

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 4, 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 May 21, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the June 4, 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 discussed an interlocal agreement with the City of Blue Hill that outlines a cost share for Road Z repairs. Discussion was had on maintainer upgrades/rebuilds. The Road Department is still taking applications for a full-time position as a motor grader operator. Paul discussed repairs needing done on roads but until they dry more it makes them difficult to fix.

At 9:00am, Dayton Maul with Oak Creek Engineering met with the board to open bids for Road Z. No bids were received.

At 9:10am, The board reviewed fund balances, the District Court report and the Imprest Account.

At 9:15am, Casey Muzic with Midlands was unable to attend but a letter was presented on her behalf requesting their annual funding. 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 9:25am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to present the Memorandum of Understanding for 911 going through Hastings. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:30am, The board discussed the light poles around the courthouse.

At 9:35am, The commissioners discussed and reviewed the cell phone policy with the employees.

At 9:45am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to present the final bid for the new side by side. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to accept this bid. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:50am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented a ROW Deed from South Central Public Power District. After reviewing a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:15am, Sheriff Schmitz met with the board again to discuss vehicles. Troy then discussed the 911 budget.

At 10:30am, The State Director of Wildlife Services, Tim Veenendall met with the board. Tim introduced Tanner Hagge the new APHIS specialist that will be working with Webster County. Tim also presented the yearly agreement for funding. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

Total Wages - \$17,534.73. GENERAL FUND: Kelli Albin-Conway (Poll Worker)-\$285.30; Ameritas Life Insurance (Health)-\$359.82; Phillip Bentz (Poll Worker)-\$286.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$71.40; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$226.19; Busch Construction (Mow Cemeteries)-\$540.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$150.27; CenTec Cast Metal Products (Supply)-\$196.76; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$1164.80; S.S. (Fica)-\$569.24; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$852.58; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$150.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$15.99; Joan Fisher (Poll Worker)-\$244.97. Gene Steffy Auto Group (Vehicle)-\$45,525.00; Barbara Goebel (Poll Worker)-\$218.84; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1589.09; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$682.40; Thomas

Hitchler (Poll Worker)-\$218.84; HTS AG (Supply)-\$6278.98; Anna Hull (Poll Worker)-\$244.30; Integrated Security Solutions (Fees)-\$480.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$439.52; Lund Industries (Supply)-\$91.20; Madison National Life Ins Co (Life)-\$392.53; Margaret Anne Meline (Poll Worker)-\$230.10; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$160.00; Nuckolls County Sheriff's Dept (Misc)-\$1550.00; Anne Marie Ohmstede (Poll Worker)-\$224.74; Sheila Ohmstede (Poll Worker)-\$232.24; Marcia Parr (Poll Worker)-\$21.70; Louise Petsch (Poll Worker)-\$122.42; Valda Phelps (Poll Worker)-\$210.67; PSI Services LLC (Training)-\$525.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1229.62; Jimmy Shaw (Poll Worker)-\$120.00; Annette Spencer (Poll Worker)-\$249.66; St of NE Dept Correctional Services (Misc)-\$2710.50; Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$40.73; Kylie Stoner (Poll Worker)-\$217.50; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$514.30; Debra Thayer (Poll Worker)-\$217.50; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3248.75; Dennis Vanwey (Poll Worker)-218.84; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$387.26; Web Co Sheriff – Petty Cash (Petty Cash)-\$146.10; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$68.00; Arlene Wiley (Poll Worker)-\$269.48; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Debra Winslow (Poll Worker)-\$228.76; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00; Kathy Wulf (Poll Worker)-\$210.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$215.09; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Bladen Sand & Gravel (Supply)-\$37,853.11; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$132.15; Caterpillar Financial Services (Motor Graders)-\$95,778.90; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$2967.30; Central States Safety & Driver Training, LLC (Training)-\$6000.00; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$1251.74; S.S. (Fica)-\$243.77; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$21.40; Monte Garvin (Expense)-\$120.00; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.20; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Supply)-\$171.00; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Kolton Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$134.50; Riley Nichols (Expense)-\$120.00; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$76.91; R&M Disposal (Utility)-\$90.00; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$83.21; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST. FUND: VanWey Fencing (Services)-\$2388.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$207.40; Sean Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$617.60; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$231.20; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1436.40; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$823.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services (Misc)-\$180.00. COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND: Gene Krejci (Archetecht Fees)-\$962.25; R&L Pest Control (Pest Control)-\$100.00; City of Red Cloud (Permit)-\$109.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$324.15; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.30; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$372.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$204.28; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$372.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 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 4 day of June, 2024
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk