

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 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 February 18, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or abstain: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the March 4, 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 let the board know inspections on equipment have been completed. A few minor things were found and will be fixed. Paul ordered a motor for the Guide Rock shop truck that will be installed by the road crew. Paul also discussed upcoming projects and gave an update on equipment that have been in the shop.

At 9:00am, The board reviewed the Imprest Account, District Court report and fund balances.

At 9:15am, Count Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board and presented a quote from Rod's Constructions for flooring in three of the offices. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to accept this quote and proceed with this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented a new program for open enrollment. She explained how it would work and the benefits behind it.

At 9:30am, Extension Educator, Lindsay Waechter-Mead met with the board. She gave the board a list of updated Extension Board Members and presented the Nebraska Extension annual report. Lindsay also gave the board updates on workshops that have held.

At 9:45am, Abbey met with the board to give an update on the bathroom remodel.

At 10:00am, there was a motion from Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to go into executive session to discuss a salary correction. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to go out of executive session. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Vote was taken to address employee overpayment due to clerical error; decision was made that the remaining amount that is owed thru June 30, 2025, be split evenly over the next four months. No budget or income tax implications will incur this way. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or absent: None. Abstaining: Ratzlaff.

Total Wages - \$11,270.73. **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$79.68; Asbestos Survey Services LLC (Survey)-\$450.00; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.94; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$58.10; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; Jolene Duffy (Expense)-\$15.79; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$136.31; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$202.78; Ellis County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$50.00; FGH Law Office (Counsel)-\$373.50; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$561.95; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$451.74; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1589.68; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT Services)-\$888.20; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$255.95; Elizabeth Janning (Mileage)-\$144.20; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$58.94; L-Tron (Supply)-\$15,835.68; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$308.08; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1781.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2517.53; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$29.10; Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$4146.73; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$2081.27; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$75.00; Kelly Skrdlant (Lease)-\$12.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3162.50; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Supply)-\$2829.62; Daniel Vodicka (Contract)-\$1454.00; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Mileage)-\$422.80; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$50.73; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$51.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$35.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service

(Utility)-\$32.50. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$157.95; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$162.25; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$179.01; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$581.36; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.65; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$188.83; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$4936.51; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Services)-\$2817.86; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$276.37; Windstream (Phones)-\$91.92. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$1115.20; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1135.00; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$424.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$394.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$41.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Bio-Electronics (Supply)-\$285.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$331.18; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.40; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$450.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$215.73; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$250.00; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Repairs)-\$699.15; United Healthcare (Overpayment)-\$629.23.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 March 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk