

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 21, 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 October 7, 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 21, 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 said it should be delivered soon. Discussion was had on bringing dirt in to finish leveling out the demo site at the courthouse. Paul then shared with the board that T&L has discussed wanting to close the dirt road between road B and C. Paul asked if there was any opposition from the board if they would do this. The board had no opposition and gave Paul the okay to proceed with that process.

At 9:00am, Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent, met with the board to open bids for Structure No. C009124035 and C009104220P. The board received four bids.

VanKirk Construction – \$371,168.70

A+ Construction – \$410,325.00

KEA Constructors - \$592,436.40

Saul Ramos Construction - \$429,941.97

After review and discussion, the board decided on VanKirk Construction. Before making a motion, Lance asked for a few minutes to review the bid.

At 9:10am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig shared with the board that the elevator needed some mandatory maintenance work. When setting this up, TK Elevators informed her that our elevator is no longer being made, and all parts will be used. Updating/replacing the elevator comes with a significant cost. No action will be taken at this time; this was just to be informative.

At 9:15am, Abbey Harig then presented WJE Consulting contract to prepare the Webster County indirect cost allocation plan for the next three years for the board to review. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:20am, Lance Harter came back from reviewing the VanKirk bid. He reviewed the details with the board and gave the okay to proceed with a motion. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve the VanKirk bid for Structure No. C009124035 and C009104220P. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:30am, Assessor Tami Schuenman presented the 2027-2030 Salary recommendations to the board. Discussion was had between the board and the officials. The board was given the handouts to start looking at this and further discussion will be had at future meetings. These salaries will need to be set by January 15, 2026.

Total Wages-\$179,618.79

GENERAL FUND: Adams County Clerk (Budget Request)-\$1,341.60; Adams County Justice Center (Inmate Housing)-\$110.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,255.88; Axon Enterprise Inc (Supply)-\$3,273.92; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$56,363.72; Bockman Inc (Asbestos Abatement)-\$4,225.00; Business World Products (Supply)-\$33.45; Central Community College (Certification)-\$19.00; City of Red Cloud (Demo Permit)-\$14.00; CJIS Operational Protection Service (Audit)-\$1,980.00; CPI (Fuel/Demo Removal)-\$10,002.00; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$87.45; Deisley Excavating & Trucking LLC (Jail Demo)-\$10,794.00; Dinkler Properties LLC (Car Wash Subsc)-\$2,311.20; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9490.85; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$260.89; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$1,987.65; First Concord Benefits Group

(Buydown)-\$395.61; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$52.50; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$3.31; Hampton Inn (Lodging)-\$384.02; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$20.15; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$554.50; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,498.00; Quadient Leasing, Inc (Lease)-\$569.16; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2,178.75; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$133.71; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2,348.98; Soarin Group, LLC (Supply)-\$1,037.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1,897.50; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$9.13; Web Co Dist Court (Fees)-\$186.00; Webster County Sun (Publishing)-\$991.74. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,434.02; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$63.31; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$76.97; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$12.99; Colonial Research Chemical Corp (Supply)-\$399.47; David Niles (Expense)-\$150.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,876.81; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$22.50; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$57.75; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$41.82; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2,868.12; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$39.91; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply (Supply)-\$10.09; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$412.47; NMC Exchange LLC (Repairs)-\$1,406.34; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$5,200.01; Rush Truck Center (Supply)-\$148.34; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$814.02; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$199.17; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$110.02; Webster County Hospital (Screening)-\$44.00. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Business World Products (Supply)-\$478.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Kory Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$245.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$320.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS PC (Dental)-\$234.00; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$344.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: DeWitt Funeral Home (County Burial)-\$1,500.00; NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$180.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$225.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$44.81. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Blue Hill Pharmacy (Supply)-\$6.00; Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$728.19; CPI (Fuel)-\$182.47; Garrett Enterprises, Inc (Repairs)-\$82.50; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$225.00; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Repairs)-\$604.20.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 9:55am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 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 21 day of October 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk