

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 1, 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 July 18, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the August 1, 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 Shipman to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave an update on tree removal throughout the county. Discussion was had over more of the road crew getting their CDL's.

At 9:10am, Commissioner, Tim Gilbert gave an update on the HVAC fence.

At 9:15am, The board opened structure replacement bids. Three bids were received. Contech Engineered Solutions (\$151,300.00); Midwest Services and Sales Co. (\$133,379.06); Ace/Eaton Metals (\$107,796.70). After discussion, a motion to go with ACE/Eaton Metals was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:25am, Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff presented a bid from McGill Restoration to fix the south steps. The board will discuss this further at the August 15, 2023 meeting.

At 9:30am, Wages for the Noxious Weed Superintendent, Sheriff's Office and Road's Department were discussed. Motion was made by Karr second by Shipman to approve these wages. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40am, Clerk Harig presented county inventories. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve these. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board and brought Field Coordinator James Almond to discuss 911 technology. James discussed finding a solution to update the county's 911 technology. He shared options to the board answered questions. Troy then discussed roofing quotes and options for the new sheriff's office. Discussion on proper steps on how to proceed with the sheriff's office was discussed as well.

At 10:40am, Clerk Harig presented Bio-Electronics Service Agreement for Red Cloud Ambulance. The board reviewed this agreement and a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this agreement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Abbey then discussed the many issues the Courthouse is having with the Post Office. The board decided to give the mail carrier a fob to the courthouse so mail could be delivered on Saturdays.

At 10:50am, A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Assessor Tami Scheuneman presented the 3 year plan for reviews. Tami also presented the cemetery report. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff CBOE. . Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 11:00am, Abbey discussed BCBS billing issues with the board. The requested to have Jones's Group at the next meeting, August 15, 2023 to get clarification on these issues.

Total Wages - \$14,177.98. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$315.13; Bell's Digging & Plumbing (Repairs)-\$176.65; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$551.16; Dept of the Treasury (Fees)-\$1244.10; S.S. (Fica)-\$599.15; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1127.20; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$127.94; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$15.99; Furnas County Clerk (Training)-\$174.08; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1561.80; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$637.40; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$489.93; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$128.38; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1526.56; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$801.92; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$600.0; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$86.81; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$39.30; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Subsc)-\$687.91; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1905.18; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$93.60; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1350.29; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; St of Nebr Dept Correction Services (Housing)-\$3813.43; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$665.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$44.99; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$2737.26; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$367.03; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$108.57; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$397.46; S.S. (Fica)-\$50.98; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$213.28; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$349.47; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$119.99; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.74; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$400.08; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$617.89; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$516.06; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$52.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$1722.38; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Supply)-\$801.00; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$119.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$81.78. VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND: American Legion Auxiliary (Grant)-\$6600.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$156.00; Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$476.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$144.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$51.36. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: AETNA Senior Supplemental Ins (Misc)-\$42.24; S.S. (Fica)-\$228.83; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.94; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$492.00; United Healthcare (Misc)-\$609.09. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Blue Hill Volunteer Fire Dept (Supply)-\$366.50; Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$90.03; S.S. (Fica)-\$205.69; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$492.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$971.52.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 1st day of August, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk