

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 6, 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 Mans to approve minutes of the April 15, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll, except for one claim for Commissioner Ratzlaff for the May 6, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to pay County Commissioner Ratzlaff's claim. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or absent: None. Abstaining: Ratzlaff.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave updates on projects and equipment. Discussion was had about stock piling gravel and potential summer help. An update on the legal progression due to not reimbursing the county for cutting tress was given by County Attorney, Patrick Calkins.

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

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss a dental insurance appeal. An appeal to add mouth guards, for non-cosmetic purposes was discussed. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to add this to the dental insurance. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Abbey then presented **Resolution 7-2025** 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 Ratzlaff to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. **Resolution 8-2025** to transfer \$24,594.99 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 Mans, seconded by Karr to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Lastly, Abbey discussed concerns from EMT's about certain cross contaminations that can occur while they are on calls. The County's insurance does not cover these types of incidents. The board would like the EMT's to take extra preventative measures to help any cross contamination.

At 9:30am, County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board to discuss solar energy farms and what the county has for rules and regulations. There are no current solar farm plans for Webster County, but the board would like to have the rules and regulations in place should something come up in the future. Tami is going to speak to other counties who have solar farms and compare our guidelines to theirs.

At 9:45am, The board discussed IT options from the previous meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Gilbert to have SOARIN Group as the county's IT, Mans seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:00am, Abbey gave a handout for the board to review that covered new health insurance rates. Decisions and more discussion will be had at the next meeting.

Total Wages - \$8502.01. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice System (Housing)-\$110.00; Alcohol Countermeasure System, Inc (Supply)-\$179.80; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$66.16; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.90; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$148.11; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$351.96; Business World Products (Supply)-\$372.89; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-

\$50.00; Central Community College (Training)-\$34.00; Clay County Sheriff's Dept (Service Fees)-\$18.25; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$487.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$75.90; Daake Law Office (Counsel)-\$448.50; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$142.21; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$752.58; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$1,974.62; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$1,100.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$94.97; Furnas County Attorney's Office (Subscription)-\$270.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2,642.54; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT)-\$1,201.87; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$8.30; Elizabeth Janning (Mileage)-\$183.40; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$539.53; Janet Knehans (Mileage)-\$86.80; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$322.42; Amy McDole (Reimbursement)-\$128.73; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,517.53; NACO (Registration)-\$125.00; NACT (Registration)-\$175.00; Nebr Dept of Labor/Finance (Unemployment)-\$325.49; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$142.52; Platte Valley Transfer (Misc)-\$474.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$324.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,689.97; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$229.98; Dennis Smith (Cemetery)-\$250.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,333.23; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$15.68; Daniel Vodicka (Contract)-\$1,454.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$181.08; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$144.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$187.78; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$245,001.21; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$24,594.99; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Cost Allocation)-\$1,095.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$65.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$27.95; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$49.73; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$206.78; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$132.22; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$142.09; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,203.20; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc (Supply)-\$32.66; EFPTS (SS/FICA)-\$31.67; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$27.82; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.34; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.65; gWorks (Software)-\$781.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$63.61; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$505.68; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$54.01; Kenesaw Motor Co (Pickup)-\$48,089.80; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$32.80; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$20.25; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$4,040.80; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$10,738.84; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$1,910.37; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$255.41; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Repairs)-\$3,990.84; Van Diest Supply Co (Supply)-\$7,125.00; Webster County Hospital (Misc)-\$292.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$88.78; Winter Equipment Co, Inc (Supply)-\$95.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** VanWey Fencing (Repairs)-\$1,220.00. **VISITOR PROMOTION FUND:** Red Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (Reimbursement)-\$2,750.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$144.77. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Larry Baker (Dental)-\$663.00; Kory Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$294.20; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$1,065.60; Dr Jesse Neal Dental Care (Dental)-\$690.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$612.80; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$204.60; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$937.60; Peak Dental (Dental)-\$96.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Williams Funeral Home (County Burial)-\$1,500.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$254.20; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$254.20; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$1,347.78; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$45.35; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$625.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$222.33; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$250.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 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 6 day of May 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk