

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 7, 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 September 16, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Mans to pay claims and payroll for the October 7, 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 an update on the blade rebuild and basic maintenance projects the road crew have been working on and shared that a few of the road employees will help finish hauling debris from the sheriff's office/jail demo. Paul then gave an update on different gravel that was used on a road to see if this gravel held up better than what is currently being used. Discussion was had about stock piling this gravel through the winter to use during the spring and budgeting for more of this grade of gravel in the next budget cycle.

At 9:00am, the board reviewed fund balances, the Imprest Account and the District Court report.

At 9:15am, County Clerk Abbey Harig presented the 2026 indirect costs for IV-D Child Support Collections and the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan. The board reviewed these. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the Cost Allocation Plan. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Audit Report and funds received from the silent auction for the board to review.

Next the board discussed the certification requirements for the Jail Administrator. Discussion was had whether a Law Enforcement certificate was required to hold this position. After discussion, the board decided they wanted the position to require a Law Enforcement certificate. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. The board also discussed and decided to combine the Jail Administrator and 911 Administrator positions into one.

Abbey then presented the First Concord FSA Plan Document, including the yearly agreement and certificate of resolution. After reviewing, a motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Lastly, Abbey presented a County Burial Assistance Application. The board reviewed and discussed this application. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve this application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:40am, County Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the board to discuss tax printing through MIPS instead of doing it in house. Discussion was had about the benefits of this. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to try it for one year. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:55am, Nebraska Extension staff, Alexa Pedersen and Katie Bolte met with the board to share information about National 4-H week and the things they have been doing to celebrate. They presented a proclamation for the board to review and sign.

At 10:00am, The board discussed the demolition and unfortunately, after removal of the living quarters and the roof it was clear that the structure was not safe to leave up. The bricks and mortar crumbled when touched, leading to the decision of having to take everything down. The board discussed the next steps in this process. They went out to the site where they discussed the rest of the clean up

plan, hauling in dirt to fill the basement, where the parking lot will be and where the jail cell will be moved to. More jail cell details will be discussed in the future.

At 10:30am, Nelson Trambly met with the board to share concerns and issues with county roads. He discussed his thoughts and suggestions on how to improve these issues. Nelson also shared with the board that he has used his own equipment on the roads. Nelson was informed that if he continues to take action on his own, he assumes the liability of doing so.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated 7 day of October 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk