

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 16, 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 Karr to approve minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting, nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the April 16, 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 updates on projects and roads.

At 9:00am, Dayton Maul with Oak Creek Engineering met with the board to present the 1- and 6-year road plan. After reviewing this, Dayton presented Resolution 10-2024, Road Improvement Plan for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Shipman to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:25am, Paul spoke to the board again about roads being damaged by overweight equipment. The board discussed options with him and the County Attorney, Patrick Calkins. Patrick is going to look into this more to see what options the county has to help this issue.

At 9:45am, Commissioner, Dan Shipman discussed with the board the meeting he attended with Midlands. The County is going to pay invoices that were given to the Village of Guide Rock from July 2023 – December 2023 to the County to pay. 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 9:55am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to discuss a CD that is maturing. Janet discussed options on what to do with this money after it matures. The board decided to reinvest for another six months with South Central State Bank. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:05am, the board had a Zoom call with Jake Fenton from TextMyGov. Jake gave a brief presentation on what TextMyGov offers. After discussion the board decided not to proceed with this.

Total wages - \$160,888.32. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$18.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8013.59; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$144.74; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,877.79; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$796.83; Business World/Hastings (Supply)-\$42.72; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$150.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2179.48; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$70.95; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$985.60; Dawes County District Court (Registration)-\$75.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$8256.87; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$143.96; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$5051.98; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$563.61; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$50.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$297.35; Furnas County Clerk (Subscription)-\$270.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$1153.45; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1577.68; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$80.93; L-Tron (Supply)-\$624.75; Webster County Dental Clinic (Misc)-\$525.00; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Fees)-\$2750.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$850.33; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2201.52; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2881.00; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$72.72; Sullivan Shoemaker, PC, LLO (Counsel)-\$149.50; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$4410.06; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$94.00; Webster County Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$1896.72. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3101.36;

Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$85.59; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$143.85; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$294.95; Bladen Sand & Gravel (Supply)-\$4336.91; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$32.64; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$126.27; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$270.92; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Misc)-\$127.24; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$89.22; City Limits Auto Salvage/Supply LLC (Supply)-\$30.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1607.78; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$455.29; S.S. (Fica)-\$3496.47; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$1.48; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$60.19; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$106.36; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$96.44; Hansen International Truck Inc (Supply)-\$697.97; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$44.05; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$968.09; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1234.24; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$348.18; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply)-\$401.76; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$104.12; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2916.74; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$16,343.75; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2339.60; Union Bank & Trust Company (Fees)-\$1374.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Kory L Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$824.80; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$173.60; Robert G Money, DDS (Dental)-\$147.60. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89. RC AMBLUANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Bio-Electronics (Contract)-\$265.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$249.98; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$40.57; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$340.07. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$101.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 16 day of April, 2024  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Webster County Clerk