

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 18, 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 June 4, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the June 18, 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 projects and then discussed wages for the 2024/2025 budget. Paul also discussed a few changes in his budget this year.

At 9:00am, The board opened gravel bids. Only one bid was received, from Bladen Sand and Gravel. After the board reviewed and discussed the bid a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to accept this bid. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:10am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented a liquor licenses application on behalf of the Webster County Agricultural Association for the 2024 Webster County Fair. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:15am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to give a Twin Valley updated pertaining to funding.

At 9:30am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to discuss CD's. Janet gave an update on the earned interest and discussion was had on what to do from here. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At 10:00am, Chairman Vance then opened the budget amendment hearing. Budget preparer, Caleb Johnson met with the board via phone to attend. At 10:15am, Caleb went over the amendments. No public attended. At 10:20am, a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to close the budget hearing. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was then made Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the amended budget. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Caleb then gave a few updates from the Budget Workshop and the board discussed a few budget questions with Caleb.

At 10:30am, Extension Education, Lindsay Waechter-Mead met with board to discuss adding a full-time employee to the Nebraska Extension office. This new employee would have more involvement in the schools within our county.

At 10:40am, The officials met with the board to discuss wages. After discussion, the following motions were made. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to give the Deputy's and Clerk's a 4% raise. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay or absent: None. Abstaining: Shipman. A motion was then made to approve wages as presented for Noxious Weed Superintendent, Emergency Manager, Planning and Zoning and Veterans. Voting in favor: Vance, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay or absent. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve wages as presented for the Road Department. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Lastly, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve Sheriff's wages as presented. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Total Wages - \$150,381.06. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7536.75; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$298.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$165.21; Blue Cross/Blue

Shield (Premium)-\$40,616.99; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$297.97; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$124.62; Business World Prod (Supply)-\$92.32; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$219.99; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2920.89; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$100.65; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; Dell Marketing, LP (Supply)-\$295.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7727.82; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$199.23; Embassy Suites (Lodging)-\$214.00; enCourage Advocacy Center (Funding)-\$2000.00; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$75.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$64.14; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$45.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$305.35; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services/Supply)-\$1573.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$609.75; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$436.34; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$12.45; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$104.52; Kevin Kohmetscher (Fees)-\$93.60; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fees)-\$18.70; MC&E/ElectionSource (Supply)-\$1581.61; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$4063.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$54.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2465.67; NACO (Dues)-\$1473.96; NIRMA (Insurance Renew)-\$57,266.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$195.64; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Ramada Midtown Conference Center (Lodging)-\$214.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$189.90; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2813.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; St of Nebr Dept Correctional Svcs (Misc)-\$140.06; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3556.00; USPS (Box Renewal)-\$188.00; Ken Vanwey (Services)-\$2810.00; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$21.00; 2024 NCRAAO Conference (Registration)-\$1200.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2868.96; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$143.78; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$126.03; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$87.24; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$1074.75; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$25.61; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$1726.77; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$450.33; S.S. (Fica)-\$3231.57; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$98.95; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.49; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$92.75; gWorks (Software)-\$729.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$350.67; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$37.69; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NIRMA (Insurance Renew)-\$46,530.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel/Repairs)-\$8532.89; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$1156.20; Timm's Service (Fuel/Repairs)-\$1783.21. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Supply)-\$1029.00; Mips, Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$421.60; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$390.00; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$312.80; Platte Valley Endodontics (Dental)-\$1116.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS (Dental)-\$204.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$624.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$365.00; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$142.80; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$587.38; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$299.08; S.S. (Fica)-\$579.72; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$236.97; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$37.70; NIRMA (Insurance Renew)-\$2354.00; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$20.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$44.96; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$29.40; NIRMA (Insurance Renew)-\$3142.50; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$151.12. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$240.20; NIRMA (Insurance Renew)-\$3142.50.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 18 day of June, 2024

Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk