

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00am on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. A late start was due to weather conditions. 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), Jeff Mans (District Three), Tim Gilbert (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Trevor Karr (District Two) running late. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to approve minutes of the February 4, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to pay claims and payroll, except for one claim for Commissioner Ratzlaff for the February 18, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert and Mans. Voting nay: None. Absent: Karr Abstaining: Ratzlaff.

10:05am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave the board an update on snow removal and shop trucks. Paul discussed the shape of the trucks and the need to eventually replace them.

At 10:15am, Commissioner Trevor Karr (District Two) joined the meeting.

At 10:30am, Commissioner Dan Shipman gave the board a brief overview of the NACO County Chair Workshop he attended.

At 10:45am, The board reviewed a letter provided by Sheriff, Troy Schmitz stating all Distress Warrants covering November 1, 2024 – February 7, 2025, were paid in full. County Treasurer, Janet Knehans was there to acknowledge that all Distress Warrants were paid as well.

At 11:00am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board. Brian wanted the board to know that the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Grant went through.

At 11:15am, Paul Stoner met with the board again to present the Oak Creek Engineering Agreements. The board reviewed these. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve these. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Total Wages - \$164,103.56. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8306.01; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$119.50; At-Scene LLC (Software)-\$1190.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$497.91; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,380.37; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; CINTAS (Supply)-\$118.48; CPI (Fuel)-\$1414.12; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$63.20; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$8558.57; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$108.64; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1163.74; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$314.90; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$123.90; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1270.54; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$6.48; Kohmetscher Feed Service (Supply)-\$49.20; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fees)-\$41.36; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$932.50; NE Assn Co Clks/Reg Deeds/Elections (Dues)-\$100.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Fees)-\$175.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Dues)-\$50.00; Secretary of State (Supply)-\$10.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2804.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1463.40; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1408.75; Tyler Technologies (Subscription)-\$449.00; USPS (Postage)-\$15.30; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$51.80; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$51.80; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$113.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$746.35. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2939.20; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$149.98; B's Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$897.75; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1636.39; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$24,460.63; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; CB's Electric Heating and Air (Repairs)-\$190.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$1306.95; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$3301.33; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$55.87; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$62.94; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.17; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$110.02; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-

\$159.55; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$279.36; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$75.71; Michael Todd Industrial Supply (Supply)-\$1150.81; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$201.57; Ben Pavelka Trucking Inc (Repairs)-\$2179.61; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$2398.15; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$251.28; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$83.00; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$96.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Alma Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$767.20; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$168.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$230.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$670.40; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$220.40. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Business World Products (Supply)-\$13,219.93. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.62; CPI (Fuel)-\$9.34; EFTPS (SS/Fica)-\$276.10; City of Red Cloud (Water)-\$161.50. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$844.12; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$746.84; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$44.73; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$158.01. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: CPI (Fuel)-\$139.38.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:20am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 18 day of February 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Webster County Clerk