

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Roger Bohrer (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and JoAnn Reiher (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Karr, second by Shipman to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting with the following corrections: Four maintainers in the shop for repairs which should have been – one maintainer in the shop for repairs and four maintainers working on roads being used by the manure haulers. Mr. Hoff, Superintendent of Red Cloud Public Schools, asked how he was going to tell his teachers that the county is wealthy enough to build a new courthouse but we cannot build a new school should have been how he was going to tell his Board. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

At 8:35am, Monica Montgomery, Office Manager for Webster County Road Department, met with the Board. The Road Crews are touching up roads due to weather, doing repairs and painting the Cowles shop. Magnets are being used on drags while maintaining roads.

At 9:00am, Sharon Hueftle, Executive Director of South Central Economic Development District, met with the Board. Hueftle shared the annual report and work that is being done in Blue Hill and Red Cloud. This annual report is on file at the Webster County Clerk's office.

At 9:30, Michelle Bever, Executive Director and Jim Morgan, Public Health Risk Coordinator of South Heartland District Health Department, met with the Board. Bever reviewed the 2016 Annual Report. Bever and Morgan handed out information about Radon. Discussion was had on LB9 that requires Radon testing to be done during new construction. The Webster County Board of Commissioners agreed to propose this testing be added to the Webster County Zoning Regulations.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher to approve the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a strong public health system is critical for sustaining and improving community health; and,

WHEREAS, the week of April 3-9, 2017, is designated by the American Public Health Association as National Public Health Week, promoting the theme "Healthiest Nation 2030"; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health System consists not only of our local South Heartland District Health Department, but also governmental services, elected leaders, schools and colleges, hospitals and healthcare providers; faith-based, civic and human services organizations; businesses and worksites, behavioral health providers, non-profits, agriculture producers, volunteers, and many others who contribute in large and small ways to the public's health; and,

WHEREAS, local achievements of the public health system include: containing and preventing infectious diseases; helping people to receive vaccinations for preventable diseases; facilitating safer and healthier workplaces; improving access to and promotion of healthier foods; providing services to support healthier moms and babies; collaborating on preparedness for natural disasters and public health emergencies such as pandemic flu; initiating healthy school policies and action plans that lead to healthier young people; reducing exposure to environmental hazards such as lead and radon; improving screening for chronic diseases and cancer; encouraging physical activity by developing trails and parks and expanding green spaces in our communities; helping individuals and families access health care services, behavioral health services, safe and affordable housing, and other basic services; and empowering individuals in all walks of life to live healthy lifestyles; and,

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts with individuals, communities, providers, and policy makers will help the next generation be healthier than the one before;

THEREFORE, I, Keith Buschow, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Webster County, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16-22, 2017, as **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK** in Webster County and call upon residents to observe this week by helping families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders better understand the value of public health, and to contribute to the national goal of "Healthiest Nation 2030" by taking action to move Webster County forward toward being the "Healthiest County in Nebraska."

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Chairman Buschow signed the Proclamation.

At 10:10am, discussion was had on improvement projects to the Courthouse building. Ed Schurman, Courthouse maintenance, joined the meeting. Painting of the trim on the outside and painting of rooms on the inside of the building will be done. Also, patching of plaster and repair of walls will be done.

At 10:30am, Michael Wicht and Zach Svoboda, Prochaska Associates, met with the Board. Dan Evans, Jail Standards joined the meeting. Sheriff Troy Schmitz joined the meeting. Wicht and Svoboda presented Phase 1 of the Needs Assessment for the jail building. They will present Phase 2 in the coming weeks.

At 11:50am, Webster County Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the Board to discuss the air conditioning unit in her office. After discussion, the decision was made to get a quote for new air conditioning/heating units for the offices on the second floor on the north side of the building. Knehans to contact Energized Electric.

At 11:55am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Krueger presented an Intent to Tax Protest from Red Cloud Schools for the changing of property to exempt status. Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Shipman to accept this change. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Shipman, Karr, Bohrer and Buschow. At 12:00pm, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman, to recess as the Board of Equalization and all members present reconvened for the regular business meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

Krueger presented the 2017 land and residential values. Much discussion was had. Dates for the Property Valuation Protest Hearing were set for June 20, July 11th and July 18th.

The Commissioner meetings in July, 2017, will be on July 11th and July 18th.

At 12:20pm, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board. Schmitz requested the approval of the Board for a new hire in his department that lives in Franklin County be allowed to take a Webster County Sheriff's vehicle to their residence in Franklin County. After discussion, the Board approved.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 4 part time & 11 EMT's \$5,548.40.

General Fund			
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	\$	309.68
Black Hills Energy	Utility		1,092.76
CASA of South Central Nebraska	Funding		2,700.00
Consolidated Management CO	Training		152.99
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		448.00
Des Moines Stamp MFG Co.	Supply		182.40
S.S.	Fica		347.86
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		2,024.98
ECN	Codered		2,566.66
First Concord Benefits	Health		500.00
Franklin County Sheriff	Fees		47.64
Glenwood	Fee		8.05
Hometown Leasing	Lease		198.99
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs		5.00
Jared's Auto Expert	Repairs		78.30
Liz Kierl	Expense		88.94
Janet Knehans	Expense		77.04
Carol Kumke	Expense		186.11
Steve Landon	Expense		153.12
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Equip		499.45
MIPS	Supply		161.19
Mips, Inc	Support		1,385.37
Buffy Niemeyer	Expense		6.48
Noegen Corporation	Testing		457.50
Pederson Distributing	Supply		36.36
Popp Binding & Laminating, Inc	Supply		102.11
City of Red Cloud	Utility		1,219.08
Joe Strickland	Expense		22.68
Verizon Wireless	Phone		47.34
Web Co Clk of Dist Court	Fee		36.00
Webster County Hospital	Health		800.00
Williams Exterminating, Inc	Fee		88.00
Woodward's Disposal Service	Utility		5.00
Road/Bridge Fund			
Black Hills Energy	Utility		186.45
City of Blue Hill	Utility		92.47
Bostock Welding, LLC	Repairs		270.00
C & D Service Center	Repairs		1,771.55
Country Corner	Fuel		350.87
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phone		146.32
Hastings Outdoor Power, LLC	Repairs		357.59
Island Supply Welding Company	Repairs		106.00
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs		176.13
JEO Consulting Group	Fee		2,444.50
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water		22.21
Mips, Inc	Support		108.98

Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	17,758.82
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	5,938.50
R & M Disposal, LLC	Utility	33.00
S & S Septic Pumping, LLC	Repairs	325.00
Seton Identification Products	Repairs	279.60
Windstream	Phone	125.05
	Road/Bridge Const. Fund	
Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors	Surfacing	6,823.52
JEO Consulting Group	Fee	27,323.50
	Modern Records Fund	
Mips, Inc	Support	100.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Central Dental Group	Dental	389.60
Mark Driscoll	Dental	754.60
Minden Dental Clinic	Dental	133.60
Pediatric Dental S	Dental	403.60
Steven Swenson, DDS	Dental	1,000.00
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	92.80
RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC	Dental	306.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Black Hills Energy	Utility	170.06
S.S.	Fica	76.61
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	Rental	46.20
Garry Steele	Training	156.07

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file at the County Clerk's office and at www.co.webster.ne.us.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2017.

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 ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger, County Clerk