

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 19, 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 Mans, seconded by Karr to approve minutes of the August 5, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll for the August 19, 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 presented the annual certification form between the State of Nebraska DOT and Webster County for the annual buyback. The board reviewed and signed this. Paul then gave an update on projects and equipment issues.

At 9:00am, the board discussed repairs needed on the stairway walls, cleaning up the courthouse parking lot and auction items from the courthouse and sheriff's office.

At 9:15am, Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the board to present the contract with Standard Appraisal Services, Inc. The board reviewed and discussed this. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this contract. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:20am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board to discuss a date for the Joint Public Hearing. The board decided on Monday, September 22nd, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Red Cloud High School.

At 9:30am, NACOs Deputy Director, Candace Merideth met with the board. Candace discussed the upcoming joint public hearings, budget changes and the official's salary study. Candace also discussed a budget tool called GFOA Risk model that has great tools for budgeting, some upcoming legislative issues and future changes to licensing motor vehicles.

At 9:45am, Nebraska Extension Office Manager, Alexa Pedersen met with the board to discuss lighting issues on the first floor. People have complained about it being too dark to see the plaques and memorials on the walls. The second floor also has lighting issues out in the hall. After discussion, the board decided to have Energized Electric look at installing lights in the areas needed throughout the courthouse.

At 10:00am, Dustin Gay with Energized Electric met with the board to discuss HVAC issues and concerns. Many businesses have or have had issues with this system. Between the original company of this system going out of business and having to get parts from overseas, it can be very difficult to fix things in a timely manner. Discussion of a backup heat source was discussed. More discussion on starting to budget for a new system will be had in the future.

At 10:30am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board. Brian gave the board an update on Twin Valley and RC&D, grants, spraying on the river and phragmites spraying. Brian also went over important upcoming dates.

At 10:55am, Commissioner Shipman discussed seating in the courtroom. Discussion was had to go back to the pews that were originally in the courtroom. He found ten thirteen foot pews in Omaha that can be delivered. The delivery company requires 25% down upfront. The board approved using the county credit card to pay this. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve this purchase and the use of the credit card for delivery. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. The board then went upstairs to the courtroom to make sure the measurements would work. Dan will get Abbey all the information to line this up.

Total Wages - \$179,657.94. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$275.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,153.19; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$121.30; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$528.84; BCBS (Premium)-\$55,333.32; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$10.50; Carrot-Top Industries Inc (Supply)-\$334.03; CINTAS (Supply)-\$72.54; CPI (Fuel)-\$2,043.22; Culligan of Hastings

(Water)-\$74.25; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,520.13; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$560.99; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$140.89; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$75.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$377.61; HTS Ag (Drone Renewal)-\$240.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1,856.69; Kearney County Clerk (Budget Shares)-\$11,027.19; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$454.90; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$80.50; Sheryl McCracken (Misc)-\$25.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1,000.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$3,038.00; Soarin Group, LLC (IT Services)-\$1,996.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$891.75; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$9.13; Webster County Hospital Clinic (Misc)-\$284.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$667.46. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,434.02; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$57.21; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$24,098.09; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$46.72; C&M Supply (Fuel)-\$242.62; CENCON of Kansas Utility Contractors (Supply)-\$2,496.00; CPI (Misc)-\$1,213.70; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,862.12; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$155.81; Hastings Outdoor Power LLV (Supply)-\$91.00; City of Hastings (Misc)-\$185.85; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$45.97; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2,910.82; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1,290.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$106.95; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$19.15; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$90.41; Nebraska Machinery Co (Repairs)-\$10,169.25; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$9,390.10; Ben Pavelka Trucking, LLC (Repairs)-\$40,063.72; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$196.11; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2,468.96; Western Pathology Consultants (Misc)-\$64.00. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$1,577.60. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Western Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$272.60; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$406.20. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: Adams County Dist Court (Mental Health Board)-\$525.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$134.66. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: CPI (Fuel)-\$175.51.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 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 19 day of September 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk