

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 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 January 16, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Voting nay or absent: None Abstaining: Shipman. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the February 6, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave an update on equipment and the Inavale shop building. Commissioners approved the purchase of a new-used pickup to replace one that is not working. Paul then presented an annual bridge inspection agreement with Oak Creek Engineering. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this agreement. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 8:50am, The board reviewed fund balances, Clerk of District report and the Imprest Account. Clerk Harig gave an update on the issues that were had with filing 1099's this year. The board discussed a housing claim that was submitted that will not be paid. The board reviewed an email pertaining to broadband.

At 9:10am, The board discussed LB 1067.

At 9:15am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present the 2022 advertising list.

At 9:30am, Michele Bever, Health Director for South Heartland District Health Department met with the board for their annual report.

At 9:55am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to present and update on insurance for the Courthouse roof and other buildings owned by the county. Abbey then presented an updated agreement with Hamilton. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:00am, Brandon Jacques with Tillotson presented the contract to fix the Courthouse roof and walls from the storm damage back in September. After reviewing the contract, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to sign this contract. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:30am, Jim Farmer with Trail Blazer RC&D met with the board to give their annual report and request for the 2024 sponsorship fee. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to renew this sponsorship. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Trailblazer RC&D will be holding the tire recycling again this year, on August 6th, from 8:00am – 12:00pm in Guide Rock.

At 10:45am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board to give updates on the new sheriff's office. There is asbestos in the building. A company will be coming in to remove this. Troy gave an update on a new phone system. Troy then requested executive session. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into executive session due to jail and personnel issues. At 11:10 a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go out of executive session. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. The executive session was just informative, no action was taken.

At 11:15am, Caleb Johnson with J13 Enterprises, LLC met with the board. Caleb presented the revised budget proposal. Caleb presented a one-year proposal or a three-year proposal. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to sign the three-year proposal. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Total Wages - \$10,545.74. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$167.04; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.58; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$149.70; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$26.80; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$70.21; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$755.00; Centec Cast Metal Products (Supply)-\$362.38; Cintas (Supply)-\$38.13; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$108.30; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$537.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.60; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$704.02; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$59.63; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$173.71; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1591.36; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$787.60; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$332.65; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$167.00; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1145.60; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$414.12; Mid-States Organized Crime Info (Dues)-\$100.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$223.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2527.60; NACA (Dues)-\$75.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers' (Dues)-\$50.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$115.45; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$26.80; Point C Health (Fees)-\$55.50; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$198.07; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$2161.67; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$116.58; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1666.10; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O (Counsel)-\$651.08; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3737.50; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$49.02; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$585.58; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash (Petty Cash)-\$110.00; Web Co Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$291.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$323.61; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$177.87; Central Nebraska Equipment (Supply)-\$39.63; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$459.12; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$1115.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$109.22; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.41; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$116.20; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1784.00; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$912.69; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$26.40; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$251.88; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$5769.15; Pony Express Ford (Pickup)-\$21,000.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$30.00; Robert Ullom Truck & Trailer Parts (Supply)-\$45.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$220.32; Sunbelt Rentals (Lease)-\$314.71; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$44.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$3.66. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$124.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$250.00. **COUNTY/MEDICAL RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$93.00; Williams Funeral Home (Co. Burial)-\$1500.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$150.00; J&A Auto Supply)-\$47.80. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Coro Medical LLC (Supply)-\$3100.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$463.40; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.46; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$69.97; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$204.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$78.79; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$204.00; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Supply)-\$1000.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 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 6 day of February, 2024
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk