

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 3, 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 Karr to approve the minutes of the September 19, 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 October 3, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr 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 presented the purchase agreement for the Cowles property. Discussion was had on roads and equipment maintenance.

At 9:05am, The board reviewed the Clerk of District Court report, fund balances, Imprest account and the Sheriff's quarterly report.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board. Abbey discussed the Wellness Program offered by the hospital and flu shots for the employees. Shipman made a motion, seconded by Ratzlaff to cover the expense for the Wellness Program and the flu shot for employees. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Abbey then discussed an open account at Heritage bank that needs closed. Karr made a motion, seconded by Shipman to close this account. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Abbey then shared with the board issues with the courthouse basement. The board is going to table this to the October 17, 2023 meeting.

At 9:25am, Board Chairman, TJ Vance shared that he stopped in Grand Island at a Broadband meeting. The State is receiving 405 million dollars of federal money to put towards broadband. The board will have future discussions to help get the word out about this.

At 9:30am, Amy Stephens with STARS met with the board again. However, with County Attorney, Patrick Calkins unable to attend today, this has been tabled to the October 17, 2023 meeting.

At 9:45am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board and presented Resolution 2023-21, detailing the transfer of E-911 duties to Webster County Sheriff's Office from MidRivers. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to sign this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10am, Abbey met with the board regarding the courthouse light poles that had damage from the hail storm. The city is having a hard time finding new globes and asked the County if they would be interested in contributing to the cost of the globes. The board asked if the City of Red Cloud Superintendent would come to the next meeting to discuss this.

Total Wages - \$17,229.06. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$535.74; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$517.86; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$1718.54; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$118.95; Busch Construction (Mow Cemeteries)-\$610.00; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$98.45; Country Inn & Suites by Radisson (Lodging)-\$249.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$46.20; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$695.65; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$874.45; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$133.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$82.86; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1851.17; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$686.40; Hastings Tribune (Subscription)-\$200.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$330.62; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$499.78; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$77.30; Lincoln County Veterans Service (Supply)-\$991.20; Madison

National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$367.90; NACO (Registration)-\$1200.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1100.00; NIRMA (CPR Training)-\$572.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$193.88; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$253.47; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$3748.89; Secretary of State (Registration)-\$120.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$75.00; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$72.12; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$647.14; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$361.94; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$93.00; Webster County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$202.02; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$30.44; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$122.05; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$433.71; S.S. (Fica)-\$34.50; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$48.99; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.76; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$530.18; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.70; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$668.01; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$52.00; Newman Signs, Inc (Supply)-\$2287.18; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1997.01; Overhead Door (Supply)-\$85.48; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$86.21. VISITOR PROMOTION FUND: Webster County Ag Association (Misc)-\$1650.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Larry Baker (Dental)-\$235.00; Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$1253.20; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$223.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$453.60; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC (Dental)-\$1160.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$132.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$363.37; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.95; Metro-Billing Services (Phones)-\$108.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Expense)-\$635.12. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Todd Brehm (Expense)-\$222.76; S.S. (Fica)-\$224.51; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$123.90; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$108.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$929.60.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

\*6Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk