

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 8, 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 Karr to approve minutes of the March 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 Mans to pay claims and payroll for the April 7, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign the corrected warrant for the March 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 and reviewed mail.

At 8:45 a.m., Road Superintendent Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul discussed the option of selling the county's hydro seeder, noting it has not been used for several years. The Board agreed to advertise and accept bids for its sale. Paul also provided an update on the VanKirk project, stating the bridge is nearly complete. He then gave updates on equipment, addressed ongoing issues, and discussed road concerns.

At 9:10 a.m., Dustin Will with Benefit Management met with the Board. Benefit Management assists entities in ensuring they are receiving the best options for their benefits. This is a free service, and Dustin offered to compare the county's current health insurance plan with other available options to ensure it remains competitive and cost-effective. The Board agreed to proceed. Dustin will coordinate with County Clerk Abbey Harig to obtain the necessary information and will report back at a future meeting.

At 9:25 a.m., the Board reviewed the financial statements, Imprest Account, and District Court report. Commissioner Shipman announced that tire recycling will take place on August 14, 2026, in Guide Rock. He also shared that Star City Recycling will be at the Red Cloud Ballfield on September 19, 2026.

At 9:30 a.m., County Clerk Abbey Harig presented Resolution 9-2026 between Webster County and local funeral homes. The resolution addresses rare instances in which a Webster County funeral home transports a decedent to a local facility and then to another funeral home outside the county, and the receiving funeral home or the decedent's family does not provide payment. In such cases, Webster County will ensure local funeral homes receive at least nominal compensation, provided they have exhausted all efforts to collect payment. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert, to approve the resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none.

Abbey then discussed donating the previous courthouse photographs, removed during wall restoration, to the museum. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve this. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none.

Next, Abbey presented an Application for General Assistance. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff, to approve the application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none.

Lastly, Abbey presented a quote for carpet installation in the stairway and entryway. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert, to accept the bid from Blue Hill Furniture. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none.

At 10:00 a.m., Janelle Ehrke, candidate for District 38 Senator, met with the Board. She asked about the Board's concerns and discussed her goals if elected.

At 10:45 a.m., Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr, to enter into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none. Tami presented Tax Corrections 202605–202609. Following review, a motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans, to approve the corrections. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none. A motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert, to exit CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: none.

At 10:50 a.m., Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Pedersen met with the Board and presented Commissioner Shipman with a 15-year service award from the Noxious Weed Control Association. Brian also provided a legislative update.

Executive session was tabled until the next meeting, as there are no updates at this time.

Total Payroll - \$16,270.61

GENERAL FUND: Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$234.80; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$244.33; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$60.75; Applied Connective Technologies (Domain)-\$121.30; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$535.40; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$287.41; BCBS (Premium)-\$1,059.65; Business World Products (Chair)-\$189.99; Calkins Law Office (Office Rent)-\$750.00; Cheyenne Knehans (Wall Mural)-\$500.00; Cintas (Supply)-\$33.04; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1,291.05; Clay County Sheriff's Dept (Service Fess)-\$22.96; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$37.95; DAS State Accounting (Teletype)-\$537.60; Douglas County Sheriff (Service Fees)-\$20.76; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$127.75; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$2,289.85; Election Systems & Software (Voting Supplies)-\$861.07; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$215.37; Furnas County Attorney's Office (Supply)-\$270.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2,314.15; Hall County Sheriff (Service Fees)-\$31.67; Harris Decals (Wall Mural)-\$958.72; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$164.61; Jackson Glass (Repairs)-\$806.97; Janet Knehans (Mileage)-\$85.55; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$805.25; John Disney (Contract)-\$40.00; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$329.60; Lynn Peavy Company (Supply)-\$94.41; Madison National Life Ins Co (Life)-\$358.20; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$954.89; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,065.00; Mips (Timeclock)-\$1,046.10; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,786.71; MJ Mechanical, LLC (Sewer Repairs)-\$1,545.00; MVIX (Digital Signage)-\$4,670.00; NE Assn of County Extension Boards (Dues)-\$100.00; NE Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Registration)-\$75.00; Patrick Calkins (Phone Expense)-\$50.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1,000.00; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$200.19; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$100.00; Soarin Group, LLC (IT Services)-\$2,500.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$30.00; Standard Appraisal Services Inc (Reviews)-\$6,264.00; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Refills)-\$160.00; TK's CNC & Powder Coating (Sign)-\$347.75; Todd Brehm (Expense)-\$100.00; University of Nebraska (Computers)-\$3,255.50; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$41.50; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$46.36; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$63.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$1,138.07; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Williams Funeral Home (Services)-\$500.00; Woodward's Disposal Service Inc (Utility)-\$65.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$414.39; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$381.25; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$469.15; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$133.43; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$720.80; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc (Supply)-\$870.92; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$466.49; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$24.89; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$2.99; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$790.05; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$2,335.08; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.72; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$33.08; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$3,123.33; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$26.40; Medical Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$72.00; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc (Supply)-\$11,964.30; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto

Parts (Supply)-\$917.40; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3,192.70; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$18,225.01; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1,885.30; Titan Machinery-Hastings (Repairs)-\$8,659.50; Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$1,390.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$98.07. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$598.40; Dr Jesse Neal Dental Care (Dental)-\$2,414.00; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$708.20; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS, PC (Dental)-\$254.0; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$172.00; Webster County Dental (Dental)-\$776.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: Adams County Dist Court (Mental Health Board)-\$637.50; NE Health & Human Services (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$168.00. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$121.53; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$408.68; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.51; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$400.00; Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc (Supply)-\$35.28; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Supply)-\$5,445.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$15.80; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$238.65; Metro Billing Services (Billing)-\$450.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:20pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 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 7 day of April 2026
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk