

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 17, 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) and Tim Gilbert (District Four). Absent: Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Trevor gave an update on the Extension Board meeting he attended and Dan gave an update on a Midlands meeting he attended. Motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff. Motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans to pay claims and payroll for the June 17, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 8:45am, Road Superintendent Paul Stoner met with the board. Discussion was had about rock and roads. Paul gave an update on equipment and current and upcoming projects. Paul then presented a Certificate of Completion – Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Rural Roads, **Resolution 11-2025** to the board. After reviewing, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 9:00am, Gravel bids were presented and opened by the board. One bid was received. The board reviewed this bid, after discussion a motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to go with Bladen Sand and Gravel. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 9:10am, The board reviewed fund balances and reviewed a letter from the Veterans Service Office informing them of a term on the Veterans Service Committee. This position will be filled by Tim Gilbert.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig met with the board. Abbey presented a funding request from First Light Advocacy Group. After reviewing, the board requested a representative from First Light Advocacy Group come to a meeting to provide more information.

Abbey then presented a special designated liquor license for the 2025 Webster County Fair. After reviewing, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

Lastly, Abbey presented the lighting options for the Courthouse and Sheriff's office from the June 3rd meeting for more discussion. After discussion, the board decided not to proceed with lights on the courthouse but to proceed with Provision at the Sheriff's Office. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to proceed with this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Mans and Karr. Abstaining: None. Voting Nay: Gilbert. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 9:25am, Abbey presented **Resolution 12-2025**, Transfer of Funds and Closure of the Noxious Weed Fund 5400. After discussion, a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to sign this resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 9:30am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins, Sheriff Schmitz and Hospital Administrator, LaMont Cook met with the board to discuss EPC procedures. Patrick explained State Statute 71-919 in more detail. The board discussed the procedure and the Webster County Community Hospitals involvement in EPC's. Discussion was also had about billing between the hospital and the Sheriff's office and applying a discounted rate when billed.

At 9:45am, Extension Educator Lindsay Waechter-Mead met with the board to update the board on new Extension Board Member, Hans Burken. Motion to accept this was made by Karr, seconded by

Mans. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff. Lindsay also gave an update on the upcoming fair.

At 10:00am, Amanda Hajny met with the board. Amanda wanted to make sure there were no county ordinances about fireworks and when they could be shot. There is no county ordinance on fireworks, just State Statue, therefore, the county will follow whatever the city ordinance is.

At 10:30am, Tanner Hagge and Ryan Powers with USDA Wildlife Services met with the board. The board requested stats on how much these services are used in Webster County to justify the needs. Ryan provided a summary of what services had been done over the last year in the county. The USDA Wildlife Services only provide services when they are contacted. For more information on help with wildlife damage issues, you can contact your commissioner or the Clerk's office for contact information for Tanner Hagge with the USDA Wildlife Services. The board will be tabling this decision until the next meeting in July.

At 11:00am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss the CAD system. After more information, Troy decided it was not justified to spend the money on this system right now. As it is not currently mandated to have this, he is going to wait on purchasing this system.

At 11:15am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board to present Tax Exemption form 457. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff. Janet presented Tax Exemption form 457 for Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill. The board reviewed this exemption, and a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff. A motion was then made by Mans, seconded by Karr to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Ratzlaff.

At 11:20am, Abbey met with the board again to discuss fixing the walls in the halls of the courthouse and potentially painting a mural on one of the walls. The board said to get quotes to fix the walls.

Total Wages - \$164,548.72. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$1,650.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$8,243.00; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$119.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$139.05; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$43,326.47; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$57.82; Ron Brumbaugh (Repairs)-\$131.25; Business World Prod (Supply)-\$62.80; C&D Service Center (Fees)-\$25.98; Calkins Law Office (Expense)-\$50.00; CASA of South Central NE (Funding)-\$6,000.00; CINTAS (Supply)-\$32.67; CPI (Fuel)-\$2,541.15; Courtyard by Marriot (Lodging)-\$324.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$117.15; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$8,469.44; Eakes Office Supply (Supply)-\$616.40; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$778.23; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$65.00; Franklin County Sheriff (Housing)-\$1,365.00; Franklin Drug (Supply)-\$31.00; Galls, LLC (Supply)-\$187.96; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1,160.70; Abbey Harig (Mileage)-\$105.28; John V Hodge (Counsel)-\$217.30; Elizabeth Janning (Mileage)-\$86.10; Carmi Mai (Mileage)-\$204.40; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; NACO (Dues)-\$1,749.17; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$175.00; NIRMA (Premium)-\$70,305.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$926.47; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$29.12; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Misc)-\$3,050.00; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$697.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2,838.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,091.73; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2,443.75; TK Elevator Corporation (Maintenance)-\$5,073.24; USPS (Box Fee)-\$188.00; Ken Vanwey (Lawn Care)-\$2,920.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$18.28; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Mileage)-\$586.61; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$149.00; Webster County Hospital (Inmates)-\$7,329.50; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$32.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,049.72; B's Enterprises, Inc (Grader Blades)-\$6,250.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$72.34; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$57,910.18; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$135.10; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$10,812.75; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$12.99; CPI (Fuel)-

\$1,350.29; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,426.58; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$67.81; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$564.45; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$108.63; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$207.46; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$7,889.36; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$17.28; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$3.59; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$699.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$112.07; NIRMA (Premium)-\$48,803.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Misc)-\$26,678.32; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$6,726.36; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$1,125.20; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$159.41; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1,748.90; Werner Construction Company (Supply)-\$21.28. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$1,689.29. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Kory L Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$974.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$278.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Fees)-\$624.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$270.62; CPI (Fuel)-\$290.18; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$276.10; NIRMA (Premium)-\$2,174.00; Superior Industries, LLC (Supply)-\$416.46. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$46.43; NIRMA (Premium)-\$3,566.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$251.89. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$218.13; CPI, Inc (Fuel)-\$279.78; NIRMA (Premium)-\$3,566.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 1130am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 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 17 day of June 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk