

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 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 June 1, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay or absent: None. Abstaining: Shipman. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the June 15, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Mans then gave an update on the South Central Health meeting he attended and the board reviewed mail.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul discussed the motor grader rebuild and options to add a reversing fan. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to approve adding the reversing fan to the rebuild. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Paul gave an update on tree cutting and needing a new-used tractor.

At 9:10am, The board reviewed the Imprest Account report, District Court report, Fund Balances and the Sheriff's Quarterly report.

At 9:15am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss 911. The mapping program for the 911 system, Geocomm, needs a server. The Sheriff's office will sign on with the county's IT provider, Soarin Group to provide the server and their IT services. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to add a server and IT services to the Sheriff's office. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:30am, Webster County Historical Museum Director, Teresa Young met with the board to give her annual update. Teresa shared events, donations and improvements that have been made at the museum.

At 9:45am, CASA's Executive Director, RuAnn Root met with the board to give an annual update and request annual funding. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve funding for STARS and CASA. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:00am, First Light Advocacy Center did not show up.

At 10:25am, Shipman presented a letter being sent to Senator Murman on behalf of the board in regard to the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program. This letter was reviewed by the board and signed.

At 10:30am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the board and presented her semi annual statement. Janet then discussed bank interest rates and presented three options. The board reviewed and discussed these. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to stay with South Central State Bank. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. When CD's mature this fall, the board will reevaluate what to do with those.

At 10:50am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board. Discussion was had about the asbestos inspection at the old Sheriff's office. There was asbestos found in the basement, flooring and roof. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to get the asbestos removal done upon bids. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then discussed the printing and mailing of the joint public hearing postcards, should it be needed this year. After discussion a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to have MIPS provide these services for the County. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts letter of engagement. The board reviewed and signed.

Lastly, Abbey presented a letter of unpaid claims to the board and County Treasurer.

At 10:10am, The board reviewed a preventative maintenance contract for Blue Hill Ambulance and Stryker. After reviewing and making phone calls to get more information Blue Hill Ambulance decided not to proceed with this contract.

Total Wages - \$170,799.06. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$18.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8,795.06; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$132.88; Black Hill Energy (Utility)-\$127.67; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$50,122.82; Buffalo County (Dues)-\$200.00; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$18.48; Cintas (Supply)-\$20.59; CPI (Fuel)-\$2,359.42; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$62.70; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,112.87; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$876.16; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$135.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$75.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$377.61; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1,018.89; Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$52.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1,890.60; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$203.71; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$75.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$1,477.96; Provision (Lights)-\$4,100.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2,000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Tami Scheuneman (Notary)-\$163.32; Soarin Group, LLC (IT Services)-\$2,095.00; Standard Appraisal Services Inc (Fees)-\$540.00; USPS (Postage)-\$16.20; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$1,864.52; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$25.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,194.17; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$125.14; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$140.68; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$6.49; CPI (Misc)-\$1,634.26; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,604.06; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$42.81; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$105.72; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$150.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1,609.53; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$450.00; Kenesaw Motor CO (Repairs)-\$83.25; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$291.06; Nebraska Machinery Co (Repairs)-\$11,542.13; Olson Enterprises LLC (Misc)-\$4,460.82; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$235.00; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$620.23; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$174.53; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Repairs)-\$1,611.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1,410.42. **VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND:** City of Blue Hill (Grant)-\$5,000.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$172.00; Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$275.60; Hastings Family Dental 1, LLC (Dental)-\$208.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$137.20; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$209.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$32.39. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Blue Hill Pharmacy (Supply)-\$4.39; CPI (Fuel)-\$110.43.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 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 15 day of June 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk

On June 17th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. the Board met for Protest Hearings. Members present: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans, Karr, Assessor Tami Scheuneman, Deputy Assessor Carla Jameson, and Assessor clerks Leigh Goebel and Elizabeth Sitzman. Absent: Ratzlaff. Motion was made by Karr and seconded by Gilbert to go into County Board of Equalization. 7 parcels were gone over.

PROTEST OF EVALUATION HEARINGS WERE:

Protest #2025-1: Rick Duffy. No one present, valuation decreased

Protest #2025-5: Mary Alice Corman % Dave Bartels, no one present, valuation decreased

Protest #2025-7: Suzanne & William Bogataj, no one present, value decreased

ASSESSORS PROTESTS:

Protest #2025-AP1: Gary Olson, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-AP2: Michelle Rancourt, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-AP3: City of Blue Hill, no one present, value decreased

DESTROYED REAL PROPERTY:

Protest #2025-DR1: Rose Marie Boyd, no one present, value decreased

Board of Equalization meeting recessed @ 1:05 p.m. until the July 1st hearing date.

On July 1st, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. the Board of Equalization reconvened. Members present: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, Mans, Assessor Tami Scheuneman, Deputy Assessor Carla Jameson, and Assessor Clerk Leigh Goebel. Absent: Shipman. 13 protests were heard.

PROTEST OF VALUATION HEARINGS WERE:

Protest #2025-2: Norder Holding Company, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-4: VP Holdings, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-6: Lana James, no one present, no change

Protest #2025-8: Miles McDole, no one present, no change

Protest #2025-9: Finish Line Rentals, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-10: Finish Line Rentals, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-12: Dennis and Kim Henderson, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-13: Kurt Boyd, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-16: Tim and Gwen Meline, no one present, no change

Protest #2025-17: Tim and Gwen Meline, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-18: Joshua Jaide, no one present, value decreased

DESTROYED REAL PROPERTY:

Protest #2025-DR2: Florence Turner, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-DR3: Joe Strickland, no one present, value decreased

Board of Equalization meeting recessed @ 1:20 p.m. until the July 15th hearing date.

On July 15th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. the Board of Equalization reconvened. Members present: Gilbert, Ratzlaff, Shipman, Assessor Tami Scheuneman, Deputy Assessor Carla Jameson and Assessor Clerks Leigh Goebel and Elizabeth Sitzman. Absent: Mans and Karr. 23 protests were heard.

PROTEST OF VALUATION HEARINGS WERE:

Protest #2025-3: Katy Weissert – Raised in the Barn LLC, no one present, no change

Protest #2025-11: Mark Keiser, present, no change

Protest #2025-14: Norman Alber, no one present, value decreased

Protest #2025-15: Norman Alber, no present, value decreased

Protest #2025-19: Main Street Media, no one present, value decreased
Protest #2025-20: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-21: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-22: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-23: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-24: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-25: Serena Boner, present, no change
Protest #2025-26: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-27: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-28: Serena Boner, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-29: Travis Adams, no one present, value decreased
Protest #2025-30: Kyle Toepfer, no one present, value decreased
Protest #2025-31: CHS-Holdrege, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-32: Don Theobald, no one present, value decreased
Protest #2025-33: Koepke Farms, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-34: Koepke Farms, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-35: Koepke Farms, present, value decreased
Protest #2025-36: Koepke Farms, present, no change

DESTROYED REAL PROPERTY:

Protest #2025-DR4: Shellie Beckman, no one present, value decreased

Motion was made by Shipman and seconded by Ratzlaff to approve all 43 protests that were presented. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, and Gilbert. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Shipman and seconded by Gilbert to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff and Gilbert. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.