

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance (District 3), Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, TJ Vance gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the January 2, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul updated the board on a bridge they are working on. He said they have been hauling gravel and working on the roads. Paul also informed the board that he has a couple trucks in getting maintenance work done.

At 9:00am, Weed Superintendent, Brian Pedersen met with the board to present his State Report. The board reviewed and discussed this.

At 9:30am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented two resolutions. **Resolution 01-2024** to transfer \$177,431.54 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Construction Fund (#800) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget and **Resolution 02-2024** to transfer \$51,327.28 from County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300) as stated in the 2023-2024 Webster County Budget. A motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign these resolutions. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Abbey then updated the board on the globes for the light poles around the courthouse. The board would like to look into this a little more before going with the option presented.

Abbey then presented the board with the Certification of Unpaid Claims.

At 9:35am, Abbey presented the Distress Warrant report covering the period between November 1, 2023 – December 20, 2023 as Sheriff Troy Schmitz was unable to attend today's meeting.

At 9:40am, Deputy Sheriff Ron Sunday met with the board to discuss the parking lot. He shared with the board the need to have the whole parking lot salted when icy, not just the walkway.

At 9:45am, County Attorney, Patrick Calkins met with the board to present his office lease agreement to the board. The board reviewed and discussed this. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 9:50am, Abbey presented the Annual Certification for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Act and RC EMT's. The board reviewed this. A motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert, Karr, and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None.

At 10:15am, Gene Krejci, the engineer consultant on the new sheriff's building met with the board. Gene handed out specification and bid sheets for demolition and construction of the interior and exterior for the new building. Gene is still working on getting blueprints digitized. Gene also updated the board on a few changes from the last time he was here.

Total wages - \$10,200.25. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Office (Fees)-\$18.50; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$136.40; AT&T Mobility (Phones)-\$518.46; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$43.26; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$200.00; Country Inn & Suites by Radisson (Lodging)-\$589.32; Julene J Degener (Mow Cemetery)-\$400.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$206.06; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$890.05; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$226.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$267.93; Furnas County Clerk (Dues)-\$496.45; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1591.36; Grummert Professional Services, LLC (Surveyor Fees)-\$11,400.00; Hamilton Information Services, Inc (Services)-\$701.35; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$961.05; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$39.30; La Quinta Inn & Suites

(Lodging)-\$359.85; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$394.67; Nebraska Sheriff's Association (Dues)-\$325.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Supply)-\$855.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$26.20; Point C Health (COBRA Fees)-\$55.50; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$179.89; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1535.61; Thomson Reuters-West (Subscription)-\$192.11; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$77.24; Lindsay Waechter-Mead (Expense)-\$256.76; Web Co Clk of District Court (Fees)-\$101.00; Webster County Court (Fees)-\$180.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$51,327.28; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$177,431.54; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$30.00. ROAD/BRIDGE FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$90.82; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$350.00; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$128.47; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$91.85; S.S. (Fica)-\$102.93; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$195.78; Fleetpride (Supply)-\$226.77; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$50.41; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$89.86; Island Supply Welding Company (Supply)-\$320.24; John Deere Financial (Fuel)-\$517.86; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$23.20; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$939.24; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$63.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$166.98. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: L&M Contractors, Inc (Supply)-\$105,795.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Hastings Family Dental LLC (Dental)-\$171.20; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$392.40. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice)-\$51.00. INHERITACE TAX FUND: Pierce Electronics (Supply)-\$179,611.30. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: La Quinta Inn & Suites (Lodging)-\$119.95. RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND: S.S. (Fica)-\$229.91; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.46; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$288.00. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$109.93; S.S. (Fica)-\$241.45; Metro-Billing Services (Services)-\$288.00.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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 this 2 day of December, 2024
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk