

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 19, 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), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Tim Gilbert (District Four) 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 Karr to approve minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Gilbert. Nay or Absent: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the March 19, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Tim Gilbert

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul and the board discussed the tree removal project and upcoming projects. Paul received the bridge inspection back, there were no major issues, just minor things that will need to be fixed. He also let the board know that the Inavale shop building will hopefully be fixed in June.

At 9:05am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present the Annual Public Tax Sale Report. The board reviewed this. At 9:10am, Commissioner, Tim Gilbert (District Four) joined the meeting. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this annual report to the County Clerk. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: none.

At 9:30am, Jarrod McCartney, the Director for Red Cloud Tourism and Commerce met with the board to give a brief update on Red Cloud Tourism and the Visitor Improvement/Visitor Promotion Committee. Jarrod shared information about last year's grants that were given out from these funds. He also gave an overview on LB73, updates on grants that the tourism foundation has received. Lastly, Jarrod presented the board with information and a sample resolution he would like to see signed by the board. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

At 9:50am, Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board for tax corrections. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to go in to BOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: none. The board reviewed these corrections. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve these. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: none. A motion was then made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go out of BOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: none.

At 10:15am, Brian Pedersen met with the board during open session to let them know he was approved to get water from the city at a small fee. Jared Reimers with Senator Adrian Smith's office also met with the board during open session and gave the board a brief update.

At 10:25am, the Board reviewed fund balances.

At 10:30am, Judd Allen with NIRMA met with the board to discuss health insurance. Judd will be back in May with a quote for the County.

At 10:45am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to review and discuss building plans and details for advertising the bid. Troy also discussed E911 and a contract with Lumen. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to sign the contract with Lumen. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: none.

Total Wages - \$158,058.32. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7822.56; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$99.50; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.58; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$313.90; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,018.25; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$682.33; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1803.11; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$87.45; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$358.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$985.60; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$870.32; S.S. (Fica)-\$8040.37; Eakes Office Solutions

(Supply)-\$428.23; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1000.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$50.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$95.80; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$580.70; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment (Supply)-\$586.09; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$324.81; Jordening's Body Shop (Repairs)-\$362.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$15.81; MARC (Supply)-\$456.25; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; NACO (Registration)-\$110.00; NE Dept of Correctional Services (Housing)-\$451.75; Nebraska Notary Association (Renewal)-\$163.32; NENA (Training)-\$299.00; Phelps County Sheriff's Office (Housing)-\$260.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$510.51; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2847.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$2367.90; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Southeast Community College (Misc)-\$200.00; Kylie Stoner (Contract)-\$161.36; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2156.25; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$167.00; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$144.00; Webster Co Court (Fees)-\$84.00.

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ace/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$853.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3101.36; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$621.71; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$6243.57; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2947.29; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$84.93; S.S. (Fica)-\$3481.77; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$57.14; Equipment Blades, Inc (Supply)-\$13,760.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.97; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$97.79; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$150.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1934.38; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1000.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$272.49; Nebraska Truck Center, Inc (Supply)-\$27.08; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$980.34; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$5573.29; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$2618.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$228.37; Thramers Food Center (Supply)-\$13.09; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1310.29; Union Bank & Trust Co (Payment)-\$155,687.03. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$5350.13; L&M Contractors, Inc (Services)-\$80,535.70. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$524.60; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1828.60; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$459.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$480.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Dewitt Funeral Home (Co. Burial)-\$1500.00. **COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND:** Great Plains Asbestos Control (Services)-\$20050.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$103.43; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89; Norfolk Lodge & Suites (Lodging)-\$258.98. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$353.08; Matherson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$86.04; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$300.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$153.53. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$213.33; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$300.00; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$1737.75.

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

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Webster County Clerk