

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, Dan Shipman gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Jeff Mans (District Three), Tim Gilbert (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Mans. Voting, nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Nay or Absent: None. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the September 17, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave a update on equipment that was fixed and projects they are going to be working on.

At 9:00am, Bids for Courtyard tree trimming and removal were opened. One bid was received. The board reviewed this bid. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to go with Superior Tree Service and Fencing. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:15am, Tyler Southard with NeoGov met with the board via Zoom. Tyler went over what NeoGov has to offer the County in regards to finding and hiring new employees. The board is going to have further discussion at the next meeting.

At 9:30am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to present an interlocal agreement between Twin Valley Weed Management and Webster County. The board reviewed this. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this interlocal agreement. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:35am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented an interlocal agreement between the Village of Cowles and Webster County. The board reviewed this interlocal agreement. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:40am, Abbey then discussed the women's restroom on first floor. This restroom could use updates. Abbey will look further into this and report back at the next meeting. Discussion was then had on having a mandatory personnel meeting with courthouse employees. Shipman mentioned having a mandatory quarterly meeting for employees prior to the board meeting to discuss any issues.

At 10:10am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present certified distress warrants from December 20, 2023.

At 10:30am, the board reviewed fund balances, the Imprest Account and the District Court report.

At 10:35am, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay: Shipman. Absent or abstaining: None. At 11:40am a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of executive session. No action was taken.

Total Wages - \$161,672.26. GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$7957.79; Applied Connective Technologies (Services)-\$99.50; Axon Enterprises Inc (Supply)-\$2983.73; Black Hill Energy (Utility)-\$136.44; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,380.37; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$480.96; Jude Bunger (Fees)-\$20.00; Business World (Supply)-\$14.30; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$230.93; Patrick Calkins (Mileage)-\$89.11; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$451.80; CINTAS (Supply)-\$95.59; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$84.60; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel/Repars)-\$2610.57; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$117.70; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$537.60; Dell Marketing, LP (Supply)-\$44.09; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$8186.57; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$81.43; First

Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$34.26; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$50.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$297.35; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$290.47; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$86.25; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$119.22; Hastings Tribune (Subscription)-\$120.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$735.94; Jordening's Body Shop (Repairs)-\$1000.00; Keny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$36.08; Brenda Knehans (Contract)-\$660.56; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1243.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2517.53; NSA/POAN Conference Fund (Registration)-\$200.00; Kyle Ord (Fees)-\$20.00; Paisley Ord (Fees)-\$46.80; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$286.93; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$428.29; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2845.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Allan Strobl (Fees)-\$20.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1811.25; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$60.48; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$174.20. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3119.68; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$112.75; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$199.46; CPI (Fuel/Repairs)-\$2435.49; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$574.84; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3505.86; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$149.24; Fastenal (Supply)-\$119.77; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.93; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$106.22; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$28.99; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$222.30; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$86.52; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$223.15; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$9587.11; NSG Logistics, LLC (Supply)-\$1574.70; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$631.80; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$16,301.25; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$3732.29; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$1353.68; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$161.55; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$439.97; Union Bank & Trust Company (Fees)-\$4516.45. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$2049.50. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1660.60; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$217.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$102.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Interest)-\$5158.33. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.60; CPI (Fuel)-\$343.55; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$276.10. RC AMUBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$42.89; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$44.73; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$135.18; Platte Valley Communications (Supply)-\$115.90. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: CPI (Fuel)-\$216.97.

Being no further business, Vice Chairman Gary Ratzlaff adjourned the meeting at 11:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 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 17 day of September, 2024  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk