

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 16, 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), Jeff Mans (District Three), Tim Gilbert (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Trevor Karr (District Two). A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes of the June 2, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr. Motion was made by Mans, seconded by Shipman to pay claims and payroll for the June 16, 2026, meeting. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr. Board reviewed mail and discussed meetings that they had attended.

At 8:45 a.m., Road Foreman Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul discussed gravel, concrete, and equipment. He then discussed budgets and wage increases for road department employees.

At 9:15 a.m., the Board opened gravel bids. One bid from Werner Aggregates was received. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mans and seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the bid and authorize signing the agreement. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

At 9:30 a.m., Alexa Pedersen and Katie Bolte with Nebraska Extension met with the Board and provided their quarterly update.

At 9:40 a.m., County Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board and presented Resolution **15-2026**, adopting the 2026–2027 Cash-in-Lieu amount, which is one-half of the health insurance premium. A motion was made by Ratzlaff and seconded by Gilbert to approve the resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

Abbey then presented a Special Designated Liquor License application requested by the Webster County Agricultural Association for the Webster County Agricultural Fair and Rodeo. A motion was made by Mans and seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

Lastly, Abbey presented an application for burial assistance. The Board reviewed and discussed the application. A motion was made by Ratzlaff and seconded by Mans to approve it. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

At 9:50 a.m., County Attorney Patrick Calkins informed the Board that there were no new updates regarding the hospital but stated he hoped to have additional information by the next meeting.

At 10:00 a.m., Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board and presented **Resolution 14-2026**, directing the County Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates on all delinquent taxes and special assessments for 2023 and 2024, maintain those certificates, and purchase all subsequent taxes thereon as they become delinquent. A motion was made by Ratzlaff and seconded by Gilbert to approve the resolution. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board recessed until its executive session at 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., a motion was made by Mans and seconded by Ratzlaff to enter executive session for ongoing personnel matters.

At 12:36 p.m., Mans made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Gilbert. Voting in favor: Shipman, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, and Mans. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Absent: Karr.

Total Wages - \$181,181.63

GENERAL FUND: Adams County Justice Center (Housing)-\$3,355.00; Advanced Family Healthcare (Inmate Expense)-\$193.36; Advantage Laser Products Inc (Supply)-\$105.00; Alexa Pedersen (Mileage)-\$227.49; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$9,168.49; Applied Connective Technologies (Email)-\$196.43; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$100.13; Business World Products (Supply)-\$63.12; CASA of South Central Nebraska (Funding)-\$3,000.00; Central Dental Group (Inmate Expense)-\$650.00; City of Red Cloud (Water)-\$84.00; Cobblestone Inn & Suites – Holdrege (Lodging)-\$330.00; Communications Engineering Inc (Repairs)-\$50.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$4,734.01; Crowne Plaza Kearney (Lodging)-\$149.95; Culligan of Hastings (Water)-\$13.20; Dept of Treasury Internal Revenue (Misc)-\$8,122.57; EFPTS (SS/FICA)-\$9,604.74; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1,610.74; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$49.70; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$252.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$89.70; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$239.90; Janet Knehans (Mileage)-\$85.55; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$25.00; Katie Bolte (Mileage)-\$255.27; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$157.86; Ken Vanwey (Mowing)-\$2,235.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$20.54; Klein, Brewster, Brandy & Messersmith (Counsel)-\$881.85; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1,060.00; Lincoln Financial Group (Health)-\$705.11; Med-Tech Resource LLC (Supply)-\$325.52; Medica (Premium)-\$47,095.38; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$298.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2,786.71; Moriah Rawlings (Expense)-\$382.56; NIRMA (Renewal)-\$74,342.00; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$50.00; Physicians Laboratory, PC (Autopsy)-\$2,875.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2,000.00; Self-Insured Dental (Premium)-\$3,213.00; Soarin Group, LLC (IT Support)-\$2,500.00; Sullivan Shoemaker PC LLO (Counsel)-\$1,506.50; Superior Publishing Co Inc (Envelopes)-\$130.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3,593.75; USPS (Postage)-\$18.60; Viaero Wireless (Fees)-\$9.15; WJE Consulting LLC (Cost Allocation)-\$1,095.00; Woodward's Disposal Service Inc (Utility)-\$217.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Health)-\$3,510.05; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$6.16; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$7.99; Cody Golter (Expense)-\$120.00; CPI (Fuel)-\$1,345.63; David Niles (Expense)-\$120.00; EFPA (SS/FICA)-\$3,954.70; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$96.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$35.88; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$397.76; Heath Arterburn (Expense)-\$120.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$110.94; Kara Christensen (Expense)-\$120.00; Kary Winslow (Expense)-\$120.00; Ken Kort (Expense)-\$120.00; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$32.99; Kolton Kucera (Expense)-\$120.00; Lincoln Financial Group (Health)-\$74.76; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Michael Hunt (Expense)-\$120.00; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc (Supply)-\$1,812.15; Mikel Roark (Expense)-\$120.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$144.56; Nebraska Machinery Co (Repairs)-\$42,701.82; NIRMA (Renewal)-\$45,113.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$6,028.28; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$120.00; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$1,031.60; Riley Nichols (Expense)-\$120.00; Robert Ullom Truck & Trailer Parts (Supply)-\$10.00; Rowdy Goos (Expense)-\$120.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$318.91; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2,679.47; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$100.64; Webster County Sun (Publish)-\$58.99. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$147.93. **SELF INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$292.40; Sean M Daly, DDS (Dental)-\$1,041.60; Webster County Dental (Dental)-\$430.80. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** CentralSquare Technologies, LLC (Service)-\$4,886.70. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Co (Fees)-\$640.00. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$69.40; NIRMA (Renewal)-\$3,409.50; Olson Enterprises, LLC (Fuel)-\$467.90. **BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND:** CPI (Fuel)-\$203.78; NIRMA (Renewal)-\$3,409.50.

Being no further business, Chairman, Dan Shipman adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 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 16 day of June 2026
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk