

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 5, 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 15, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the September 5, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Commissioner, Dan Shipman talked to the board about loaning the Blue Hill Ambulance money to receive their new ambulance until their grant money comes in. The board called Jeff Shrier, with the Nebraska State Auditor's office to make sure this would be okay to do. Jeff told them this would be fine.

At 8:40am, the board reviewed the Imprest Account report, District Court report and the Fund Balances.

At 8:45am, Assessor, Tami Schueneman met with the board to discuss raising the daily meal allowance when employees are at a meeting. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to raise the meal allowance to \$40.00 a day. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:00am, Discussion was had about finding a replacement for hospital board member, Marissa L'Heureux who is now employed by Webster County Community Hospital. A motion was made by Vance, seconded by Shipman to remove Marissa L'Heureux from the hospital board due to conflict of interest and have Keith Buschow finish her term. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay: Gilbert. Absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Clerk, Abbey Harig shared with the board how much profit was made on the last silent auction.

At 9:20am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss cameras in the law enforcement vehicles. Troy applied for grant to help replace these, as some are not working anymore.

At 9:30am, Chris Long, Veteran Service Officer from Adams County and Rick Ingram with Disabled American Veteran's Club (DAV) met with the board. The DAV transports veterans from many counties, including Webster County, to any type of medical appointment. The DAV is raising money to receive a new transportation vehicle. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to give \$1,500 to the DAV in support of a new transportation vehicle. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present the list of County Tax Sales. Janet also gave the board a copy of the Tax Remaining report and a Fund Balance Listing as of this morning. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the County Tax Sales. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz, Field Coordinator, James Almond and Steve Skupa with Mid Rivers met with the board to discuss the future transition of the 911 call center.

At 10:40am, Jared Reimers with Congressman Adrian Smith's office met with the board. Jared gave a few brief updates pertaining to passports and healthcare bills. The board also shared issues and concerns.

Total wages - \$12,549.60. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Housing)-\$90.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$142.97; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.98; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premiums)-\$12,223.74; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$241.95; Comfort Inn (Lodging)-\$689.70; CVSOAN (Registration)-\$60.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$236.90; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$197.75; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$569.56; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$258.56; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1561.98; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$588.40; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$130.15; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$142.39; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2086.36; Kearney County Clerk (Budget Shares)-\$838.90; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$84.59; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$851.05; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Dues)-\$5236.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$223.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2527.60; NACO (Registration)-\$165.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$557.58; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Misc)-\$2619.00; Moriah Rawlings (Expense)-\$220.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1624.33; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$153.37; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1490.90; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; St of NE Dept Correctional Services (Housing)-\$3713.71; Sullivan Shoemaker PC, LLO (Counsel)-\$3776.36; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2041.25; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Fees)-\$95.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$492.56; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$151.10; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$105.66; West Central Dist Assessors Assoc (Registration)-\$300.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ace/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$691.52; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$89.10; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$19,306.55; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.77; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$125.27; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$282.04; S.S. (Fica)-\$100.98; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$589.62; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.76; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$137.30; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Supply)-\$187.32; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$21.78; John Deere Financial (Fuel)-\$341.88; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$48.80; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3232.96; NSG Logistics, LLC (Supply)-\$1584.66; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$131.72; Vanwey Fencing (Repairs)-\$673.00; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$32.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$82.34. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Misc)-\$5690.33; Speece-Lewis Engineers (Misc)-\$4902.17. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$107.00; Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$1906.40; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$1217.80; Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$227.20; Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$466.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$132.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$400.00; Platte Valley Endodontics (Dental)-\$1192.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$305.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$183.00. **LOCAL ASSISTANCE/TRIBAL CONSID FUND:** HD Arms LLC (Supply)-\$432.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$65.00; Superior Industries, LLC (Supply)-\$575.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$417.17; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.95; Med-Tech Resource LLC (Supply)-\$92.14. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$205.04; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$349.96.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:55am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 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 5th day of September, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk