

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 16, 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 May, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the May 16, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the board. Paul updated the board on the box culvert on Road R. He also gave updates on machinery and current and upcoming projects.

At 9:00am, the board discussed the HVAC fence and the Sheriff's building.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented Resolution 9-2023. There are sufficient funds to make the necessary transfer back to the Inheritance Fund from the Bridge Bond Fund. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Clerk Harig then presented Resolution 10-2023 for Cash in Lieu which was tabled to discuss after the health insurance discussion. Clerk Harig then shared updates on benefits for upcoming open enrollment.

At 9:30am, Dan Schwartzkopf with Jones group met with the board to present the new health insurance premiums. After thorough discussion, motion was made by Shipman to go with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue Freedom, Option 29 Rx 6 plan, with the County paying 100% of employee only premium and 75% of employee/spouse, employee/child(ren) and family premium. This was seconded by Karr. Voting in favor: Gilbert, Karr, Ratzlaff, Shipman, Vance. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:50am The Cash in Lieu Resolution 10-2023 was discussed again. Motion was made by Karr seconded by Ratzlaff to pay 50% of the employee only premium. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Gilbert and Ratzlaff. Voting nay: Vance. Absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:55am County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board, representing the County Officials to discuss employee wages. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr for deputies to continue to receive 75% of the official's wages and clerk's 68%. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None

At 10:15am during open session, Stan Rouse with Glenwood met with the board to discuss a fiber networking grant.

At 10:30am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board to set dates for CBOE hearings. Tami and the Board agreed on June 20th, July 11th and 18th. Times will be set later.

At 10:40am, Clerk Harig gave the board a brief update on ambulance.

Total wages - \$150,411.68. GENERAL FUND: Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$37.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7249.16; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$96.04; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$84.53; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$28,629.87; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$145.85; Central Nebr Cremation/Mortuary Serv (Misc)-\$800.00; CINTAS (Supply)-\$589.71; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Supply/Fuel)-\$2487.86; 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)-\$58.58; S.S. (Fica)-\$7621.71; Fairfield Inn & Suites Kearney (Lodging)-\$219.90; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1000.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$294.00; gWorks (Support)-\$11,422.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$4583.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$3707.67; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$212.95; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$579.92; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$496.90; Mid-Tech Resource LLC (Supply)-\$76.36; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$55.50; NACO (Dues/Registration)-\$1545.75; Nebraska

Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$56.63; Physicians Laboratory, P.C. (Misc)-\$571.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$226.62; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2740.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Inspection)-\$126.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2018.75; Thomson Reuters-West (Subscription)-\$182.96; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Trim)-\$765.00; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$17.09; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Jury Fees)-\$1350.19; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$56.00; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$115.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2963.77; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$149.75; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$295.48; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$92.15; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$11.96; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2351.39; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$194.16; S.S. (Fica)-\$3322.69; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$106.78; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$94.64; Kansas Dept of Revenue (Misc)-\$15.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$24.19; L&M Tire (Repairs)-\$20.00; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$370.00; Craig Lockhart (Repairs)-\$75.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$456.43; NE Dept of Motor Vehicles (Misc)-\$82.50; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$788.30; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Supply/Repairs)-\$14,760.89; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$187.80; Timm's Service (Fuel/Supply)-\$4472.50; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$47.00; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$32.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Speece-Lewis Engineers (Services)-\$8347.39. SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING FUND: 911 Custom (Supply)-\$273.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Supply)-\$1623.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$358.40; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$920.00. COVID AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND: Topkote Inc (Misc)-\$21,453.48; Van Kirk Contracting (Misc)-\$87,978.30. LOCAL ASSISTANCE/TRIBAL FUND: Kiesler's Police Supply (Supply)-\$3634.24; Sunset Law Enforcement (Supply)-\$697.30. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$10,000.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$219.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$226.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$248.63; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$144.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$324.95; Medicare Part B (Misc)-\$477.80; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$72.69. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$114.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:50am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 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 16th day of May, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk