

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 18, 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 Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve minutes of the March 4, 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 March 18, 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 updates on completed and upcoming projects and equipment.

At 9:00am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig let the board know that the county's IT firm would be making changes at the end of the year that would increase pricing. Abbey is looking into other options.

At 9:15am, Abbey presented **Resolution 4-2025** to transfer \$245,001.21 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300) as stated in the 2024-2025 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. **Resolution 5-2025** to transfer \$24,595.01 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800) as stated in the 2024-2025 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:20am, Assessor Tami Schueneman met with the board. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Tami discussed a clerical error; discussion was had but no motion was made at this time. A motion was made by Gilbert seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:30am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present tax sales from the Public Tax Proceedings held on March 3rd. The board reviewed these.

At 9:40am, Pam Arterburn with Midlands Area Agency on Aging met with the board to ask for the county's annual membership for FY 2026. The amount will remain the same at, \$1,136.00. These funds are used in combination with federal and state funds from the Nebraska Health and Human Services – Division of Aging Services. Pam also requested \$4,100.00 in funding for senior services in Webster County. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

9:45am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board. Discussion was held about the Jail Administrator and needing a 911 Administrator. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to make Troy Schmitz both. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

10:00am, Commissioner, Dan Shipman discussed with the board the possibility of purchasing a building in Blue Hill for the Blue Hill Ambulances, that also had office space. The board discussed this and decided not to put a bid in.

Total Wages - \$168,284.60. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$23.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8,862.76; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$119.50; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.94; AT-SCENE LLC (Program)-\$1,190.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$399.07; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$40,719.46; CINTAS (Supply)-\$60.19; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,876.45; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$92.40; CVSOAN (Fees)-\$60.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,018.37; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$677.91; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$93.75; First Concord Benefits

(Buydown)-\$5488.65; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$314.90; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$124.41; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$11.07; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1,303.03; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$67.49; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1,800.75; NACO (Dues)-\$100.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Fees)-\$75.00; Nebraska State Patrol (Fees)-\$436.50; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1,000.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2,749.00; Standard Appraisal Services, Inc (Fees)-\$1,215.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,379.23; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2,415.00; USPS (Postage)-\$9.14; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$65.98; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$65.98; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$116.00; Webster County Hospital (Services)-\$2,812.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$1,076.65; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$245,001.21; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$24,595.01. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$2,815.72; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1,675.40; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$137.92; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$275.49; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,324.21; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,161.38; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$45.60; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.79; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$127.08; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$24.19; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$104.22; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$440.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$161.62; Kohmetscher Feed Service (Supply)-\$80.00; L&M Tire (Supply)-\$97.65; NAPA Auto Parts (Misc)-\$1,044.15; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$1,253.12; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply)-\$227.33; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$1,664.49; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$323.19; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$670.15; Union Bank & Trust Co (Bond)-\$155,274.71. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$11,400.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$281.40; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$247.60; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$750.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS PC (Dental)-\$115.20. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Adams County Dist Court (Fees)-\$156.25. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co (Bond)-\$221,601.99. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.62; CPI (Fuel)-\$57.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$276.10; J&A Auto Supply (Misc)-\$3.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$456.29; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$ 505.06; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$72.59; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$252.99. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** CPI (Fuel)-\$131.59; Garrett Enterprises, Inc (Repairs)-\$830.42; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$100.00; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$1,353.75. Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 10:55am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 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 4 day of March 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk