

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 15, 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 August 1, 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 claims and payroll for the August 15, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul presented the annual bridge buyback/road buyback annual certification form. The board discussed a few roads that had been brought to their attention from the public. Paul discussed a few upcoming projects and gave a brief update on tree removal.

At 9:00am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to present Resolution 15-2023, the Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Abbey then presented the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2023. After reviewing, board chairman, TJ Vance signed this certification.

At 9:03am, The board reviewed the Imprest account report, fund balances and the District Court report. A brief update on the HVAC fence was given as well.

At 9:05am, Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff presented a bid from McGill Restoration to fix the south steps and a spot on the north side of the courthouse. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go with McGill Restoration for these jobs. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Hospital Administrator, LaMont Cook gave the board an update on the Webster County Hospital / Clinic.

At 9:45am, Jason Boyd, with Jones Group met with the board to discuss the County's Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance.

At 10:10am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to present a contract from McGill Restoration for tuckpointing on the new sheriff's building. The board reviewed this contract and a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to proceed with this contract. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board regarding the Estray Fund. Janet presented a bill for the commissioners to sign pertaining to this fund. Janet then discussed postage on sending paid tax receipts back to mail in customers. Discussion was had and it was decided for taxes paid through the mail, a receipt will not be sent out unless the box is checked requesting one.

At 10:50am, Michele Bever, with South Heartland met with the board to introduce a couple new staff members and give a few updates. Michele introduced Erick Meyer, the new Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator and Devi Dwarabandam, the new Health Surveillance Coordinator.

At 11:10am, Troy Schmitz met with the board on Sheriff's Office personnel and requested executive session A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into executive session. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. At 11:18am, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go out of executive session.

Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.
Motion carried.

Total Wages - \$152,050.34. **GENERAL FUND:** Advantage Laser Products Inc (Supply)-\$105.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7172.40; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$99.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$87.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$46,434.90; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$206.46; Bockstadter & Glen Law, LLC (Counsel)-\$1432.65; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1812.36; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$46.20; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$518.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$290.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$7570.78; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$87.07; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$75.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$170.99; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$314.90; Michael Goebel (Expense)-\$288.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$245.21; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$193.70; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$5186.64; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$305.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (COBRA)-\$55.50; Mips Inc (Dues)-\$2527.60; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$51.26; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish/Renewal)-\$617.76; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2201.51; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2797.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1099.90; Ken VanWey (Mow/Trim)-\$2050.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.21; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff – Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$488.16; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3124.77; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$50.34; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$11,418.82; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$169.57; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$2654.77; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$87.31; S.S. (Fica)-\$3505.20; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.73; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$31.90; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$962.00; Keny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$63.94; Mips Inc (Dues)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$292.37; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$17,361.20; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$232.02; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$3697.80; Thramers Food Center (Supply)-\$13.69; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2962.16; Van Diest Supply Company (Supply)-\$9401.40; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$32.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Services)-\$4,917.83. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Dues)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$790.40; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$310.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1602.00. **COVID AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND:** Van Kirk Contracting (Culvert Project)-\$269,905.62. **COUNTY BUILDING REMOLDLING FUND:** Southern Title LLC (Services)-\$45,731.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$142.14; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Olson Entreprises LLC (Fuel)-\$152.53. **BH AMULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND :** Cooperative Producers Inc, (Fuel)-\$103.45 ; Ron's Pharmacy (Supply)-\$63.53.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:20am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 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 15th day of August, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk