

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 5, 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 April 21, 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 pay claims and payroll for the May 5, 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. No bids were received for the hydroseeder, and this item was tabled to the May 19th meeting. Paul then gave updates on current, upcoming, and completed projects.

At 9:05 a.m., the Board reviewed the Imprest Account, District Court report, fund balances, and the Sheriff's Quarterly Report.

At 9:10 a.m., County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board and presented **Resolution 11-2026** to transfer \$249,583.70 from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300), **Resolution 12-2026** to transfer \$38,037.28 from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800), and **Resolution 13-2026** to transfer \$100,000.00 from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Building Remodeling Fund (#4050), as provided for in the 2025–2026 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Mans, to approve and sign all three resolutions. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

Abbey then presented a Letter of Agreement between Webster County and Region 3, along with their county match request for FY 2027. After review, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff, to approve both items. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 9:20 a.m., Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board regarding an inheritance tax refund. An overpayment to Webster County had been made from the Estate of Verlin L'Heureux. After reviewing the reimbursement request, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr, to approve the refund. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 9:30 a.m., Dustin Will with Benefit Management met with the Board to present health insurance options. The Board also reviewed NACO's health insurance proposal. The Board would like to continue discussions and involve officials and employees in the process. This matter was tabled to the May 19th meeting.

At 10:30 a.m., Assessor Tami Scheuneman met with the Board. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert, to go into CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

Tami then gave an update on the State Historical Society Foundation TERC case and presented Tax Correction 202611. After review, a motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert, to approve the tax correction. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Abstaining: Shipman. Nay or absent: None.

Tami also shared information from the Statewide Equalization Hearing and informed the Board that all went well. The Board then set dates for protest hearings. A motion was made by Mans, seconded by Gilbert, to go out of CBOE. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Mans, and Karr. Voting nay, absent, or abstaining: None.

At 10:40 a.m., Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Pedersen met with the Board for a general update. Brian discussed current projects and the NDA conference he attended.

At 10:50 a.m., County Attorney Patrick Calkins met with the Board regarding his copier lease, which is nearing expiration. Patrick informed the Board that he would prefer to purchase the copier for \$1 and continue under a service contract. The Board agreed.

At 10:55 a.m., the Board discussed air conditioning issues and temporary solutions for the courtroom.

At 11:00 a.m., a motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 11:43 a.m., a motion was made by Mans, seconded by Karr, to go out of executive session.
Total Wages - \$14,608.38

GENERAL FUND: Abbey Harig (Cleaning)-\$500.00; Alexa Pedersen (Misc)-\$579.66; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$435.61; BCBS (Premium)-\$1,059.65; Business World Products (Supply)-\$6.78; Cintas (Supply)-\$138.93; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$13.20; Damieon Cornell (Expense)-\$288.76; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$516.24; Eakes Office Solutions (Misc)-\$1,146.31; Election Systems & Software (Supply)-\$2,941.21; Elizabeth Janning (Mileage)-\$149.35; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$424.11; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$154.70; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$2,331.38; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$389.95; Janet Knehans (Mileage)-\$95.70; Jolene Duffy (Expense)-\$31.99; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$449.36; Kohmetscher Feed Service (Supply)-\$54.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$336.11; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1,044.40; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,786.71; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply)-\$333.30; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$100.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1,236.25; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$156.67; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$66.00; Webster County Sun (Subscription)-\$38.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$100,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$38,037.28; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$249,583.70; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$282.83; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc (Repairs)-\$2,437.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$111.20; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$140.71; Deisley Excavating & Trucking, LLC (Services)-\$400.00; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$317.38; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$27.82; Frist Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$2.99; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$106.26; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$107.89; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.80; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$906.94; John Deer Financial (Supply)-\$229.18; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$630.15; Newman Signs, Inc (Signs)-\$2,747.70; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$18,276.09; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$94.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$99.69; Webster County Hospital (Supply)-\$44.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$98.56. **MODERN RECORDS:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Dr Jesse Neal Dental Care (Dental)-\$544.00; Fort Theatre Dentistry (Dental)-\$16.00; Kory L Bumgardner DDS (Dental)-\$1,015.60; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$844.00; Pershing Orthodontics (Dental)-\$1,000.00; RC Wilson & SA Wilson DDS PC (Dental)-\$266.40. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Norfolk)-\$186.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$321.42; CentralSquare Technologies, LLC (Services)-\$7,504.91; Ken Kuhlman (Refund)-\$4,692.37. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$106.41; EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$149.86; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.51. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** EFTPS (SS/FICA)-\$130.93.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 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 5 day of May 2026

Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk