

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 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 3), 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 minutes of the November 21, 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 December 5, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Voting nay or absent: None.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul presented **Resolution 2023-27** to update the handbooks CDL policy for the Road Department. The board also reviewed the Training Agreement that will go with this. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Paul then gave updates on roads they are working on and projects they have completed. Paul also discussed looking for a new/used tractor for the County.

At 9:00am, The board reviewed the Fund Balances, District Court report and the Imprest Account Report.

At 9:05am, The board discussed a few issues/complaints that have been received about the hospital and the issues they are currently having.

At 9:15am, Emergency Manager, Ron Sunday met with the board. The Inavale siren went out. This is the only County owned siren in Webster County. Ron presented options to fix the siren or not to fix it. For now, the board has decided to hold off on fixing this.

At 9:30am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented a General Assistance claim to the board. The board reviewed and discussed this claim. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Gilbert to approve this claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:35am, Abbey then presented the Annual Certification for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act. Abbey then discussed with the Board issues with EMT's turning in reports. Discussion was also held about housing the Blue Hill ambulances. The board would like to meet with the Fire Chief and someone on the EMT squad following the December 19, 2023 meeting at the Fire Hall in Blue Hill.

At 9:40am, The board discussed the County Christmas party. It will be Sunday, January 14th at the Red Cloud Golf Course. More plans will be made at the December 19, 2023 meeting.

At 10:00am, Gene Krejci met with the board to present plans for the Sheriff's office. The next step will be putting this out for bid.

Total wages - \$12,053.07. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$412.47; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$81.88; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$88.17; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$21.45; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$537.60; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$241.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$457.26; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$319.84; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$47.99; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$639.29; Gene Steffy Auto Group (Patrol Vehicles)-\$84,824.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1611.36; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$701.35; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$66.16; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$423.41; J13 Enterprises, LLC (Budget)-\$4026.13; L-Tron (Supply)-\$351.31; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$860.40; Lund Industries (Supply)-\$159.43; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$397.82; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$855.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$79.91; Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$121.43; Point C Health

(Fees)-\$55.50; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$60.71; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1377.97; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$140.68; ST of Nebr Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$197.25; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1513.55; Tyler Technologies (Fees)-\$399.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$573.78; Web Co Clk of District Court (Fees)-\$112.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$380.44; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$15.59; Health Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$28,363.11; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$138.49; County Corner (Fuel)-\$31.87; S.S. (Fica)-\$17.67; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$2.29; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$24.26; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.41; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$56.33; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$655.03; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$217.93; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$26.40; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$120.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3580.76; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$250.00; Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$334.40; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$72.00. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$18,535.35. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$239.20; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$215.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$336.25; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.46; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$565.72. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$110.92.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 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 5 day of December, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk