

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 18, 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 Reiher, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting with the following corrections: The minutes read Wicht and Svoboda presented Phase 1 of the Needs Assessment for the jail building. They should have read Wicht and Svoboda presented part of Phase 1. Also, the minutes stated that Sheriff Schmitz requested the approval of the Board for a new hire in his department be allowed to take a Webster County Sheriff's vehicle to their residence in Franklin County. The minutes should have read a temporary part-time employee. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Karr, Reiher, Shipman, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

At 8:35am, a conference call was held with Webster County Attorney, Sara Bockstadter. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to enter into Executive Session. Members of the Board and Clerk Klingenberger were present. At 9:00am, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to adjourn from Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none. No decisions were made during this Executive Session.

Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. The Road Crews have been maintaining roads. Drags with magnets are being used to groom the roads. Kuhn has received 5 applications for the position in the Road Department. Kuhn has requested that two Commissioners participate in the interview process. Bohrer and Shipman will participate. Gravel orders have been placed for all townships. Potsdam, Oak Creek and the north end of Stillwater townships are complete. Kuhn has met with engineers to discuss projects. Kuhn is working on the budget and asked if the Board had any projects that needed to be added. Suggestions of adding the Golf Course Road and Eckley Road were made. The fracture critical bridges will be the focus for future planning.

Discussion was had on the County funding for South Central Economic Development District. After discussion, the decision was made to request that the City of Red Cloud, the City of Blue Hill and Webster County be billed by SCEED for each to pay one-third of the funding.

Commissioners Buschow and Bohrer will be at the Courthouse for the inspection of the boiler on May 5th, 2017.

Karr stated that the new paint in the Commissioners room looks good!

At 9:30am, Lonnie Knehans, Webster County Zoning Administrator, met with the Board. Knehans had originally been put on the agenda as an Executive Session but it was determined that Executive Session was not necessary. Philip Clement, Cottonwood Project Manager and David Levy, Attorney for NextEra, met with the Board. They were not on the agenda. Clement shared with the Board the progression of the Wind Project.

At 10:00am, the Board recessed for a break. The meeting resumed at 10:15am with all members present.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 26 -2017**:

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WHEREAS, The Webster County Sheriff's Department has entered into agreement for a mini-grant program with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of Highway Safety, for the "Click It Or Ticket" campaign wherein Webster County would provide additional workforce hours to this Statewide Campaign to help motorists be aware of Seat Belt Safety Laws;

WHEREAS, Webster County has budgeted for said program in the Law Enforcement Fund with the intention to pay program costs of wages, withholdings and mileage in advance of receiving the mini-grant by transferring funds to the State & Federal Grants Fund (2501) from the Inheritance Tax Fund and remitting a claim to the Office of Highway Safety for reimbursement of those expenses to Webster County;

WHEREAS, The Webster County Board of Commissioners approved claims against the State-Federal Grant Fund, Department #783 Law Enforcement, in the amount of \$2,058.00 in additional wages, \$157.42 in County share of FICA, \$159.47 in retirement contributions for a total transfer of \$2,374.89;

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that \$2,374.89 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700-990-7-0203) to the 2501 State & Federal Grants Fund pursuant to the 2016/2017 Webster County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above designated transfer of funds shall be made by approving a claim on the Inheritance Tax Fund Acct (2700-990-7.0203) and issuing an Imprest Check to the State/Federal Grant Fund (2501-590.02).

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher to approve **RESOLUTION 26 - 2017**. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Discussion was had concerning publishing of the minutes for the Commissioner meetings. Clerk Klingenberger proposed that the minutes should not be published until they have been approved by the Board at the next meeting. Keith Waechter, a member of the public, proposed that if anyone from the public addresses the Board, their name should be in the minutes. After discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Bohrer, to approve these proposals. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 10:30am, the Board reviewed the Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve this report. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Webster County Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board at 10:35am. Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Karr, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Krueger presented the following Tax Corrections: Tax Correction 2017-9 that corrected the assessment of a building for Plowshare, LLC; Tax Correction 2017-10 that removed a pivot for Gary and Darlynn Shipman; Tax Correction 2017-11 that corrected the assessment of a building for Plowshare, LLC. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by

Bohrer, to approve these Tax Corrections. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow, Reiher and Karr. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Krueger presented the 2017 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator Report from the Department of Revenue to the Board. This report stated that Webster County's level of detail and organization that goes into their re-appraisal reviews has been noted as a best practice for the state. It also stated, Webster County's level of detail and organization that goes into their agricultural land and improvement review has been noted as a best practice for the state. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher.

At 11:00am, Webster County Treasurer presented reports for unpaid taxes for the years of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Discussion was had concerning employee wage increases for the next budget year. This was tabled until the May 2nd, 2017 meeting.

At 11:20am, Dustin Gay, Energized Electric, met with the Board. Gay reviewed several opinions for installing heating/air conditioning units in the offices on the north side of the second floor of the Courthouse. This was tabled until after the boiler inspection that will be done on May 5th, 2017.

The following claims were approved for payment:
Wages for 51 salaried employees \$113,398.57.

General Fund			
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Retire	\$	5,346.36
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		19,307.00
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		250.32
Bostock Welding, LLC	Supply		291.84
Carpenter & Skalka Court Reporting, Inc	Supply		172.05
Raesha Cline	Expense		197.12
Consolidated Management, Co	Expense		16.62
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Supply		237.29
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		1,717.15
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fees		238.52
Des Moines Stamp MFG Co.	Supply		215.70
S.S.	FICA		5,871.21
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		52.99
ECN	Phone		180.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees		195.00
Debra Fisbeck	Expense		88.99
Great Plains Communications	Phones		724.80
Jack's	Cleaning		1,500.00
Jared's Auto Expert	Repairs		209.99
Janet Knehans	Expense		65.27
Liberty Cleaners & Launderers	Dry Cleaning		62.56
Lieske Law Firm	Counsel		531.45
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life		15.75
Mailfinance	Postage		303.00
NACT	Registration		250.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Center	Lodging		180.00
Nebr County Attys Association	Expense		515.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones		177.48
Natalie G. Nelsen	Counsel		76.00
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage		500.00
Person & McQuay Law Office	Counsel		624.00
Pierce Electronics	Repairs		1,585.00
R P's Body Shop	Repairs		120.00
Gary Ratzlaff	Expense		82.76
Red Cloud Chief	Publish		383.57
Region 3 Behavioral Health Services	Funding		2,317.32
Troy Schmitz	Expense		456.40
Edward Schurman	Painting		345.00
Patti Schurman	Painting		195.00
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums		2,752.00
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Counsel		2,126.76
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility		24.80
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O.	Counsel		361.00
Don Theobald	Fees		525.00
USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services	Funding		1,706.71
Village Pharmacy	Medical		17.70

Webster County Court	Crt Costs	287.00
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ace/Eaton Metals	Culverts	8,616.40
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	2,324.48
Barco Municipal Products, Inc	Signs	509.42
Village of Bladen	Utility	42.50
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	9,267.36
Blue Hill Leader	Publish	26.40
Century Lumber Center	Supply	26.78
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel, etc.	2,985.32
Country Corner	Fuel	572.71
S.S.	Fica	2,642.10
Village of Guide Rock	Utility	66.90
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs	572.65
JEO Consulting Group	Fees	1,763.50
Bruce Johnson	Repairs	24.60
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	407.82
Lawson Products, Inc	Supply	73.18
Monica Montgomery	Postage	21.40
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	807.03
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	10.49
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	28.93
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	979.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	201.58
Timm's Service	Fuel, etc.	8,675.76
Wiarcom, Inc	Phone	275.40
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors	Surfacing	16,809.52
Diamond Lime, LLC	Gravel	469.22
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	1,312.50
NCK Quarries, LLC	Gravel	3,629.20
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	4,800.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Central Dental Group	Dental	232.80
Mark Driscoll	Dental	33.98
Island View Dental	Dental	34.60
Kearney Pediatric Dentistry	Dental	42.00
Minden Dental Clinic	Dental	1,691.80
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	1,356.80
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
Merten-Butler Mortuary Inc	Fees	1,500.00
NE Health & Human Services System	Fees	168.00
	Inheritance Tax Fund	
Prochaska & Associates, Inc	Fees	5,849.20
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer	2,374.89
	Bridge Bond Fund	
Union Bank & Trust Company	Payment	195,687.50
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	142.68
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	772.28
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	85.30
S.S.	Fica	161.71
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	1.59
Nebraska Weed Control Assn-Region 4	Dues	15.00
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	111.00
Dennis L. VanWey	Expense	93.40
	Ambulance Fund	
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Supplies	1,202.16
Village Of Campbell	911	210.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	27.37
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.46

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 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 18th day of April, 2017.

Webster County Board of Commissioners

Dan Shipman - District One

Trevor Karr – District Two

Roger Bohrer – District Three

Keith Buschow – Chairperson – District Four

JoAnn Reiher – District Five

ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger, County Clerk