

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 4, 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 Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the April 4, 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 met with the board. Paul gave updates on equipment, repairs, bridges, and tree removal. Discussion was also had on gravel options for the county. Monica Montgomery, the Road Administrative Assistant met with the board during this time as well to discuss issues with the postal service and payments not being received by vendors on time. The board would like to look at other forms of payment.

At 9:15am, Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent met with the board to present the 1 and 6 year plan. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept the 1 and 6 year plan as modified. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Lance also discussed a new government program to replace stop signs throughout the county.

At 9:30am, the board reviewed the Imprest Account Report, District Court Report and the Sheriff's Quarterly Report.

At 9:35am, Brief discussion was had on a new sheriff's building/office.

At 9:45am, Commissioner Dan Shipman and EMT, Gene Horne met with the board to discuss the ambulance grant. Stipulations on selling/buying new and used ambulances were discussed. Gene is working on applying for other grants to help with this process.

Dan then discussed with the board taking money out of the Inheritance fund to give to the four fire departments and two EMT's squads in Webster County. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to give Bladen, Blue Hill, Guide Rock and Red Cloud Fire Departments and Red Cloud and Blue Hill Ambulance \$25,000 out of inheritance. This money will be for buildings, equipment, or vehicles. Each department will need to have the money spent and report to the board on how the money was used by June 2026. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Abbey Harig, County Clerk submitted Resolution 7-2023 to transfer \$195,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Road/Bridge fund (0300) in order to pay the bridge bond payment. Motion made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to transfer these monies. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:50am, The board discussed whether or not the \$200,000 transfer should still be transferred from County General to the County Building Remodeling Fund. The board confirmed this transfer still needed to be done and a resolution will be presented at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At 10:45am, Clerk Harig, presented the board with a general assistance application. This has been tabled to the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting so more information can be collected on this.

At 11:00am, Clerk Harig and Janet Knehans, County Treasurer met with the board to report on the ambulance billings. Abbey and Janet gave the board an updated on how things were going with the new billing company and how things were working on the county's end.

Total Wages - \$13,873.82. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$425.79; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$2394.14; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$301.12; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-

\$46.20; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$410.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$516.27; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$36.05; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$511.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$134.99; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Misc)-\$135.00; Furnas County Clerk (Fees)-\$270.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2828.52; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$660.95; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$197.16; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$107.43; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$415.47; Merten-Butler Mortuary Inc (Misc)-\$331.00; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$199.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1203.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$54.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers' (Registration)-\$150.00; OnSolve, LLC (Subscription)-\$2082.86; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$116.70; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1638.39; Sullivan Shoemaker P.P. L.L.O (Counsel)-\$414.08; University of Nebraska (Wage Share)-\$5000.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$656.97; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$260.38; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$144.46; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$252.03; Fastenal (Supply)-\$24.03; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$1328.64; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$88.03; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$276.46; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$328.17; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$687.60; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$625.26; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$60.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$249.94; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$68.50; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$2964.80; Union Bank & Trust Co (Bond Payment)-\$156,046.87; Windstream (Phones)-\$86.06. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Speece-Lewis Engineers (Services)-\$16,043.61; Van Kirk Contracting (Services)-\$158,930.67. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$164.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$183.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$204.00. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$10,000.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Bond Payment)-\$214,551.31. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$418.55; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$42.61; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$920.51; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$73.36. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1: S.S. (Fica)-\$333.83; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.28 ; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$264.00 ; South East Community College (Training)-\$200.00. BH AMULANCE SERVICE #2: S.S. (Fica)-\$208.82; Lifeguard MD, Inc (Supply)-\$373.00; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$264.00; Southeast Community College (Training)-\$300.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:15pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18<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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk