

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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). A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes of the January 6, 2026, 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 January 20, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Board members discussed meetings that were attended and plan to attend in the next couple weeks.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul presented the following resolution establishing public hearing date.

#### **Resolution 3-2026**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners/Supervisors of Webster County, Nebraska that whereas a request was made by the Superintendent of Webster County to vacate a portion of county road hereinafter described due to lack of use, the road and to reduce liability risk; and,

WHEREAS, by action of said board on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Webster County Highway Foreman Paul Stoner was directed to perform a study thereof and report to the Board as provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska.

WHERE AS, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Paul Stoner reported that said road has very little use by the general public and is a liability risk to the county, it was recommended that the road be vacated and the public right-of-way be returned to the adjacent landowners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, by the Board of Commissioners/Supervisors of Webster County, Nebraska that a public hearing be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9:00am at the County Commissioners/Supervisors Room in the Webster County Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska at which time all persons interested in said road to be vacated and abandoned may appear and be heard; that said road is described and located as 66 foot wide county road right-of-way located at County Road 2300, in Webster County, Nebraska, the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows:

Road Common to Section 34 and Section 35, Township 1 North, Range 9, West, Webster County, Nebraska.

After reviewing a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by mans to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Paul then gave an update on projects that are being completed, hauling shale and stock piling gravel.

At 9:15am, The Board reviewed County Board Appointments for 2026. The Board decided to keep all members in their current positions, with Dan Shipman serving as Chairman and Gary Ratzlaff as Vice-Chairman. The Board added a Handbook Committee to the list of board appointments. All other appointments were reviewed and adjusted as needed. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve the board appointments. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

## **COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2026**

**Webster County Board of Commissioners:** Dan Shipman Chairman; Gary Ratzlaff, Vice-Chairman  
**Region III Governing Board (Behavioral Services):** Trevor Karr, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.  
**Midland Area Agency on Aging:** Dan Shipman, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.  
**Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Kearney:** Tim Gilbert, Delegate; Trevor Karr, Alt.  
**Central Community College:** Trevor Karr, Delegate; Dan Shipman, Alt.  
**Webster County Hospital Trustees Board:** Gary Ratzlaff, Board Liaison; Dan Shipman, Alt.  
**COUNTY ENGINEER:** Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering  
**COUNTY MUSUEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (5-year term) Mike McCartney (01/01/2030), Michelle Cole (01/01/2029), Sharon Berns (01/01/2029), Marcie Kinnaman (01/01/2028), Sara Richards (01/01/2027) Julie Zimmerman (01/01/2026), Ben Hobbs (01/01/2028)  
**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT:** County Board  
**COUNTY SURVEYOR:** (4-year term) Josh Grummert (2027)  
**COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAL CONTACT:** County Board  
**EMERGENCY MANAGER:** Ron Sunday  
**EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD:** (3-Year Term) Krystal Zimmerman (12/31/2027), Troy Anderson (12/31/2026), Morgan Trausch (12/31/2027), Danny Bengé (12/31/2028), Hans Burken (2026), Trevor Karr, Rep.  
**FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REPOSNSIBLE CHARGE:** Paul Stoner and Lance Harter  
**FLOOD PLAINS MANAGER:** Tami Scheuneman  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Abbey Harig  
**HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE:** (6-Year Term) Abby Hansen (01/01/2027), Louise Petsch (01/01/2029), Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Leon Lutkemeier (01/01/2031), Keith Buschow (01/01/2031)  
**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION:** (3-Year Term) Troy Himmelberg (01/01/2027), Scott Schmidt – Bladen (01/01/2029), Marvin Hartman – Guide Rock (01/01/2027), Garth Wentworth (01/01/2029), Keith Waechter (01/01/2029), Jerry Langer (01/01/2027), Paul Stoner (01/01/2027).  
**NIRMA SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Abbey Harig, NIRMA Contact Person, Ron Sunday, Avery Brumbaugh, Monica Montgomery, Alexa Pedersen, Jolene Duffy, Leigh Goebel and Liz Sitzman  
**NIRMA CONTACT PERSON:** Abbey Harig  
**PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Tami Scheuneman  
**SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:** Gary Ratzlaff  
**SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP YOUTH TASK FORCE:** Karla Burgess  
**SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:** Dan Shipman  
**SOUTH HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH:** (3-Year Term) Kathy Murphy (03/01/2027), Torey Kranau Kohmetscher (03/01/2028), Jeff Mans (03/01/2029).  
**TITLE IV-ADA/504 COORDINATOR:** Abbey Harig  
**TRAILBLAZER RC & D:** Gerald Ohmstede  
**VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER:** Gary Ratzlaff  
**VETERAN’S SERVICE COMMITTEE:** (5-Year Term) Don Beitler (06/30/2026), Tim Gilbert (06/30/2030), Keith Waechter (6/30/2028), Ron Schutte (6/30/2028), Bill Goosic (6/30/2030).  
**VISITOR PROMOTION COMMITTEE:** (4-Year Term) Jarrod McCartney (01/01/2027), Abbey Harig (01/01/2027), Lori Smith (06/30/2027), Nicole Mackin (04/01/2028) Theresa Young (8/01/2026), Vicki Alber (01/01/2028) Brandi Hitchler (01/01/2027)  
**WEBSTER COUNTY HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:** Patrick Calkins, Dan Shipman, Gary Ratzlaff, Abbey Harig, Tami Scheuneman, Janet Knehans, Katie Ord, Carmi Mai. (Trevor Karr alt commissioner & Carla Jameson alt employee)  
**WEBSTER COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:** Oak Creek Engineers – Lance Harter  
**WEBSTER COUNTY TRANSIT COUNSEL:** Gary Ratzlaff  
**WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY:** Brian Pedersen

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** (3-Year Term) Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Tim Gilbert (01/01/2028), Scott Schmidt (01/01/2029), Justin Shipman (01/01/2027), Rob Wilson (01/01/2027), Tim Meline, Alt.

At 9:35am, County Clerk Abbey Harig presented an annual sponsorship from Trailblazer RC&D. After review, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to approve the sponsorship. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve the board appointments. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented additional information gathered regarding time clocks. The Board reviewed feedback from other counties and addressed questions from employees. After discussion, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert, to approve the purchase of time clocks and to implement a policy at the next meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

Lastly, Abbey presented two bids for painting the courthouse walls and courtroom. After reviewing the bids, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to approve Peters Painting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

At 10:05am, Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the board. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None. Tami then presented tax corrections 202601 – 202603 for the board to review. After reviewing and discussing, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans to approve these corrections. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None. A motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Mans to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting absent, nay or abstaining: None.

At 10:10am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the board to present her Semi Annual Statement.

At 10:20am, County Government Day was discussed. It is currently set for April 9<sup>th</sup> with many changes and updates this year.

Total Wages-\$181,449.84

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,468.25; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$535.40; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$478.98; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$56,593.53; Business World Products (Supply)-\$134.86; Carpenter & Skalka Crt Reporting Inc (Counsel)-\$498.80; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,283.67; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,982.71; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$7.95; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; Dawes County (Dues)-\$100.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,607.08; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$190.15; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$101.59; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$259.50; Furnas County Clerk (Dues)-\$189.00; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$250.66; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$407.75; Julene Degener (Mow Cemeteries)-\$525.00; Kelly Skrdlant (Lease)-\$12.00; NACO (Dues)-\$75.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$569.16; Self-Insured Dental (Premium)-\$3,163.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Standard Appraisal Services Inc (Reviews)-\$6,263.00; Viaero Wireless (Phones)-\$9.13; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$309.87. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,457.42; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$374.52; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$46.72; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$196.54; CPI (Misc)-\$1,875.45; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,901.48; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$112.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$1,014.47; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$48.80; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc (Supply)-\$3,521.73; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$992.84; NCK Quarries LLC (Supply)-\$38,673.64; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$542.12; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Consulting Fees)-\$24,680.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Misc)-\$3,703.63; Power Plan, Dept 88982 (Supply)-\$111.17; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$506.34; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$748.61; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Supply)-\$85.90; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$97.89; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$44.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$12.25. **SELF-INSURED**

DENTAL FUND: McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$1,355.80; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$240.40; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$174.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$373.72; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$600.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$120.17. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: CPI (Fuel)-\$81.18; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$175.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 10:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 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 20 day of January 2026  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk