

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 18, 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 November 4, 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 November 18, 2025, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Jeff Mans then gave the board a summary of the South Central Behavioral Health meeting he attended.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul presented **Resolution 22-2025** directing the County Highway Superintendent to perform a study of the use of Road 2300 between Road A and B. A report is to be made back to the board within 30 days with the recommendation of vacation of said road. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

Paul then presented the board with an agreement between Webster County and Van Kirk Bros Contracting for Structure No. C009124035 & C009104220P Replacement. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Paul also gave the board a copy of the Notice to Proceed, the Purchasing Agent Appointment, a Certificate of Liability Insurance and Performance Bond.

The board then discussed how to proceed with the parking lot. The road crew has completed filling the area with dirt; the board will go out on break to see how they want to deal with the drop off from the retaining wall left behind.

Paul then gave an update on hauling shale and plans to stockpile gravel over the winter.

At 9:00am, Kelly Lyon with NCK Quarries met with the board. He presented a price list and shared information about his quarry. He invited the board to visit his quarry at any time to see his product.

At 9:20am, Energized Electric was planning on attending the meeting but was unable to attend. Assessor Tami Scheuneman gave an update on heating; parts have been ordered for the third and should be here in 7 days. First floors systems continue to shut off every night. Concerns of weather being cold during holidays and not being here to turn them back on in the mornings were shared. County Clerk Abbey Harig gave an update on lighting. She will get the formal quote for the board to review at the next meeting.

At 9:40am, Nebraska Extension Office Assistant, Alexa Pedersen met with the board to share board reports and updates. Alexa asked the board to approve Danny Bengé for another term on the Extension Board. After discussion a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr to approve another four year term for Danny Bengé. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:50am, Tami Scheuneman presented **Resolution 23-2025** prohibiting hunting on any county-owned real property in Webster County unless said hunting is authorized by Webster County for the purpose of controlling invasive species. 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.

At 9:55am, Tami and Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss the Gworks invoice from the previous meeting. Troy spoke with Geocomm, which is the program used for 911 and they will provide all the 911 maintenance. They provided a five year contract. After discussion, a motion was

made by Karr, seconded by Mans to proceed with the five year contract with Geocomm. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

10:05am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to give an update on river spraying. He started south of Oxford and went to Guide Rock. There were 161 spots in Webster County that needed sprayed, a total of 300 spots found. Seventeen of these spots could not be sprayed due to location. Brian then shared information on LR158 and reported on the NDA inspector meeting in November.

The board further discussed the parking lot. They will have rock brought in to pack down and then a top layer of rock to complete this.

At 10:330am, Abbey Harig discussed with the board the next steps for the jail cell. Commissioner Shipman is going to work on getting specs to publish in the paper to take bids.

Next, Abbey presented a quote from the City of Red Cloud for burial plots. The county has obtained ashes from unclaimed county paid cremations. A phone call was made to Dayre Williams about burial plots and the suggestion was made to use an abandoned/county owned cemetery, incurring no cost to the county. Pleasant Hill cemetery was suggested. Abbey will speak with Dayre about getting a plot for the next meeting. The board also discussed some sort of marker that would be put there stating it was county burials for any future refence.

Next, a memorandum of understanding was presented to the board between Webster County and Tyler Technologies. The Veterans Service Office uses this program to process and file information. 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.

Holiday hours were discussed. Commissioner Shipman suggested trading Arbor Day for the day after Christmas, but officials decided against it. The courthouse will close at noon on December 24th, closed December 25th and open on December 26th.

Abbey then brought up that the original blueprints for the courthouse are in the basement. She is unsure if they can be microfilmed due to their age, however, she thinks we need to look into the preservation of these. The board decided to contact MIPS and see what we can do and possibly get a quote.

Lastly, Abbey presented the Official County Newspaper contract from the State. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve The Webster County Sun as the county's official newspaper. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:55am, Commissioner Shipman addressed the students from Blue Hill that were attending the meeting for their government class. He asked if they had any questions or comments on the meeting. Shipman briefly shared some of his experience from being on the board and thanked them for attending.

Total Wages - \$179,965.46

GENERAL FUND: Abbey Harig (Mileage)-\$98.84; Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$165.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,255.88; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$121.30; BCBS (Premium)-\$56,363.72; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$51.19; Cintas (Supply)-\$111.24; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,905.57; Crown Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$259.90; Culligan (Water)-\$150.15; CVSOAN (Dues)-\$100.00; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9493.53; Eakes Office Supply (Supply)-\$62.17; ElectionSource (Supply)-\$1,314.24; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$67.10; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$404.61; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$52.50; Franklin County Sheriff (Service Fees)-\$55.96; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$50.00; Ken Vanwey (Mow)-\$3,510.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$83.91; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$739.00; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (Funding)-\$3,395.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,595.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,533.16; National Sheriff's Assn (Dues)-\$125.00; NE Law

Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$75.00; NE Weed Control Assn (Dues)-\$235.00; Soarin Group, LLC (IT)-\$2,320.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,348.10; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$4,713.50; Viera Wireless (Phones)-\$9.13; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$57.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$194.91. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,457.42; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$10.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$65.29; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Supply)-\$208.00; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$104.68; CPI (Fuel)-\$933.02; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,888.64; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$22.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$442.48; John Deere Financial (Motor Graders)-\$116,058.75; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$30.98; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; Napa Auto Parts (Supply)-\$256.38; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$244,329.58; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$2,286.14; Penrose Repair (Repairs)-\$150.80; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$182.25; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2,221.61; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$101.49; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$32.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$90.20. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$179.60; Hastings Family Dental, LLC (Dental)-\$245.60; Sean Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$1,988.20. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$987.30; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$35.28; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$250.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$75.61. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: CPI (Fuel)-\$169.98; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$500.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 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 18 day of November 2025
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk