Michele Beaver with the South Heartland District Health Department met with the board to give their annual report.

At 9:45am, Gene Horne met with the board to present the grants that Red Cloud and Blue Hill Ambulances received.

At 10:00am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board for a tax correction. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Shipman. Motion carried. Scheuneman presented Tax Correction 2023-10 with explanation. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this Tax Correction. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Vance to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Shipman. Motion carried

At 10:15am, Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff discussed the flag pole issues south of the Courthouse. He presented a couple options for a new flag pole. Ratzlaff is going to try and get a few more quotes prior to the next meeting.

At 10:25am, Chairman Vance shared more information from the Chairman workshop last week.

At 10:30am, Attorney Calkins met with the board representing the Handbook Committee to discuss updating the Inclement Weather policy in the handbook. Calkins shared the information that was discussed at the previous Handbook Committee meeting and the board reviewed a letter submitted by an employee. It was decided for Calkins to make the Resolution and present it at the next board meeting to be signed. The basement waiver was also reviewed by the board.

At 10:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the board to present the Delinquent Tax List and Notice of Sale of Delinquent Taxes on Land and Town Lots. A public tax sale will be held, Monday, March 6th, 2023 on the third floor of the Webster County Courthouse.

At 11:am, Clerk Harig gave an update on the new ambulance billing service. She is waiting to hear back from the Metro representative to hopefully get some training. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Total wages - \$153,851.47. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7454.35; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.22; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$30,199.91; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$707.61; Boarders Inn & Suites (Lodging)-\$288.00; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$84.56; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$51.70; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2038.07; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; S.S. (Fica)-\$7854.26; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$876.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$8.99; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$236.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$6.99; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$58.50; Mips (Supply)-\$158.64; NE Assn Co Clks/Reg Deeds/Elections (Dues)-\$50.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$70.53; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$82.53; PIP Marketing Signs Print (Supply)-\$601.31; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$429.13; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2001.38; Thomson Reuters – West (Subscription)-\$182.96; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Fees)-\$65.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$375.00; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.59; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$57.75; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$89.19; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$2516.31; County Corner (Fuel)-\$125.19; S.S. (Fica)-\$3322.69; Fastenal (Supply)-\$76.25; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$150.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$103.17; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$360.76; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$739.43; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$333.63; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$4454.05; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$71.69; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$267.39; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1124.36; Van Diest Supply Company (Supply)-\$1230.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$17,813.60; Speece-Lewis Engineers (Services)-\$23,360.88; Van Kirk Contracting (Services)-\$94,532.89. **SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$4273.80. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$146.40. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23; NE Weed Control Assn/Region IV (Registration)-\$150.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$116.41.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 21st day of February, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk