

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 20, 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 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 Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the May 20, 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 the board updates on new equipment coming in this week and discussed current projects. Paul also discussed the upcoming tree removal projects. Brief discussion was had on the upcoming budget and wages.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board to present an amendment to the Webster County Dental Insurance. She presented **Resolution 9-2025** which added occlusal guards. This will include reline and repair and adjustments once every 36 months, this excludes athletic mouthguards. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this amendment. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:18am, Commissioner and Veterans Service Officer, Gary Ratzlaff discussed flag holders for Veterans. Currently, the county pays 100% for flag holders, even when they need to be replaced. Due to cost and following in line with other counties, the first flag holder will be provided by the county at no cost. After that, replacement flag holders will be the family's responsibility.

At 9:20am, County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present County Tax Sales. The board reviewed these and gave Janet direction to issue the tax sale certificates. Janet then discussed bank interest rates and upcoming changes.

At 9:30am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to present NDA inspections. The board reviewed and discussed this.

At 9:45am, County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman 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 then presented 2025451 NF permissive exemptions. After reviewing, a motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve Blue Hill Propco, LLC and deny River View Homes, LLC due to lack of documentation. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Exempt applications 451 were presented for Red Cloud Rural Fire Protection District and Webster County Community Hospital Foundation, Inc were presented. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve these. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Tami then informed the board that intent to tax letters were sent out and presented the Governmental Subdivision Protest from the City of Red Cloud and Red Cloud Schools; the board reviewed GSP 1-6. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to approve their exempt status. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:15am, County Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss 911 CAD Systems and GEOCOMM Mapping System. Payments for GEOCOMM will be spread out over five years. Troy then discussed the upgrade the 911 CAD System will provide.

At 10:30am, Stacy Rasser with the Cowles Legion met with the board to present a special designated liquor license for the Red Cloud Speed Bowl. 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 10:45am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss health insurance options, raises and Cash in Lieu for upcoming open enrollment. After discussion, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the NACO PPO \$1,100 deductible with copay plan with buydown and a 4% increase in wages. Voting in favor: Gilbert, Mans, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Abbey then presented **Resolution 10-2025**, addressing Cash in Lieu for 2025/2026. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to do 50% of the insurance premium for the employees eligible for Cash in Lieu. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 11:30am, Commissioner Dan Shipman spoke to the board about Bingle Lighting. Bingle does lighting for commercial buildings. A representative was planning on being at the meeting but was unable to attend. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

Total Wages - \$163,748.72. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$440.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8,173.00; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$119.50; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.90; Beyke Signs (Decals)-\$250.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$43,326.47; Business World Products (Supply)-\$19.76; Calkins Law Office (Contract)-\$250.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; Cintas (Supply)-\$126.42; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,645.61; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$70.95; Daake Law Office (Counsel)-\$448.50; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; Jolene Duffy (Expense)-\$29.76; EFPTS (SS/FICA)-\$8,405.76; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$315.45; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$81.14; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$31.89; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$316.45; Franklin County Sheriff (Housing)-\$2,080.00; gWorks (Subscriptions)-\$14,717.00; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (IT Services)-\$3,126.12; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$7.98; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$279.50; Amy McDole (Reimbursement)-\$44.54; Nebraska State Fire Marshall (Inspection)-\$120.00; Norfolk Lodge & Suites (Lodging)-\$375.00; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Misc)-\$30.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$20.10; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$110.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2,838.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$69.09; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Inspection)-\$847.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1,638.75; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$9.14; Web Co Clk of District Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$52.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$187.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3,049.72; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$750.00; B's Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$10,304.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$107.90; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Utility)-\$1,364.25; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$48.73; EFPTS (SS/FICA)-\$3,426.58; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$25.61; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1,322.80; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$484.94; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$180.03; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$18.13; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$363.30; NE Dept of Motor Vehicles (Misc)-\$75.00; Olson Enterprises, LLC (Misc)-\$3,073.10; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$216.51; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2,312.65; Western Pathology Consultants (Testing)-\$32.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Contech Engineered Solutions LLC (Supply)-\$11,400.00. **SHERIFF'S DEPT FUNDRAISING FUND:** HD Arms LLC (Supply)-\$642.60. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Supply)-\$100.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Larry Baker (Dental)-\$2,360.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$352.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$617.60; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$2,743.20. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$270.62; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$202.32; CPI (Fuel)-\$242.45; EFPTS (SS/FICA)-\$276.10; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$27.54; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$312.62; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$112.50. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1:** Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$127.26; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$200.00; Olson Enterprises LLC

(Fuel)-\$72.84. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$801.62; CPI (Fuel)-\$180.72; Lifeguard MD, Inc (Supply)-\$78.81; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$225.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 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 20 day of May 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk