

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 7, 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 21st, 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 March 7th, 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 board with the Chip Seal agreement from Topkote for Showboat road. The board then reviewed the new Tree and Brush policy. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to adopt this new policy. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Paul then presented the Routine Bridge Inspection agreement from Oak Creek Engineering. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to continue working with Oak Creek Engineering on the routine bridge inspections. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, Sharon Hueftley with SCEDD met with the board. Sharon presented the annual report and shared the many things SCEDD has been involved in the past year.

At 9:20am, Commissioner, Gary Ratzlaff updated the board on the flag pole south of the courthouse. It has been decided to upgrade the current pole instead of getting a new one.

At 9:25am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins met with the board, presenting the updated inclement weather policy for the board to review. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to adopt the updated policy. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35am, County Assessor, Sonja Krueger met with the board for a public hearing for a permissive exempt application. Also attending was Leslie Fattig and Rob Bozell with the State Historical Society Foundation via zoom. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go into CBOE. Assessor Krueger presented the board with the denial of permissive exempt application. Leslie Fattig and Rob Bozell then spoke to the board on the historical measures on the property they are requesting to be tax exempted. A motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to deny the 2023 permissive application proceed to TERC for the application. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: Karr voted nay and Shipman abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:15am, County Clerk Abbey Harig and Liz Petsch met with the board. Clerk Harig gave the board an update on the new ambulance billing company, Metro billing. Liz Petsch gave an update on billings prior to Metro taking over.

At 10:30am, Clerk Hairg presented the Notice of Taxable Status to the board.

At 10:35am, the board reviewed the Imprest Account and the District Court Report provided by the Clerk's office and the Fund Balance report provided by the Treasurer's office. Shipman gave an update on the HVAC fence.

Wages - \$13,625.51. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$536.45; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$60.70; At-Scene LC (Subscription)-\$1075.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$785.02; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$33.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$36.42; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$33.65; S.S. (Fica)-\$605.51; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1167.51; First

National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$449.18; Frontier County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$6.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1448.84; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$649.95; Howard County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$37.18; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$175.54; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$654.60; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fees)-\$19.37; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$9.50; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$421.94; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$58.50; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1200.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2459.81; NACO (Registration)-\$350.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$53.19; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$460.00; Physicians Laboratory, P.C. (Misc)-\$4450.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Training)-\$300.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1951.53; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$104.40; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$855.00; Thomson Reuters-West (Subscription)-\$182.96; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Supply)-\$2836.42; Vision Service Plan (COBRA Premium)-\$51.27; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$417.89; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$72.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$161.42; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$60.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1258.48; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$163.47; Bostock Welding LLC (Repairs)-\$225.00; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$57.13; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Gravel/Borrow)-\$1752.00; County Corner (Fuel)-\$215.15; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$4.10; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$61.33; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.02; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$99.91; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hansen International Truck Inc (Supply)-\$1638.33; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$65.77; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$949.76; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$696.64; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$65.92; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$290.99; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply/Repairs)-\$193.10; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1390.82; North Central Air (Supply)-\$820.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$157.65; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1096.94; Windstream (Phones)-\$90.66. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$140.24. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$229.40; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$474.20; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$100.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$180.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$108.00; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$448.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$840.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$408.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$369.86; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$58.75. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$289.21; S.S. (Fica)-\$188.47; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.28; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$395.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$245.92; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$395.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:40pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 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 7th day of March, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk