

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 17, 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 Mans, seconded by Karr to approve minutes of the February 3, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the February 17, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Board members discussed meetings that were attended.

At 8:45am, Road Superintendent Paul Stoner met with the board and provided an update on equipment. The replacement of tires for county equipment was discussed. Paul then presented **Resolution 4-2026: Modification to Existing Road Improvement Plan**. This resolution adds Project C-91(694), Structure No. C009104220P Replacement to the plan due to timber pile damage and a traffic load restriction. After discussion, a motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff, to approve the resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:00am, the public hearing regarding the road closure for Road 2300 between Road A and Road B, Township 1 North, Range 9 West, between Section 34 and Section 35, was held. Two members of the public attended and shared their concerns and support. After discussion, **Resolution 5-2026** to either have the road remain open or to vacate and abandon said road was presented. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans, to vacate and abandon the road, and that the public right-of-way shall revert back to the adjacent landowners, one-half to each landowner. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:15am, The board discussed the jail cell structure and reviewed one bid that was received after the bid process. Since no bids were received at the previous meeting, the board agreed to review the bid. After review, the board determined the cost was out of the range they were wanting to spend on the project. After further discussion, the board decided that since this project is historically important, they would discuss other options for the jail cell structure at the next board meeting.

At 9:30am, Extension Educator Lindsay Waechter-Mead met with the board to give the Nebraska Extension Office annual report.

At 9:45am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board and requested input for the handbook committee. The committee was requesting board input regarding federal holidays. The board requested that the handbook state the County follows federal holidays.

Next, Abbey presented the County's current dental policy. A request was made to update the policy as follows:

- Section 2r: Change from a \$2,000 per family lifetime maximum for orthodontia work to a \$2,000 per person lifetime maximum.
- Section 3: Update dependent coverage so that coverage shall continue until the child is 26 years of age, removing all other criteria from this section.

A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to approve these changes. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:00am, South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) Executive Director, Sharon Hueftle met with the board to give an annual report and present an Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Participate in the SCEDD. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this interlocal agreement. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:30am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss the 911 CAD system. The pricing for the program came back significantly higher than anticipated, and Troy is looking into other options. Troy also discussed a Communications position he is currently hiring for. Lastly, Troy discussed Emergency Protective Custodies (EPCs). Due to the rules and guidelines, they are required to follow for EPCs, it is beginning to affect his budget. The board requested that LaMont Cook from the hospital attend the next meeting to discuss options.

Total Wages - \$181,449.84

**GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$1,375.00; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,243.09; Applied Connective Technologies (Domain)-\$121.30; At-Scene LLC (Software)-\$2,530.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$483.01; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$56,593.53; Business World Products (Supply)-\$22.73; Calkins Law Office (Expense)-\$50.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,378.61; CEI Security (Repairs/Supply)-\$300.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$38.01; Daake Law Office (Counsel)-\$345.00; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,607.08; E&S Trucking LLC (Rock)-\$547.58; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$69.36; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$259.50; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$3.91; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$141.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$161.84; Kerford Limestone Company (Rock)-\$987.09; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$184.00; Mips (Supply)-\$3,925.96; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,711.29; Nebraska Weed Control Assn (Registration)-\$150.00; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1,000.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$3,163.00; Soarin Group, LLC (IT Services)-\$2,320.00; Superior Publishing Co, Inc (Supply)-\$417.00; Viaero Wireless (Fees)-\$9.16; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$17.00; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$750.00; Woodward's Disposal Service Inc (Utility)-\$305.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,457.42; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$140.49; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$424.40; C&D Service Supply (Supply)-\$7.96; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$78.72; Cloverton Trucking Inc (Supply)-\$12,099.92; CPI (Misc)-\$1,372.24; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,888.64; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$112.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown Fees)-\$35.88; Floyd's Truck Center (Supply)-\$75.52; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$52.98; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$68.55; Island Supply Welding Co (Supply)-\$123.74; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$42.61; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$149.99; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$68.39; Mikel Roark (Expense)-\$150.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$1,001.61; Nebraska Machinery Co (Misc)-\$3,950.08; Olson Enterprises LLC (Misc)-\$2,366.77; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Repairs)-\$14,985.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; Rush Truck Center, Grand Island (Supply)-\$272.54; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$770.78; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$725.56; Union Bank & Trust Co (Bond)-\$154,794.87; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$109.57; Werner Aggregates, Inc (Supply)-\$226,380.57; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$64.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$65.63; Heartland Oral Surgery & Dental (Dental)-\$274.40; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1,095.20; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$235.00; Sean Daly DDS (Dental)-\$232.80. **WIRELESS 911 FUND:** Century Link (911)-\$1,792.27. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co (Bond)-\$220,006.40. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$396.70; Gene Horne (Mileage)-\$89.18; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1,678.18; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Supply)-\$366.83; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$144.39. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$157.74; CPI (Fuel)-\$165.82.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:10am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 17 day of February 2026

Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig  
Webster County Clerk