

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 17, 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 Shipman to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the October 17, 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 LPA Program Agreement, Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads to the board. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to sign this agreement Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Paul gave a brief update on the Cowles lot that is being cleaned up and tree removal.

At 9:00am, Commissioner Gary Ratzlaff gave a recap of the broadband meeting he attended via zoom. The board wants to come up with ways to reach out to the public about getting on the Nebraska Broadband website to check their broadband information. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allows constituents to provide a challenge to the national broadband map. If you are interested in contributing to the Federal map, please go into the new FCC National Broadband map <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/fcc-broadband-map-challenge/>, and complete the steps listed.

At 9:10am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss submitting another NIRMA claim for the Sheriff's buildings roofs and a couple broken windows. The commissioners decided to include the courthouse on this claim as well. Troy then discussed the GIS 911 contract. Troy is going to talk to MidRivers and see who is responsible for this contract.

At 9:30am, The board discussed the Courthouse basement and options for ventilation. After discussion was held, the board decided to purchase a dehumidifier and to hold off on the ventilation to see if this helps.

At 9:40am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented the Noxious Weed Program Evaluation to review as Brian Pedersen, the Weed Superintendent is at a meeting.

At 9:45am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins and Amy Stephens with STARS met with the board. Patrick was not able to give much of an update as some of the schools are undecided and would like more information on this program. Once they have a decision, Patrick and Amy will get back on the agenda.

At 10:00am, Emergency Manager, Ron Sunday met with the board to update them on the grant for the new communication tower. Unfortunately, the owner of the land no longer wants to proceed with the tower project so they will not be able to proceed with the grant.

At 10:20am, Assessor, Tami Scheuneman presented levies for the board to review. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to certify 2023-2024 levies. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Total Wages - \$156,252.89. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7673.79; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$184.20; Axon Enterprise Inc (Supply)-\$3273.92; Barton Pipe & Rod (HVAC Fence)-\$6835.32; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$128.26; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$41,353.79; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$552.61; CJIS Operational Protection Services (Services)-\$1650.00; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$2579.93; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$70.95; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7892.26; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-

\$555.08; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$409.03; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$305.35; Leigh Goebel (Expense)-\$47.44; Hamilton Information System, Inc (Services)-\$49.00; Hampton Inn (Lodging)-\$714.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1629.86; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$235.00; Mid-American Benefits, LLC (Cobra)-\$54.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2527.60; NACO (Supply)-\$1475.62; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$93.90; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Rochester 100 Inc (Supply)-\$544.85; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$308.98; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2847.00; Elizabeth Sitzman (Expense)-\$47.13; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2102.40; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; St of Nebr Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$3175.88; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$904.08; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2098.75; Thomson Reuters-West (Dues)-\$192.11; USPS (Box Rental)-\$118.00; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$2348.37; Ken Vanwey (Misc)-\$1455.00; Viero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.21; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$177.00; Web Co Hospital (Health Fair)-\$115.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Cost Allocation)-\$1095.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3124.77; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$99.59; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$45,769.11; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$59.99; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$1096.09; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$524.53; Diamond T Truck & Trailer (Supply)-\$2738.01; S.S. (Fica)-\$3519.21; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$109.99; Jon Gibson (Repairs)-\$524.44; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.65; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$113.95; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$51.45; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$225.41; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$628.50; Keny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$109.18; Landmark Implement (Lease)-\$7000.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$576.94; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$18,125.53; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$1268.39; Simplot Grower Solutions Kearney (Supply)-\$4068.45; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2297.60; Van Diest Supply Company (Supply)-\$9174.60. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Bladen Sand & Gravel Inc (Supply)-\$652.40; Speece-Lewis Engineers (Services)-\$2579.75. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$94.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$160.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$142.80; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$299.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$145.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$50.45; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$287.16. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$105.00; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$239.52; Jerry Shaw (Refund)-\$156.21.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 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 17th day of October, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk