

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 18, 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 April 4, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the April 18, 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 presented the board with a Supplemental Agreement between State of Nebraska DOT and Webster County. Motion was made by Karr, Seconded by Shipman to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Paul then discussed and gave updates on a few projects and equipment.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Harig met with the board to discuss payment options to vendors. After discussion, the commissioners decided that any purchases over \$20,000.00 will need to be an ACH payment through South Central State Bank. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Shipman to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:25am, Clerk Harig reported to the board the proceeds from the surplus items that were sold in March.

At 9:30am, A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible real estate for Sheriff's office. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Executive sessions was necessary to protect third party information. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to go out of executive session. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40am, Clerk Harig presented Resolution 8-2023 to transfer \$200,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the County Building Remodeling Fund (4050). Motion made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to transfer these monies. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Clerk Harig presented a general assistance claim. After discussion motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to grant this application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Ratzlaff and Vance. Voting nay: Karr. Voting absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to discuss issues with the County pickup. Brian will report back at the May 2nd board meeting with quotes to fix these issues. Brian also presented the board with his State report.

At 10:10am, during open session, Steven Alquist met with the board to discuss certain concerns pertaining to the government.

At 10:20am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present information on the name plate capacity tax.

At 10:30am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman presented the board with Assessor, Sonja Krueger's resignation letter. A motion by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert was made to accept her resignation. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining:

None. Motion carried. Deputy Scheuneman then presented the board with a copy of the 2023 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator.

At 10:50am, The board reviewed the 2023 jail standards report.

At 11:10am, Clerk Harig gave information to the board about a cyber security grant that the State is offering. Harig has been working with Hamilton on this project.

At 11:20am, Adam Jurgens with Hamilton joined the discussion on the cyber security grant. Adam discussed Hamilton's goals for this grant and explained to the board what security measures they are hoping to get from this. The application must be submitted by April 30, 2023. Motion made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to proceed with this application. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:30am, The Commissioners went to look at a property.

Total Wages - \$150,811.68. **GENERAL FUND:** Alcohol Countermeasuer System Inc (Supply)-\$129.80; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7249.16; Applied Connective Technologies (Domain Services)-\$70.86; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$94.58; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$28,629.87; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$33.50; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2431.94; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$62.70; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$132.64; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$448.00; Jolene K Duffy (Expense)-\$6.98; S.S. (Fica)-\$7621.71; Fairfield Inn & Suites Kearney (Lodging)-\$279.90; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$294.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$2137.99; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$607.56; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1516.30; Lieske Law Firms (Counsel)-\$228.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$57.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$223.00; Mips Inc (Dues)-\$2459.81; NACO (Registration)-\$125.00; NE Dept of Revenue Property Assessment (Registration)-\$75.00; Nebr Auditor of Public Accounts (Audit)-\$15,492.40; Nebr Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Registration)-\$75.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$43.85; Lynn Peavy Company (Supply)-\$62.72; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$50.00; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Misc)-\$2257.28; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2740.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2493.75; Thomson Reuters – West (Subscription)-\$182.96; Trailblazer RC & D (Dues)-\$400.00; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$3585.20; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$38.58; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$49.85; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster Co Treasurer (Transfer)-\$200,000.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Berns Machinery & Repair (Repairs)-\$150.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$958.01; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$27.10; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$361.39; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$52.44; Cooperative Producers Inc, Fuel)-\$1115.32; Cornhusker Tool Machine & MFG (Repairs)-\$269.25; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$213.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$3322.69; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$68.37; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$711.32; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.28; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$102.73; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$9.88; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$846.79; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$92.08; L&M Tire (Repair)-\$270.30; Mips Inc (Dues)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$57,744.36; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply/Fuel)-\$7611.08; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Supply)-\$172.36; Union Bank & Trust Co (Hwy Allocation)-\$1374.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Speece-Lewis Engineers (Project)-\$8445.85. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Dues)-\$140.24. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$116.00; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$223.20. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$246.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$174.01; S.S. (Fica)-\$279.23; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$144.14. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$223.79; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$157.47; Red Cloud EMT's (Expense)-\$503.30. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$845.03; Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$210.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$271.60; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$35.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 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 18th day of April, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk