

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. 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). Chairman Vance gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve claims. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul discussed options for road ditch mowers and presented the bids. A motion was made by Karr and seconded by Gilbert to purchase the John Deere Batwing mower. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Paul then gave updates on roads and current projects.

At 8:45am the board discussed the Inavale Post Office. The previous deal fell through and the County has the option to purchase this property for their previous bid. Discussion was held on what to do with this. Motion was made by Vance seconded by Shipman to buy the Inavale Post Office. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Gilbert. Absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board and presented his NDA Inspection Reports. Brian then gave an update on road side spraying.

At 9:05am, the board reviewed the Imprest Account Report, Clerk of District Court report and the fund balances. Update on HVAC fence was also discussed.

9:10am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans discussed a new small safe for the Treasurer's Office as the current one is not working properly anymore. She presented a few options for the Board to review. The board gave their approval to purchase a new one.

At 9:15am, Deputy Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board. As of May 31, 2023, the current Assessor resigned. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to appoint Tami Scheuneman as the new Webster County Assessor to fill the 2023-2026 term. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20am, Assessor, Tami Scheuneman presented a renewal contract with Standard Appraisal. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to renew this. Tami then informed the board that the laminator has quit working and needs to be removed from inventory. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to get rid of the broken laminator and remove from inventory. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Jo Vair with Encourage Advocacy Center met with the Board. Jo presented their annual report. Jackie Klein also appeared to present her testimony with Encourage. Jo requested a \$2,000.00 contribution from the County. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Vance to provide Encourage with \$2,000.00. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to discuss investment on CD's. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to invest money into two CD's. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50am, Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss the maintenance salary. Abbey also presented a Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2023/2024 County Match Request of \$8,806.05.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to go into the budget hearing. Caleb Johnson with J13 Enterprises LLC, met with the board to present the 2023 - 11 Resolution to Amend the 2022/2023 Budget. Caleb gave an overview of the amendment. Funds being amended are the Bridge Bond, Modern Records Fund, COVID ARPA Fund, the Local Assistance and Tribal Fund and the Self-Insured Dental Fund. At 10:30 a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to close the budget hearing. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion to approve Resolution-11 made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Nicki Schwartz with the USDA Wildlife Services met with the board to renew Webster County's contract. Motion was made by Shipman seconded by Karr to approve the new contract. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, Marlys Schmidt met with the board to discuss a second ambulance for the Blue Hill Ambulance. Marlys discussed a couple options for a second ambulance. They also have grant money that can be put towards this. Commissioner Shipman and Marlys are going to continue to work on this.

At 11:00am, Lindsay Waechter-Mead with Nebraska Extension met with the board to discuss moving her full-time employee over to salary and getting on the full-time payroll schedule, along with the rest of the courthouse employees who are not part-time. Motion made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:10am, Clerk Harig discussed budget questions with the board.

Total Wages - \$30,402.04. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$1001.82; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.98; At-Scene LLC (Software)-\$1075.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$2355.06; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$52.40; Busch Construction (Mow Cemeteries)-\$570.00; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$279.44; Central Nebr County Assessor Assn (Registration/Dues)-\$50.00; Charm-Tex Inc (Supply)-\$110.70; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$51.15; Dell Marketing, L.P. (Supply)-\$227.78; S.S. (Fica)-\$1297.43; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$7518.65; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$285.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$32.77; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$462.93; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1558.73; Hall County Corrections (Misc)-\$205.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$3926.45; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$4356.49; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$187.50; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$110.04; Krueger Land Surveying (Survey)-\$4225.00; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$95.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$396.61; Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital (Misc)-\$512.40; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Mips, Inc (Dues)-\$2459.81; NACO (Registration)-\$25.00; NE Dept of Revenue Property Assessment (Registration)-\$75.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency (Inspection)-\$120.00; NIRMA (Dues)-\$54,170.00; Alexa Pedersen (Exp)-\$138.86; PIP Marketing Signs Print (Supply)-\$486.63; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$768.81; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1338.24; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$250.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1530.50; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$122.50; United States Postal Service (Box Rent)-\$178.00; Ken Vanwey (Mow/Repairs)-\$1350.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$1.19; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$387.11; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$230.78; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$54.00; Webster County Hospital (Misc)-\$766.92; Williams

Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Dues)-\$1095.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$12,692.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$478.36; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$700.00; Black Hills Utility (Utility)-\$52.74; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel/Borrow)-\$5277.60; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$124.16; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$269.97; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc (Supply)-\$209.27; S.S. (Fica)-\$542.14; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$340.38; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$106.35; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.74; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Supply)-\$181.80; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$54.83; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$4906.88; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$243.68; Jordening's Body Shop (Repairs)-\$344.50; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$52.00; Mips Inc (Dues)-\$112.25; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; NIRMA (Dues)-\$48,498.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1631.10; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Michael Reiman (Expense)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$80.53; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Daniel E. Alber Jr (Supply)-\$950.00; J&K Fencing (Supply)-\$3734.70; Vanwey Fencing (Supply)-\$2746.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Dues)-\$140.24. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$206.80; Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$383.40; Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$125.80; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$686.40; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$701.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$246.40; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$167.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$147.60; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$204.00. LOCAL ASSISTANCE/TRIBAL FUND: LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$2820.00; Sunset Law Enforcement (Supply)-\$475.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Fees)-\$624.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: NIRMA (Dues)-\$2529.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$321.75; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.94; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$28.00 ; Medicare Part B (Misc)-\$165.58; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$504.00; NIRMA (Dues)-\$3081.50. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$152.60; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$194.25; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$504.00; NIRMA (Dues)-\$3081.50; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$100.94.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 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 6th day of June, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk