

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance, (District Three) Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Dan Shipman (District One) 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 Gilbert to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the May 7, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert and Karr. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Absent: Shipman. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave updates on a couple projects and the damage caused by the storm last week. The road crew cleared trees from the courtyard. A portion of the sidewalk was damaged from one of the trees and needs to be looked at. Last weeks storm is a good example why trees along roads and powerlines are an issue.

At 9:45am, The board reviewed the Imprest Account, the District Court report and fund balances. The board also reviewed Blue Hill's annual report on Community Redevelopment Projects and discussed the railings on the south side of the buildings. The board also discussed the siren in Inavale that is currently not working. Further discussion will be had on this at the next meeting.

The board also discussed the Inclement Weather policy which states the Courthouse will remain open during regular business hours, regardless of the weather. Employees are entitled to not attend work due to weather and may do so without pay. However, due to the power outage from the storm last week this will be waived for that day.

Damage to the light poles around the courthouse was also discussed. This will be discussed further when more information is obtained from insurance.

The board also reviewed an elevator proposal from TK Elevators. Gary will contact TK Elevators to get more information on this and report back on this at the next meeting.

At 9:20am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss payroll and the accounts payable processes.

At 9:25am, Abbey presented three resolutions. **Resolution 10-2024** to transfer \$177,431.54 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. **Resolution 11-2024** to transfer \$51,327.28 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. And **Resolution 12-2024** to transfer \$200,000.00 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Building Remodeling Fund (#4050) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve all three resolutions. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman.

At 9:35am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to go over his NDA Evaluation. Brian also reported bids he compiled for a new side by side. The board reviewed all of these bids and decided to table to the next meeting.

At 10:00am, Jason Boyd with Jones Group met with the board to present quotes for the 2024/2025 health insurance premiums. The board will make a final decision at the next meeting.

At 10:30am, County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman. Tami presented clerical error 2024 CE 1 – 2024 CE 12. She then presented a tax correction for the board to review. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to

approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman. Tami also gave the board dates for protest hearings. These dates will be June 18, July 2 and July 16 starting at 1pm. Lastly, Tami let the board know there is a National Assessors meeting in Kearney, August 19-22 that she would like her whole office to attend.

At 10:40am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present a tax exemption application for the Wester County Community Foundation for three vehicles. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman. A motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Shipman.

At 11:00am, Judd Allen with NACO met with the board to present health insurance options for 2024/2025. This will also be tabled to the next meeting.

Total Wages - \$13,714.62. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$18.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$514.37; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$34.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$282.74; Business World Prod (Supply)-\$11.50; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$141.90; S.S. (Fica)-\$567.18; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$5256.75; ES&S (Supply)-\$3987.83; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$210.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$710.69; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$616.07; GIS Workshop (Fees)-\$1177.00; Grace's Locksmith Service (Service)-\$130.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1589.09; gWorks (Supply)-\$13,323.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$3048.15; Heritage Bank-Supply (Supply)-\$74.78; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$347.85; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$16.97; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$113.70; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$152.48; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$83.08; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$635.60; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$413.41; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$1061.15; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$6617.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2465.67; NACT (Registration)-\$150.00; NE Auditor of Public Account (Audit)-\$15,495.25; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$149.95; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$100.56; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1507.76; Rod's Construction & Flooring (Repairs)-\$650.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1663.60; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; St of NE Dept Correctional Services (Housing)-\$2800.85; Sullivan Shoemaker, PC, LLO (Counsel)-\$1173.80; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$205.13; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3306.99; Thomson Reuters-West)-\$192.11; UNL (Wage Share)-\$6816.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$309.54; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$112.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash (Petty Cash)-\$380.10; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$51,327.28; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$177,431.54; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$200,000.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$210.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$40.10; B's Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$5780.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$395.04; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$6714.96; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$138.51; Bostock Welding LLC (Repairs)-\$200.00; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$40.98; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$85.79; S.S. (Fica)-\$45.44; Fastenal (Supply)-\$17.37; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$147.78; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.50; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.20; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$146.54; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$6.75; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1733.07; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1620.50; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$12,369.20; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$209.97; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$32.80; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$23.80; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2425.61; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$947.70; R&M Disposal (Utility)-\$90.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$221.17; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1594.98; Windstream (Phones)-\$82.43. **VISITOR PROMOTION FUND:** Red Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (Grants)-\$1650.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mike Kenny (Services)-\$300.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Kory L Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-

\$263.20; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$172.00; COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services (Lincoln/Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$682.88. LOCAL ASSISTANCE/TRIBA CONSID FUND: Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$9011.82. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$7.52. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$107.33; S.S. (Fica)-\$277.20; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.30; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$93.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$39.68; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$108.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$4890.00; Stryker Sales Corp (Supply)-\$33,087.46. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tre Medical LLC (Supply)-\$69.86; S.S. (Fica)-\$159.32; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$108.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:25am. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk