

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 2, 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 18, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the July 2, 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 said the guys are doing some training together and doing maintenance on trucks while the weather is bad. The board and Paul also discussed advertising options to reach more people as the road department is still hiring.

At 9:05am: The board reviewed fund balances, the District Court report, Imprest Account, and the Sheriff's Quarterly report.

At 9:15am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board. Brian gave an update on Twin Valley, as grants did not come in this year, Twin Valley will be idle for the year. Each county will try and do spraying for phragmites but the river will not be sprayed without these grants. Brian also discussed drawing up a force control resolution. Brian will present a resolution at the next meeting. Lastly, discussion was had about the south walls in the Noxious Weed office and the Road Department. Gilbert is going to look into finding someone to fix these.

At 9:25am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss the printing and mailing for Joint Public Hearing postcards. MIPS and NACO have chose a new company to partner with this year for the printing of the postcards. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to use CSG printing services, if needed. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:30am, Kory McCracken, attorney for the City of Red Cloud met with the board. The city is applying for an improvement grant and would like to utilize a property that is owned by the county. The board would be willing to do this with a stipulation of an exchange of like-kind property in the future for an impound lot. Kory will discuss this with the city board. A motion was made by Shipman seconded by Ratzlaff to donate everything east of the alley (Lots one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6), and the West fifty-five feet (55') of Lots seven (7) and eight (8), Block one (1), Lutz's Addition to the City of Red Cloud, Webster County, Nebraska, AND Lots twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), Block two (2), Richardson's Addition of the City of Red Cloud, Webster County, Nebraska with the stipulation of like-kind exchange of property in the future. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:45am, County Museum Director, Teresa Young met with the board to give an annual update on the Museum. Teresa also gave the board a copy of her 2024/2025 potential budget for review.

At 10:00am, Casey Muzic with Midlands met with the board to give an annual update.

At 10:30am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins met with the board to discuss the trees in the courtyard. Patrick is going to look into grants and quotes to trim and plant trees.

At 10:45am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans, County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman and County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss and present wages for fiscal year 2024/2025. Total Wages - \$10,410.59. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$125.51; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.58; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$53.60; Buffalo County Court (Dues)-\$200.00; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; CASA of South Central Nebraska (Funding)-\$6000.00; Crowne Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$139.95; Dept of the Treasury (Fees)-\$84.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$189.89; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$193.65; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$75.00; First

National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$76.89; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1600.37; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$739.90; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$2831.34; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1534.71; J13 Enterprises, LLC (Budget)-\$200.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$396.63; MNIS (Funding)-\$3395.00; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$256.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2517.53; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$20.00; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Misc)-\$75.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$538.88; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1262.52; RR Donnelley (Supply)-\$158.01; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1104.54; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1408.75; Thomson Reuters-West (Subscription)-\$192.11; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$65.59; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$17,523.32; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$126.18; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$400.79; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$21.40; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.20; Hansen International Truck Inc (Supply)-\$444.58; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$656.74; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$90.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$172.37; Windstream (Phones)-\$84.42; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$150.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$206.80; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$210.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$240.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$30.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Concord Health Supply (Supply)-\$563.80; S.S. (Fica)-\$313.93; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.30; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$288.00; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$374.45. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$292.58; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 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 2 day of July, 2024
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk