

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 3, 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 Gilbert, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve minutes of the February 17, 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 March 3, 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 reviewed mail. Many letters were received from the public in regard to the railroad. As the County Commissioners support change and upgrades, this railroad crossing is not on a county road, and these letters will be forwarded on to the correct entity. Chairman Shipman has also been making phone calls in support of making this crossing safer, he has also tried to do this pre-accident.

At 8:45am, Road Superintendent Paul Stoner met with the Board and presented a Commissioners Deed for review and signature. He also presented a quote for a cement pad for the jail cell project, and the Board reviewed a bid for the jail cell structure. Discussion followed regarding whether the cell would be better located at the courthouse or at the park. Gilbert made a motion to discontinue the project and dispose of the jail cell. The motion was seconded by Mans. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay: Shipman. Absent or abstaining: None. The motion carried.

The Board further discussed the possibility of donating the jail cell to the city or a museum but agreed that no county funds would be used toward the project. The county would cover transportation costs only.

Paul then concluded by providing updates on roads and equipment.

At 9:15am, County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the board and presented **Resolution 06-2026** to transfer \$38,037.30 from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800), as provided for in the 2025–2026 Webster County Budget and **Resolution 07-2026** to transfer \$249,583.70 from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300). A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr, to approve and sign both resolutions. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented **Resolution 8-2026**, updating Webster County Dental Coverage as discussed per the previous meeting. After reviewing a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve the updated resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 9:25am, Board Chairman expressed his appreciation to all courthouse employees who took the time to help clean on Friday. He commented that the courthouse is looking great and stated that he and the Board truly appreciate all the hard work and effort put in by everyone involved.

The board then reviewed the Imprest Account report, financial statements and the District Court report.

At 9:30am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board to present the results of the public tax sale held the previous day.

At 9:40am, Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board to review property valuations. She also provided an update on the continuing TERC hearing, noting that it has been continued and will ultimately be resolved, but is currently in a waiting period.

At 10:00am, Brian Pedersen met with the Board to review state reports and provided an update on the NET grant that currently was approved, as well as LB 807 update.

At 10:30am, Judd Allen with NACO met with the Board to discuss the county's health insurance and possible options to help reduce costs while still maintaining strong benefits for employees. Judd noted that the new insurance rates will not be released until the end of April.

Total Wages - \$12,735.93

GENERAL FUND: Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$186.37; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$60.75; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$535.40; Business World Products (Supply)-\$319.68; Cintas (Supply)-\$74.58; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,474.20; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,653.28; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$24.75; CVSOAN (Registration)-\$60.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$109.35; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$879.26; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown)-\$470.30; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$796.41; Franklin County Sheriff (Fees)-\$62.78; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2,314.15; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$1,926.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$520.77; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$933.27; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$354.15; Mid-States Organized Crime Info (Membership)-\$100.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,230.00; Peters Painting (Painting)-\$11,628.50; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$100.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$30.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,369.80; USPS (Postage)-\$12.06; Web Co Dist Court (Fees)-\$117.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$324.28; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$760.44; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$249,583.70; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$38,037.30; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$175.97; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$16.28; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$151.13; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$199.43; Fastenal (Supply)-\$409.07; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$2.99; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$407.53; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$109.81; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$101.60; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$2,367.98; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$114.35; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$29.60; Medical Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$6.25; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc (Supply)-\$3,877.65; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3,760.67; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$7,832.29; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$1,073.30; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$94.83; Windstream (Phones)-\$97.97. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Dr Jesse Neal Dental Care (Dental)-\$257.00; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$1,222.40; Minden Dental Care (Dental)-\$178.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$257.60; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$172.00. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Metro-Billing Services (EPC)-\$617.00; NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Essink Bros. Drywall, Inc (Wall Repairs)-\$32,860.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$394.10; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.51; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$325.00. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$271.44; Marlys Schmidt (Education)-\$100.00; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$100.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 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.

Dated 3 day of March 2026
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk