

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes of the January 7, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or abstain: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the January 21, 2025, 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 the board an update on the snowblower and other equipment that is being checked over. Discussion was had on Road Department pickups. Paul then gave the board an update on the rebuild and said he is holding off as long as he can before doing it. County Attorney, Patrick Calkins joined the meeting via phone to discuss the status of the pending tree removal lawsuit

At 9:10am, The board reviewed a report from the County Assessor, of valuations from previous years.

At 9:15am, County Board Appointments for 2025 were gone over by the Board. The Board decided to keep all the Board members in their same positions, Dan Shipman as Chairman and Gary Ratzlaff as Vice-Chair. All other appointments were reviewed and adjustments made accordingly. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the board appointments. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2025

Webster County Board of Commissioners: Dan Shipman Chairman; Gary Ratzlaff, Vice-Chairman

Region III Governing Board (Behavioral Services): Trevor Karr, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: Dan Shipman, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Kearney: Tim Gilbert, Delegate; Trevor Karr, Alt.

Central Community College: Trevor Karr, Delegate; Dan Shipman, Alt.

Webster County Hospital Trustees Board: Gary Ratzlaff, Board Liaison; Dan Shipman, Alt.

COUNTY ENGINEER: Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering

COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (5-year term) Mike McCartney (01/01/2030), Michelle Cole (01/01/2029), Sharon Berns (01/01/2029), Marcie Kinnaman (01/01/2028), Roger Crook (01/01/2028), Sara Richards (01/01/2027) Julie Zimmerman (01/01/2026)

COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT: County Board

COUNTY SURVEYOR: (4-year term) Josh Grummert (2027)

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAL CONTACT: Gary Ratzlaff and Tim Gilbert

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Ron Sunday

EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD: (3-Year Term) Krystal Zimmerman (12/31/2027), Troy Anderson (12/31/2026), Morgan Trausch (12/31/2027), Danny Bengel (12/31/2025)

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBLE CHARGE: Paul Stoner and Lance Harter

FLOOD PLAINS MANAGER: Tami Scheuneman

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Abbey Harig

HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE: (6-Year Term) Abbey Hansen (01/01/2027), Louise Petsch (01/01/2029), Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Leon Lutkemeier (01/01/2031), Keith Buschow (01/01/2031)

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION: (3-Year Term) Troy Himmelberg (01/01/2027), Scott Schmidt – Bladen (01/01/2026), Marvin Hartman – Guide Rock (01/01/2027), Garth Wentworth (01/01/2026), Keith Waechter (01/01/2026), Jerry Langer (01/01/2027), Paul Stoner (01/01/2027).

NIRMA SAFETY COMMITTEE: Abbey Harig, NIRMA Contact Person, Ron Sunday, Avery Brumbaugh, Monica Montgomery, Alexa Pedersen, Jolene Duffy, Leigh Goebel and Liz Sitzman

NIRMA CONTACT PERSON: Abbey Harig

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Tami Scheuneman

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Gary Ratzlaff

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP YOUTH TASK FORCE: Karla Burgess

SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Dan Shipman

SOUTH HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH: (3-Year Term) Kathy Murphy (03/01/2027), Torey Kranau Kohmetscher (03/01/2025), Jeff Mans (03/01/2026).

TITLE IV-ADA/504 COORDINATOR: Abbey Harig

TRAILBLAZER RC & D: Gerald Ohmstede

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER: Gary Ratzlaff

VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE: (5-Year Term) Don Beitler (06/30/2026), Michael Barton (06/30/2025), Keith Waechter (6/30/2028), Ron Schutte (6/30/2028), Bill Goosic (6/30/2025).

VISITOR PROMOTION COMMITTEE: (4-Year Term) Jarrod McCartney (01/01/2027), Abbey Harig (01/01/2027), Lori Smith (06/30/2027), Nicole Mackin (04/01/2028) Theresa Young (8/01/2026), Vicki Alber (01/01/2028) Brandi Hitchler (01/01/2026)

WEBSTER COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Oak Creek Engineers – Lance Harter

WEBSTER COUNTY TRANSIT COUNSEL: Gary Ratzlaff

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY: Brian Pedersen

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: (3-Year Term) Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Tim Gilbert (01/01/2028), Scott Schmidt (01/01/2026), Justin Shipman (01/01/2027), Rob Wilson (01/01/2027), Tim Meline, Alt.

At 9:30am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss fees for 911. After discussion, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to not charge a 911 fee to villages, cities, ambulances or fire departments within the county at this time. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Troy this shared information about a E-Citation grant to update equipment. The county will have to pay for this upfront but will then be reimbursed.

At 10:20am, County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman and Paul Stoner met with the board to discuss Planning and Zoning. They discussed interpretations of the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations and was recommended to get clarification from the zoning board.

At 10:30am, Tami met with the board to present tax corrections. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into CBOE. The board reviewed three tax corrections. A motion as made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to approve these. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. A motion was then made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to go out of CBOE.

At 10:35am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present her semiannual statement.

At 11:00am, a brief update on the bathroom remodel was discussed.

Total Wages - \$166,863.89. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8306.01; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.90; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$179.89; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,380.37; Buffalo County Sheriff (Fees)-\$6.00; Cintas (Supply)-\$112.10; CPI (Fuel)-\$2365.02; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$79.20; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; Julene Degener (Mow Cemetery)-\$400.00; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$8558.57; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$39.98; Tori Ellis (Fees)-\$20.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$314.90; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT)-\$726.50; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$496.24; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$162.00; Mid-States Organized Crime Info (Dues)-\$100.00; Mips (Supply)-\$538.65; National Sheriff's Association (Dues)-\$125.00; NE Assn of County Treasurers' (Dues)-\$75.00; Pro Printing

& Graphics (Supply)-\$159.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$868.53; Self Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2879.00; Superior Publishing Co Inc (Supply)-\$50.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$5778.75; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$1955.97; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$9.14; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$257.00; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Physical)-\$324.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$102.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$371.19. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3125.53; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1385.66; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$1703.98; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$201.66; CPI (Fuel)-\$908.20; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$3525.80; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$25.61; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$129.12; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1448.94; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$252.50; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$31.48; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$9.84; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$605.56; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$2692.30; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$13,423.81; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$190.80; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$145.44. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$147.72; Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$25,250.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$25.04. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$899.20. INHERITANCE TAX REFUND: Business World Prod (Supply)-\$5185.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.62; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$205.06; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$276.10; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$36.28. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$391.45; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$152.93. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Blue Hill Pharmacy (Supply)-\$76.93; CPI (Fuel)-\$80.92; Medicare Part B (Overpayment)-\$608.73.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:05am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 21 day of January 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk