

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 5, 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 July 15, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to pay claims and payroll for the August 5, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Gilbert then gave a brief overview of the Mid Nebraska Individual Services meeting he attended.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul updated the board on current projects and then discussed a used semi he would like to purchase. The board discussed this and gave Paul the authority to purchase a used semi up to \$40,000. 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. Paul then discussed gravel options and prices through Mid Nebraska Aggregate Inc. The board would like to get gravel from them to try. Paul also looked at used belly dump trailers but is looking for used ones in good shape.

At 9:20am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board. She presented an amended interlocal agreement for cooperative law enforcement services by and among the County of Adams and the County of Webster. 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.

Abbey then presented the 2025 inventory. After reviewing these, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve these. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented a Contract between Red Cloud Ambulance and Bio Electronics. The board reviewed this contract, and a motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented **Resolution 13-2025**, the Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Signing Resolution with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS). A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to sign this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None

Abbey then presented another interlocal agreement with Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). After discussion with Deputy, Ron Sunday, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to enter into this interlocal agreement. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None

Lastly, Abbey discussed cellphone reimbursement per auditor's request. After discussion, the board decided The Road Department will continue to get \$120 twice a year and Noxious Weed Superintendent will continue to get \$300 once a year for apps and programs needed on his phone for his position.

At 9:25am, the board reviewed fund balances, the District Court report and Imprest Account.

At 9:30am, Commissioner Shipman discussed the asbestos and plans for the jail. The current plans are to remove the roof due to asbestos and salvage the original cell block. The board reviewed the asbestos removal quote from Bockmann Inc. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to approve this quote. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. The board also reviewed Justin Johnsons offer to perform the oversight of the roof removal since an inspector/management planner is required to be there during this. A motion was made Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting

may, absent or abstaining: None. Discussion was also had about having an open house prior to any demolition. A date will be set for this at a later time.

At 9:55am, Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the board and discussed the Attorney General's opinion on property reviews and trespassing. Tami then discussed hiring Standard Appraisal Services Inc for guidance and help with getting commercial property to where it needs to be over the next three years. The board would like to see a contract at the next meeting before proceeding with this.

At 10:15am, during open forum the cemetery mowing policy was discussed. Webster County has around 44 cemeteries and pays \$190 per mowing, three times a year. Before and after pictures are required.

Also during open forum, Shipman addressed corn blocking intersections. Paul will address this.

Abbey also reminded the board that on Monday, August 11th from 1030am – 11:30am, the Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice, Jeffrey Funke and Associate Justices will visit the courthouse for community discussion.

At 10:30am, Abbey discussed employee sick and vacation time accrual with the board. Not all offices are accruing the same way. It was discussed to update the handbook to give the option to accrue either way, however, the board decided they did not want to update the handbook. Employees should be accruing their sick and vacation on a monthly basis.

At 10:45am, Abbey shared a document Webster County received from the IRS. Corrections on a previous quarterly form from 2020 was never fixed on the IRS's end. Abbey did get all fines, fees and interest removed from this. However, there is also one from 2005 that no one knew about that she will look into next.

At 11:00am, issues with the HVAC system were discussed. Further discussion at the next meeting will be had.

Total Wages-\$22,371.66 **GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Co (Health)-\$756.39; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.84; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$46.85; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$371.07; Business World Prod (Supply)-\$22.22; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; Carrot-Top Industries Inc (Supply)-\$334.03; CTI (Equipment)-\$765.24; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$37.95; Daake Law Office (Counsel)-\$943.00; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; Dept of the Treasury (Fees)-\$90.16; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$823.30; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$864.16; Farris Construction (Remodel)-\$46,554.00; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$127.54; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$85.45; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2,490.55; Cindy Haskins (Painting)-\$120.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$531.46; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$380.50; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$328.36; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,680.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,573.16; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$305.00; NE Dept of Labor (Unemployment Claim)-\$7,332.00; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$143.50; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,934.56; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2,178.75; Soarin Group, LLC (Supply)-\$1,894.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$1,104.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$930.73; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$833.75; Ken VanWey (Mowing)-\$1,600.00; Daniel Vodicka (Contract)-\$1,504.50; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$147.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$159.14; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$51.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$55.60; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$65.00; Brealynn Young (Expense)-\$82.50. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/EATON Metals (Supply)-\$11,991.20; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$353.63; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$86.06; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$69.46; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$116.44; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$604.29; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$6,414.38; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$400.79; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$53.97; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$70.82; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$103.73; City of Hastings (Misc)-\$165.60; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$409.91; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply)-\$35.48; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Nebraska Machinery Co (Misc)-\$2,171.35; Olson

Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$10,118.22; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$64.50; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$116.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Deilsey Excavating & Trucking, LLC (Misc)-\$2,525.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1,470.60. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$180.00. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Century Link (911)-\$1,778.37. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$351.43; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.36; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$70.56; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$500.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$203.15. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$135.90.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 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 5 day of August 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk