

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 7, 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 October 17, 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 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 agreement with L&M Contractors for the bridge on river road. Paul gave an update on cleaning up the property in Cowles. This project is almost complete. He then gave updates on upcoming projects and discussion on gravel was had.

At 9:10am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig shared with the board that the grant we applied for with Hamilton has been granted. An updated contract will be provided at the next meeting. Abbey then presented the Year End Certification for Highway Superintendent Resolution 2023-23. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve the signing of this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:15am, Abbey presented the NIRMA membership recommitment letter and Resolution 2023-24 for Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

After this, Abbey presented the Property Value Update for the new Sheriff's office, from NIRMA.

Roof quotes were also reviewed and discussed. NIRMA is waiting for more information; this will be tabled to next meeting.

At 9:20am: Abbey discussed courthouse housekeeping items, which included, lighting on the 2nd floor, painting the south steps, first floor south walls, signage for the doors and the men's restroom on third floor. Commissioner Gilbert will be looking into the lighting, Commissioner Ratzlaff will take care of the first floor walls, and Abbey will look into getting the rest taken care of. An update on the basement dehumidifier was also given.

At 9:35am: Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board and presented a form 457 to the board. She then presented the six distress warrants that were given to Troy. Troy's acknowledgement letter of distress warrants was also given to the board.

At 9:40am: The board reviewed the Imprest account report, Clerk of District Court report and the fund balances.

At 9:45am: County Attorney, Patrick Calkins gave a brief update on the STARS program as Amy could not make it. This will be tabled to a future meeting.

At 9:50am: The board discussed days off for Christmas. A motion to close Friday, December 22nd at noon was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr. Voting nay: Shipman. Absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:55am: The board reviewed the Annual Jail Report.

At 10:00am: County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board to present the 6 year plan of assessment.

At 10:05am: Tami also spoke to the board about new tires for the Assessor's vehicle.

At 10:00am: Abbey presented a bid from Tillotson to fix the sidewalk around the courthouse. The board wants to wait until other projects are finished before doing this.

At 10:15am: Commissioner Ratzlaff presented a general assistance application for cremation. The application was reviewed and discussion was held. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to pay this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:20am: Abbey presented an interlocal agreement with Community Based Aid Funding for the 10th Judicial District A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilber to sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Total Wages - \$9413.46. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Clerk (Funding)-\$1986.56; Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$96.43; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$167.72; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$109.20; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.46; Axon Enterprise Inc (Training)-\$495.00; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$146.72; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$29.88; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2385.78; Crowne Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$365.85; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$130.35; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$537.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$289.61; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$570.85; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$473.43; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$71.09; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$644.59; GIS Workshop (Support)-\$460.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1716.31; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$1041.10; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$114.45; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$684.59; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$8.99; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$210.91; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$714.69; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$6.99; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$77.29; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$466.90; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$395.56; Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$2527.60; Motorola Solutions, Inc (Supply)-\$11,900.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$225.32; Zach Pohlmeier (Expense)-\$118.21; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$54.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$1122.25; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1929.48; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2201.51; Revive Ministries/Horizon Recovery (Funding)-\$2000.00; ST of Nebr Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$2516.82; Danial Vodicka (Expense)-\$484.56; Sunset Law Enforcement (Training)-\$460.50; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1035.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$340.60; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$37.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$318.16; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$345.00; Webster County Treasurer (Fees)-\$10.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$51,327.28; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$177,431.54; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$323.08; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$50.47; Bladen Sand & Gravel (Supply)-\$44,149.58; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$116.54; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Gravel Surfacing)-\$1952.40; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$883.69; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$185.18; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$104.10; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.60; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.76; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$211.70; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1803.00; John Deere Financial (Repairs)-\$621.82; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$106.98; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$26.40; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; David Niles (Expense)-\$150.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$11,463.23; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs/Fuel)-\$15,272.02; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$45.00; Webster County Community Hospital (Supply)-\$119.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$84.62. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$32,978.70. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$364.00; Larry Baker (Dental)-\$2360.00; Kory L Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$274.80; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$200.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$184.00; Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$164.00; Robert G Money, DDS (Dental)-\$126.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$160.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$39.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$173.82; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$33.35; Nebraska Weed Control Association (Dues)-\$210.00; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$346.71. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$260.38; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.95; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$38.06; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$173.13. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$134.43; S.S. (Fica)-\$170.14.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 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 7th day of November, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk