

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 21, 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 April 7, 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 April 21, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans and Karr. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Board reviewed mail.

At 8:45 a.m., Road Foreman Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul gave an update on completed and current projects, as well as equipment. The Board decided to take preventative measures and repair Road F. The Road Department will begin those repairs soon.

At 9:00 a.m., Highway Superintendent Lance Harter met with the Board for the public hearing on the 1- and 6-Year Plan. Lance presented Resolution of Adoption / Proof of Posting 2026-10. After review, a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr, to approve the resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 9:24 a.m., the Board held a conference call with budget preparer Caleb Johnson. Caleb provided legislative updates and led budget discussions.

At 9:45 a.m., Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board to discuss CAD system updates and available options. Troy also shared that Guide Rock Fire voted to join Webster County's PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for all of their 911 services. Discussion was also held regarding partnering with Franklin County on their CAD system. Troy reviewed the pros and cons of the partnership. Because Franklin County has already paid the upfront expenses, partnering with them would result in significant cost savings. It was proposed that Webster County pay Franklin County's reporting portion for five years to assist with the arrangement. After discussion, a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to partner with Franklin County on the Central Square CAD system and to have the County Attorney draft an MOU for Webster County to pay Franklin County's report-writing costs for five years. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 10:00 a.m., Dustin Gay with Energized Electric met with the Board to discuss the HVAC system and options for a backup system on the third floor.

County Clerk Abbey Harig then presented chairs available through an auction in Frontier County. The chairs are from a college that is being remodeled and would be a cost-saving option for the courtroom and third-floor hallway. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to give Abbey purchasing authority of up to \$20 per chair. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

Lastly, Abbey presented one bid for the first-floor flooring. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert, to approve Tim's Flooring and Blue Hill Furniture's bid for labor and materials. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 10:30 a.m., Hospital Administrator LaMont Cook joined the Board for a conference call with Cline Williams to discuss county-owned hospitals. This discussion was scheduled to continue at the next meeting.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board reviewed custodial applications. They decided to table the matter until the end of the meeting to review the applications more thoroughly.

At 11:30 a.m., Assessor Tami Schueneman met with the Board. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert, to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Absent: Gary Ratzlaff. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Tami presented Tax Correction 2026-10 for the Board's review. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Mans, to approve the correction. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Absent: Gary Ratzlaff. Voting nay or abstaining: None. A motion was then made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Absent: Gary Ratzlaff. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 11:40 a.m., No executive session was held.

At 11:42 a.m., The Board reviewed the custodial applications again. After discussion, a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr, to hire Abbey Harig and Alexa Pedersen to continue cleaning. Voting in favor: Shipman, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Absent: Gary Ratzlaff. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

Total Payroll - \$175,275.02

GENERAL FUND: American Family Life Ins Co (Health)-\$9,107.79; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$542.60; BCBS (Premium)-\$52,873.05; Buffalo County Sheriff (Service Fees)-\$111.37; Business World Products (Supply)-\$11.05; CPI (Fuel)-\$3,061.47; DAS State Accounting (Fees)-\$242.00; Douglas County Sheriff (Service Fees)-\$20.76; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$9,489.47; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$81.69; Election Systems & Software (Ballots)-\$2,436.40; Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (Service Fees)-\$50.00; Everbridge, Inc (Software)-\$3,775.40; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$243.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown Fees)-\$86.71; HD Arms LLC (Supply)-\$24.00; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$139.95; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$25.00; John Disney (Contract)-\$50.00; Klein, Brewster, Brandt & Messersmith (Counsel)-\$402.50; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1,053.50; NACO (Registration)-\$125.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$569.16; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2,178.75; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Dental)-\$3,013.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$30.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,254.75; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2,673.75; Viaero Wireless (Fees)-\$9.16; Web Co Clk of District Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$150.00; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$193.21. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,175.92; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$164.15; C&M Supply Inc (Fuel)-\$238.42; Cloverton Trucking Inc (Supply)-\$11,333.52; CPI (Fuel)-\$2,405.17; Del Ray (Supply)-\$515.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$3,590.79; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$96.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Buydown Fees)-\$32.89; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$397.77; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$128.14; Medical Enterprises, Inc (Supply)-\$82.00; Nebraska Machinery Co (Supply)-\$503.19; Olson Enterprises LLC (Misc)-\$5,630.81; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$547.65; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$160.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Justin Shipman (Supply)-\$1,701.00; Van Kirk Contracting (Supply)-\$191,034.65. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$258.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$257.60; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$465.60. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Energized Electric LLC (Lights)-\$4,085.00; Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home (Burial Assistance)-\$1,500.00. **911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Soarin Group, LLC (Computers)-\$3,127.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$600.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$314.11. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** CPI (Fuel)-\$212.12; Metro-Billing Services (Billing)-\$275.00.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:55am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 21 day of April 2026
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk