

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2025, for an emergency meeting held at the Webster County Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The purpose of the emergency meeting was to discuss Presidential Executive Order 11582, which states that state buildings will be closed on December 24 and December 26, 2025.

The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Dan Shipman gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Jeff Mans (District Three) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Tim Gilbert (District Four).

At 8:32am, discussion was held regarding Presidential Executive Order 11582 and Governor Pillen's announcement that, in accordance with the executive order and state law, state buildings will be closed and state employees will be granted administrative leave on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 (Christmas Eve), and Friday, December 26, 2025 (the day after Christmas). As the Webster County employee handbook does not specify that the County follows state/federal holiday closures, the decision was left to the discretion of the County Board of Commissioners.

Discussion was held, and county employees in attendance voiced their opinions. A motion was made by Commissioner Mans and seconded by Commissioner Karr to approve county offices working until noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, and to close county offices on Friday, December 26, 2025. Voting in favor: Karr and Mans. Voting nay: Shipman. Absent: Gilbert. Abstaining: Ratzlaff.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 8:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 this 22 day of December, 2025  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Webster County Clerk