

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, TJ Vance gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance, (District Three), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Tim Gilbert (District Four). Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Gilbert. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the November 21, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Gilbert. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave an update on the roads and tree removal. He also discussed issues with the county pickup used in Cowles and the county tractors.

At 8:40am, Tim Gilbert (District Four) joined the meeting.

At 9:15am, Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board for his yearly review. Brian presented maps of what has been sprayed this year, including the river. Brian also informed the board that he had no force sprays this year.

At 9:30am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented two resolutions. **Resolution 25-2023** to transfer \$177,431.54 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to sign this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 26-2023** to transfer \$51,327.28 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35am, Abbey presented an audit proposal for fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026 from the State. After discussion, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with the States proposal. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Amy Stephens with STARS met with the board. Amy presented an email from all three schools, (Silver Lake, Blue Hill and Red Cloud) stating that they are all wanting to participate in this program and willing to put in a fourth of the cost each. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to support the STARS program and put in a fourth of the cost to support this program in our schools. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board. Troy gave a brief update on plans for the new Sheriff's Office, as Gene was unable to attend the meeting, this will be tabled to a future meeting. Troy then presented a quote for new mobile/portable radios.

Total Wages - \$160,006.35. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7954.39; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.46; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$128.55; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$41,353.79; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$58.02; Buffalo County Sheriff (Fees)-\$6.00; Cintas (Supply)-\$51.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$8200.71; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$580.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$55.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$305.35; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$387.25; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$26.16; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$20.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$9.39; McGill Restoration (Repairs)-\$8633.00; NACO (Dues)-\$1445.75; National Association of Counties (Dues)-\$450.00; Psychological Resources (Misc)-\$150.00;

Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$180.81; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$34.14; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$175.73; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2847.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2423.40; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$615.50; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2443.75; Thomson Reuters-West (Services)-\$192.11; Ken Vanwey (Repairs/Mow)-\$840.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.26; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$216.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Cost Allocation)-\$1460.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3097.53; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$98.53; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.33; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$1096.76; Country Corner (Fuel/Supply)-\$277.90; S.S. (Fica)-\$3475.87; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$101.83; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$463.91; John Deere Financial (Misc)-\$116,058.75; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$224.50; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$125.88; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1331.18; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$121.87; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2268.26. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Ace/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$28,035.00; Norfolk Contracting Inc (Bridge Repairs)-\$113,331.23. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$149.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$132.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS PC (Dental)-\$80.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: Roper & Sons O Street Chapel (County Burial)-\$1500.00. COVID AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND: Norfolk Contracting Inc (Bridge Repairs)-\$35,097.77. COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND: McGill Restorations (Repairs)-\$12,894.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$181.79; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; Ron's Auto Glass (Repairs)-\$250.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$46.25; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$264.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$264.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 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 21 day of November, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk