

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 4, 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 21, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to pay claims and payroll for the February 4, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent: None. Abstaining: Gilbert.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave the board an update on tree removal, blades, machines and his truck. The trucks transmission has gone out. The board discussed whether fixing or buying new was the better option. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to sell the 2020 Ford on Marshal Auctions out of Kearney as is. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None. A motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to allow Paul to replace the 2020 Ford with a new 2025 ¾ ton pickup. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None.

At 9:00am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins met with the board to present the following resolution.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

WHEREAS, the Webster County Department of Roads ("Roads Dept.") has contacted a landowner who owns ground in Webster County regarding overgrowth of trees in the County right-of-way that were causing a visual obstruction for motorists; and,

WHEREAS, after numerous attempts at communication and requests to address the issue, the Roads Dept. used its own manpower and resources to trim the trees and overgrowth at the expense of Webster County taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the landowner has refused to communicate with the Roads Dept. and is refusing to pay for the completed work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Webster County Attorney to take whatever legal action is necessary in order to collect any unpaid amounts owed as a results of the Roads Dept.'s work.

A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None.

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

At 9:15am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None. Janet then presented Tax Exemption Form 457 for Webster County Community Hospital, Webster County Community Hospital Foundation Inc and Head Start Child and Family Develop Program, Inc. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to approve these. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None. A motion was then made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go out of CBOE.

Janet then presented the Delinquent Tax list for the board to review.

At 9:30am, Michele Bever, Health Director for South Heartland District Health Department met with the board to give their annual update.

At 9:50am, The board reviewed bids for the first-floor bathroom remodel. Two bids were received. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to go with the bid from Farris Construction. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None.

At 10:00am, Red Cloud High School Shop Teacher, Ed Shurman met with the board and presented an outline for the handrails on the south and east side of the courthouse that the Red Cloud High School students will be replacing. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None.

At 1010am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board and presented the Cremation Policy for the County. The board reviewed this and would like County Attorney, Patrick Calkins to review and help update this.

Total Wages - \$7530.17. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$25.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$99.19; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$38.64; Ron Brumbaugh (Repairs)-\$320.00; Business World (Supply)-\$3.50; Central Nebr County Assessor Assn (Dues)-\$25.00; Clay County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$18.25; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$95.70; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$168.59; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$881.12; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$276.92; Franklin County Sheriff (Fees)-\$53.62; Jon Gibson (Repairs)-\$1295.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1588.74; Great White Shredding (Utility)-\$330.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT Services)-\$1163.98; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1593.13; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$328.40; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1720.00; Mips (Supply)-\$155.95; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2517.53; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$28.56; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$2138.61; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Daniel Vodicka (Contract)-\$1163.20; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$195.57; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$68.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$32.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ace/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$5840.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$19.44; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$137.46; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$22.04; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$24.99; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$409.96; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$133.04; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.59; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$93.70; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$752.08; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$6292.46; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$5224.00; John Deere Financial (Repairs)-\$860.33; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply)-\$5.79; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$14.95; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply)-\$1023.79; Olson Enterprises LLC (Misc)-\$16,172.73; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; Richweld Fabrication (Repairs)-\$1237.14; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$271.06; Windstream (Phones)-\$87.59. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$168.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1574.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$285.20; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$1889.64. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$366.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Business World (Supply)-\$950.00; Farris Construction (Sheriff's Office)-\$46,754.11. **COUNTY BUILDING REMODELING FUND:** Farris Construction (Sheriff's Office)-\$17,427.44. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$242.67; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.35; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$10.50; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$70.56; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$425.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$142.78.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 10:20am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 4 day of February 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk