

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 15, 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 April 1, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting, absent, nay or absent: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to pay claims and payroll for the April 15, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. While reviewing mail, Trevor Karr gave the board a letter from Bladen Fire Department that shared what they spent their \$20,000.00 on. Bladen Fire purchased four air packs and eight bottles and thanked the board for their donation.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul briefly discussed the 1 & 6 year plan. Paul also let the board know the road crew planned on starting tree trimming again and gave an update on machine issues.

At 9:00am, Lance Harter with Oak Creed Engineering met with the board to present the 1 & 6 year plan. Lance went over this with the board. After reviewing and discussion Lance presented **Resolution 6-2025** to approve the Road Improvement Plan (1 & 6 year plan). A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to accept this as presented. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:20am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to present a Interlocal Agreement with Adams County for housing of Webster County inmates. 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.

At 9:30am, Adam Jurgens with Hamilton Business Technologies met with the board. Adam met with the board to share upcoming changes with their business and how this will affect Webster County at the end of the year.

At 9:50am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen's Nebraska of Agriculture report. The board reviewed this and was signed by Commissioner Shipman.

At 9:55am, Gerald Ohmstede met with the board to give a quick update on RC&D. There will be no tire recycling or electronic recycling program this year.

At 10:00am, Ed Knott with Applied Connective, IT and Cyber Security Services, met with the board. Ed shared Applied Connectives benefits to working with them and gave a quote to the board.

At 10:30am, Tom Nielsen with SOARIN Group, LLC, also IT and Cyber Security, met with the board and shared the benefits of working with their group and gave the board a quote.

At 10:50am, Abbey presented a General Assistance Application for Cremation to the board. The board reviewed this. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 11:05am, The board reviewed the fund balances, District Court Report, Imprest Account, Sheriff's Quarterly Report, timesheets and reviewed the City of Blue Hills Annual Report on Community Redevelopment Projects.

Total Wages - \$163,662.05. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$110.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8,069.74; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$119.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$235.19; BCBS (Premium)-\$41,427.28; Business World Prod (Supply)-\$342.25; Cintas (Supply)-\$72.03; Clay County Sheriff's Dept (Housing)-\$5,720.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,470.45; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$62.70; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$8,402.35; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-

\$682.60; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$919.58; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$316.45; Franklin County Sheriff (Housing)-\$390.00; GALL, Inc (Supply)-\$186.99; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$122.84; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT Services)-\$202.50; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$35.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$115.77; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$331.29; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$675.50; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$3,088.60; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,517.53; NACO (Registration)-\$150.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$142.00; NE Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Registration)-\$75.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$384.30; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$2,061.63; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2,206.90; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2,838.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1,943.75; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$2,875.72; Ken Vanwey (Snow Removal)-\$1,725.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$54.14; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$77.60; Web Co Clerk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$95.39; Webster County Hospital Clinic (Services)-\$2,143.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$35.50. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$2,558.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3,043.87; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$610.15; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$157.44; Bostock Welding LLC (Repairs)-\$300.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,758.37; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,419.95; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$25.61; Ely's Inc (Supply)-\$33.84; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$106.06; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$103.73; J&A Auto Supply)-\$6,589.35; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$4,639.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$119.97; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$66.68; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply)-\$2,371.09; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$4,205.85; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$1,471.67; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1,509.11; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$59.16; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$116.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: ACE/Eaton Metals (Supply)-\$12,598.00; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$46.72. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$80.00; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$304.60; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$ 212.60. E911 FUND: Nemaha County Sheriff's Office (Renewal)-\$78.94. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.62; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$276.10; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$22.70; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Supply)-\$1,688.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$47.98; Norfolk Lodge & Suites (Lodging)-\$250.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$321.72; Lydia Jensen (Refund)-\$20.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$46.43; Olson Enterprises, Inc (Fuel)-\$55.35. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Blue Hill Pharmacy (Supply)-\$6.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$211.87; Garrett Enterprises, Inc (Repairs)-\$826.54.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 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 15 day of April 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk