

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance (District 3), Tim Gilbert (District Four), and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Dan Shipman (District One) 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 January 2, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to pay claims and payroll for the January 16, 2024 meeting. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 8:35am, Road Superintendent, Paul Stoner met with the board. Paul gave updates on machine issues and roads. Paul also discussed a few roads that will possibly need to be closed should it snow again.

At 9:00am, the board reviewed the District Court report, the Imprest Account, fund balances and the Sheriff's Quarterly report. Chairman, Vance also discussed with the board a phone call he received in regards to turbine lights. There is a new feature that allows the lights on the turbine to only be on when necessary. This is for the newer turbines, as the ones in Webster County do not have this capability.

At 9:15am, County Clerk, Abbey Harig presented three Resolution to be approved by the board. Resolution 3-2024 designating Red Cloud Chief, Blue Hill Leader and the Webster County Website as the County's official publications for the year 2024. Resolution 4-2024 designates Heritage Bank of Red Cloud, Union Bank & Trust, of Lincoln, Nebraska, Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) of Nebraska, The South Central State Bank of Blue Hill and Red Cloud and the Cornerstone Bank of Guide Rock as the official Depository Banks for Webster County for 2024. And Resolution 5-2024 concerning collection of delinquent real estate and special taxes, conducting tax sales and issuing Tax Sale Certificates. After reviewing and discussion, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve all three resolutions. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 9:20am, County Board Appointments for 2024 were gone over by the Board. The Board decided to keep all the Board members in their same positions, TJ Vance as Chairman and Gary Ratzlaff as Vice-Chair. All other appointments were reviewed and adjustments made accordingly. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Gilbert to approve the board appointments. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2024

Webster County Board of Commissioners: T J Vance Chairman; Gary Ratzlaff, Vice-Chairman

Region III Governing Board (Behavioral Services): Trevor Karr, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: Dan Shipman, Delegate; Tim Gilbert, Alt.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Kearney: Tim Gilbert, Delegate; Trevor Karr, Alt.

Central Community College: Trevor Karr, Delegate; Dan Shipman, Alt.

Webster County Hospital Trustees Board: Gary Ratzlaff, Board Liaison; Dan Shipman, Alt.

COUNTY ENGINEER: Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering

COUNTY MUSUEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (5-year term) Jim Fitzgibbon (01/01/2025), Michelle Cole (01/01/2029), Sharon Berns (01/01/2029), Marcie Kinnaman (01/01/2028), Roger Crook (01/01/2028), Sara Richards (01/01/2027) Julie Zimmerman (01/01/2026)

COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT: County Board

COUNTY SURVEYOR: (4-year term) Josh Grummert (2027)

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAL CONTACT: Gary Ratzlaff and Tim Gilbert

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Ron Sunday

EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD: (3-Year Term) Ashley Armstrong (12/31/2027), Troy Anderson (12/31/2026), Morgan Trausch (12/31/2027), Danny Bengé (12/31/2025), Nelson P. Trambly (12/31/2027).

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBLE CHARGE: Paul Stoner and Lance Harter

FLOOD PLAINS MANAGER: Tami Scheuneman

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Abbey Harig

HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE: (6-Year Term) Abbey Hansen (01/01/2027), Louise Petsch (01/01/2029), Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Leon Lutkemeier (01/01/2025), Keith Buschow (01/01/2025)

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION: (3-Year Term) Troy Himmelberg (01/01/2027), Scott Schmidt – Bladen (01/01/2026), Marvin Hartman – Guide Rock (01/01/2027), Garth Wentworth (01/01/2026), Keith Waechter (01/01/2026), Jerry Langer (01/01/2027), Paul Stoner (01/01/2027).

NIRMA SAFETY COMMITTEE: Abbey Harig, NIRMA Contact Person, Paul Stoner, Carla Jameson, Ron Sunday, Avery Brumbaugh, Monica Montgomery, Alexa Pedersen, Jolene Duffy

NIRMA CONTACT PERSON: Abbey Harig

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Tami Scheuneman

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Gary Ratzlaff

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP YOUTH TASK FORCE: Karla Burgess

SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Dan Shipman

SOUTH HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH: (3-Year Term) Kathy Murphy (03/01/2027), Torey Kranau Kohmetscher (03/01/2025), TJ Vance (03/01/2026).

TITLE IV-ADA/504 COORDINATOR: Abbey Harig

TRAILBLAZER RC & D: Jim Farmer

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER: Gary Ratzlaff

VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE: (5-Year Term) Don Beitler (06/30/2026), Michael Barton (06/30/2025), Keith Waechter (6/30/2024), Ron Schutte (6/30/2028), Bill Goosic (6/30/2025).

VISITOR PROMOTION COMMITTEE: (4-Year Term) Jarrod McCartney (01/01/2027), Abbey Harig (01/01/2027), Rod Ely (06/30/2027), Wade Gibson (04/01/2028) Theresa Young (8/01/2026), Lisa Mahin (01/01/2027)

WEBSTER COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Oak Creek Engineers – Lance Harter

WEBSTER COUNTY TRANSIT COUNSEL: Gary Ratzlaff

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY: Brian Pedersen

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: (3-Year Term) Ron Brumbaugh (01/01/2027), Matt Spencer (01/01/2025), Scott Schmidt (01/01/2026), Justin Shipman (01/01/2027), Rob Wilson (01/01/2027), Tim Meline, Alt.

At 9:40, Abbey presented the Notice of Dissemination Agent Appointment to the board. The board reviewed this and a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Gilbert to sign this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None. Abbey then presented a grant that was available for cyber security. The board decided to pass on this grant. Lastly, she presented Resolution 6-2024, making a \$28,767.35 transfer to the #5400 Noxious Weed Control Fund from the #0100 General Fund. A motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this resolution. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 9:45am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans presented her semi-annual statement. Janet also presented a form 457, Application for Tax Exemption for Head Start. A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Karr to approve this. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 10:05am, Clerk Magistrate, Jolene Duffy met with the board to get approval on the purchase of a new/used copier for the County Court office. The board approved this purchase.

At 10:15am, Sheriff, Troy Schmitz met with the board to discuss patrol vehicles. Troy also discussed a project manager for the new sheriff's office building project.

At 10:45am, The board opened bids for Part "A" Demolition of the new sheriff's office. Two bids were received, Wademan Construction and Farris Construction Co., Inc. After discussion, a motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go with Farris Construction Co., Inc. Voting in favor: Vance, Ratzlaff, Gilbert and Karr. Absent: Shipman. Voting nay or abstaining: None.

At 11:00am, Janet, Abbey and Tami met with the board to go over the inclement weather policy with the board to clarify certain parts of the policy.

Total Wages - \$163,794.84. **GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$73.60; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$8275.51; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$312.08; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Premium)-\$42,877.79; Blue360 Media (Supply)-\$94.95; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$38.98; Calkins Law Office (Dues)-\$1500.00; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$1951.49; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$242.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Teletype)-\$537.60; S.S. (Fica)-\$8487.75; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$334.54; First Concord Benefits (Buydown)-\$116.60; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$55.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$305.35; Hamilton Information Systems, Inc (Services)-\$86.25; Holling Plumbing (Repairs)-\$225.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$548.74; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1400.90; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$17.99; Cheyenne Knehans (Contract)-\$322.72; Gene Krejci (Services)-\$1600.00; Lieske Law Firm (Counsel)-\$154.00; Midland Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1005.00; Mips Inc (Supply/Fees)-\$2899.20; National Sheriff's Association (Dues)-\$125.00; Nebr Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Dues)-\$50.00; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Dues)-\$2201.51; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$2922.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$255.00; Kelly Skrdlant (Lease)-\$12.00; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Supply)-\$31.65; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3424.50; Thomson Reuters-West (Subscription)-\$192.11; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$519.12; Ken Vanwey (Repairs/Snow Removal)-\$775.00; Vision Service Plan (COBRA)-\$19.31; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$199.64; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$28,767.35; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$3095.52; Barton Pipe & Rod (Supply)-\$106.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$972.23; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Supply)-\$93,933.85; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.53; C&D Service Center (Supply)-\$55.46; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel/Repairs)-\$1651.11; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$80.32; S.S. (Fica)-\$3488.22; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$6.87; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$110.85; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$29.83; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$726.46; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2658.36; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$1403.98; Kenny's Hardware and Home Center (Supply)-\$105.63; Kenny's Lumber & Farm Supply (Supply)-\$367.86; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$112.25; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$64.56; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$14,892.15; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs/Fuel)-\$14,738.00; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair (Supply)-\$73.81; Power Plan, Dept 77871 (Supply)-\$1198.82; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Supply)-\$206.78; Thramers Food Center (Supply)-\$18.48; Timm's Service (Fuel/Supply)-\$1805.49. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Services)-\$8830.11. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Fees)-\$143.61. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$334.40; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$843.20. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Health)-\$225.79; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$44.01; S.S. (Fica)-\$255.89. **RC AMBULANCE SERVICE #1 FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$338.28; Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$105.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc

(Supply)-\$40.57; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$57.37. BH AMBULANCE SERVICE #2 FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$328.99; Village of Campbell (911 Rent)-\$105.00; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$187.27; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Supply)-\$673.05.

Being no further business, Chairman TJ Vance adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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 16 day of January, 2024
Webster County Board of Commissioners

Abbey Harig
Webster County Clerk