

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 21, 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 Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to approve the minutes of the March 7, 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 Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the March 21, 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 discussed a couple bridge proposals. Paul then reported on the box culvert put in on Road R. The board discussed options on how to fix the issues that have arose with this. Paul then gave an update on the tree removal the road crews have been working on.

At 9:00am, Elaine Menzel with NACO met with the board and shared upcoming events and meetings that she encourages the county to attend. Elaine also gave a brief update on current legislature, discussing LB 563, Nebraska Historic Preservation Tax Credits specifically.

At 9:30am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board and presented the proceedings of the Public Tax sale held on March 6, 2023. There were 15 public tax sales sold with 10 investors present. Janet also presented a listing of remaining delinquent taxes for the 2021 and prior years as well as unpaid 2022 taxes.

At 9:45am, Commissioner, Tim Gilbert shared with the board an issue Blue Hill is having pertaining to dog ordinances. Discussion was held as to what the proper way to handle these situations are. As the Sheriff's office does not have any authority over Blue Hill ordinances, the public must take these issues to the city attorney and the city council meetings to follow the proper procedures.

At 10:00am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with board, along with Josh Carpentier with Cloud Permit, via zoom. Josh gave a presentation on e-permitting which allows people to file building permits online. No action was taken on this.

At 10:30am, Commissioner, Dan Shipman discussed with the board the ambulance grant and what can be done with the used ambulances if Red Cloud should proceed in getting a new one. Per regulations it makes it hard to sell used ambulances, however, they're going to look into what can be done with this in hopes another EMT facility in Webster County can purchase the used ambulance.

At 11:00am, Commissioner Shipman then discussed options for the Sheriff's office and where we need to go from here for a new Sheriff's office. More discussion will be held on this in the future.

Total Wages-\$150,987.93. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7261.06; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.22; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$260.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$90.11; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$28,222.35; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$359.78; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$19.53; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$3529.00; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$219.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2230.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$70.95; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$132.64; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7667.08; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$593.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1529.88; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$302.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$117.35; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$400.21; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$134.95; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$50.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$50.18; Petsch Electric, LLC (Repairs)-\$1983.99; Physicians Laboratory, P.C. (Misc)-\$2250.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$222.48; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2674.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$522.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; South Central State Bank

(Supply)-\$76.49; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3372.50; Thomson Reuters – West (Subscription)-\$182.96; Ken Vanwey (Snow Removal)-\$625.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.33; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Court (Fees)-\$94.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.56; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Grader)-\$1218.65; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$1817.26; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc (Repairs)-\$2460.31; S.S. (Fica)-\$3335.55; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$4.98; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$126.60; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$122.93; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$30.78; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$102.14; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Repairs)-\$24.75; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$312.19; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$1555.97; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs/Fuel)-\$4197.75; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$858.32; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$1215.30; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Repairs)-\$29,857.13; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$240.89. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Deisley Excavating & Trucking, LLC (Misc)-\$600.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$210.80; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$161.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D. S., PC (Dental)-\$452.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$354.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$71.91; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23; Ramada by Wyndham Columbus (Lodging)-\$192.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$239.06; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$157.70. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$195.55.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:40pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4th, 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 March, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Webster County Clerk