

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 19, 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 Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the December 19, 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 told the board he is still looking for a tractor and gave an update on bridges. An update was also given on the Cowles property. Discussion was held on mowing road ditches. Paul then presented an agreement with Oak Creek Engineering for Structure No. C009132405. 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.

At 9:00am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans and County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to present the signed applications for appointment to be a County Depository for the year 2024. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve these. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Treasurer Knehans then presented the board with a report showing the maturity of the County's CD's that are about to hit their maturity. Janet then asked the board if they were wanting to do another CD and presented interest rates. After discussion, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to invest in another CD. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:10am, County Clerk Harig gave a brief update on the insurance claims through NIRMA and the lamp posts around the Courthouse.

At 9:15am, County Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss the new sheriff's office and set an estimated timeline for demolition and renovations. Troy then gave a brief update on vehicles.

Total Wages - \$158,619.56. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7954.39; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$99.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$186.87; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$41,353.79; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$63.37; Business World Prod/Hastings(Supply)-\$62.16; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$38.98; Cintas (Supply)-\$72.31; Comdata Universal Mastercard (Supply)-\$148.50; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2561.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$125.40; CVSOAN (Dues)-\$100.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8200.71; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$210.80; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$829.79; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$55.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$295.80; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Support)-\$86.25; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$284.14; IAAO (Dues)-\$240.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$103.70; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$43.97; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$79.38; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Mips (Supply)-\$325.89; NACVSO (Sues)-\$50.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$142.00; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2888.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2064.10; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1516.24; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Repairs)-\$175.00; The Radar Shop (Supply)-\$384.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3766.25; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$19.26; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$230.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3003.92; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$686.66; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Blue Hill Leader

(Publish)-\$24.15; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$24,373.07; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$7237.60; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$36.43; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel/Supply)-\$1689.89; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$76.28; S.S. (Fica)-\$3371.33; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$2.46; Fastenal (Supply)-\$160.55; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$109.03; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$99.13; J&A Auto Supply)-\$248.12; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$991.84; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$2784.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$581.80; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$128.95; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$963.13; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Services)-\$20,039.76; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$16,316.39; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$2139.66; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2078.87; Trausch Dynamics (Supply)-\$292.63; Windstream (Phones)-\$83.29.

ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: L&M Contractors, Inc (Services)-\$105,795.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$223.20. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89; NE Weed Control Assn – Region 4 (Dues)-\$15.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$232.37; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$39.68; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$269.71. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$1748.18; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$94.26.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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 19 day of December, 2023
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk