

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 6, 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 Bohrer, second by Shipman, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Bohrer, Shipman, Buschow and Reiher. Abstaining: Karr. Voting no or absent: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Kuhn presented a Disaster Declaration for road damage from the storm on May 17, 2017. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve this Declaration. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Kuhn reported that NextEra is beginning preliminary construction on the windfarm. A construction office has been opened in Blue Hill until one can be constructed on site. A Security Agreement for Road Improvements has been signed. Kuhn had gotten a complaint from a resident saying that NextEra was not returning phone calls. If a Webster County landowner has this problem please call the Webster County Road Office. The Road Crews have been working on gravel delivery, dirt work after storm damage and cleaning up grass and weeds. The mower will be delivered by the end of the month and will be used for cleanup around bridges and on construction sites. The Construction Crews have completed a double culvert replacement on Road 400. They have worked on several tubes due to storm damage. Kuhn has purchased 24 new maintainer tires.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to award Project C91-643 to Kucera Excavating. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow, and Reiher. Voting no, abstain or absent: none.

Kuhn requested the approval of the Board to purchase a 1996 Caterpillar 56" Cp-563C compactor from NMC for \$32,875.00. Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve this purchase. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstain or absent: none.

The demo for the self-milling machine was discussed.

Kuhn distributed information for the merit pay system and job classifications for the Road Department. Discussion was had on purchase and selling of equipment.

At 9:30am, Stephanie Creech-Will, Executive Director and Kerry Huber, Project Director for ASAAP, met with the Board. They reviewed the projects and budget for the last year. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to approve the \$5,000.00 funding request. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

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

At 10:15am, Dan Rutt, Director and Carol Harrenstein, Office Manager of Revive Ministries, met with the Board. They shared the activities and budget for the past year. A local resident gave a testimonial in support of Revive Ministries. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Bohrer, to approve the \$2,000.00 request for funding. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow, Reiher and Karr. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 10:30am, Ruann Root, Executive Director of CASA, met with the Board. Root reviewed the activities and budget for the last year. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve the \$2,700.00 request for funding. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 11:00am, Webster County Weed Control Authority, Dennis VanWey met with the Board. VanWey requested the permission of the Board to get pricing for a side-by-side. The Board approved. VanWey presented a 10-day Individual Notice. This Official Notice states Section 2-952, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, places an affirmative duty upon every person to control noxious weeds on land under such person's ownership or control. Information received by the control authority, including an onsite investigation by the County Weed Control Superintendent or a deputy, indicated the existence of an uncontrolled noxious weed infestation on property owned by you. The form states legal description, weed or weeds infestation and method of control recommended by the Control Authority. The form goes on to state that other appropriate control methods are acceptable if approved by the County Week Control Superintendent. Because the stage of growth of the noxious week infestation on the above-specified property warrants immediate control, if such infestation remains uncontrolled after ten days from the date specified at the bottom of this notice, the Control Authority may enter upon such property for the purpose of taking the appropriate weed control measures. Costs for the control activities of the Control Authority shall be at the expense of the owner of the property and shall become a lien on the property as a special assessment levied on the date of control.

At 11:15am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to enter into the Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Webster County Assessor, Sonja Krueger presented Tax Correction 2017-13. This Tax Correction corrected the total number of irrigated acres for Kenneth and Bonnie Lovejoy. Tax Correction 2017-14 was presented. This Tax Correction was for a correction in total number of irrigated acres for Kenneth and Bonnie Lovejoy. Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve Tax Correction 2017-13 and Tax Correction 2017-14. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. At 11:25am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to recess as the Board of Equalization and all members present reconvened for the regular business meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent, abstaining: none.

Krueger presented the 2018 Plan of Assessment for Webster County. Board of Equalization Protest Hearings will be held on Tuesday, June 20 beginning at 1:30pm. Protest Hearings are also set for July 6th and July 11th.

The Board of Commissioners approved to renew the term of Dave Mans on the Veteran's Service Committee.

At 11:30am, the position of Planning and Zoning Administrator was discussed. The decision was made to advertise the position as a part-time position with variable hours with an average of 8 hours per month. The ad will run for 2 weeks in the Red Cloud Chief and Blue Hill Leader. Discussion was had on salaries, raises for the 2017/2018 Budget year, additional pay for jobs assigned to offices and the merit pay option. These topics were tabled to the June 20th, 2017 meeting.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 11 part-time & 17 EMTS \$12,206.06.

	General Fund		
Adams County	Dues	\$	100.00
Adamson Industries	Equip		3,445.95
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		316.30
ASK Supply Co.	Supply		383.50
Black Hills Energy	Utility		639.88
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		88.50
Sara Bockstadter	Expense		440.00
Carpenter & Skalka Court Reporting Inc	Copies		78.00
Central Nebr County Assessor Assn	Dues		100.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Supply		1,628.82
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		2,350.33
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		448.00
S.S.	Fica		416.80
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		2,127.94
First Concord Benefits	Health		321.90
First National Bank of Omaha	Search		7.44
GIS Workshop	Support		9,745.00
Glenwood	Fee		10.00
Great Plains Communications	Phones		883.89
John V Hodge	Counsel		4,074.52
Hometown Leasing	Lease Payment		198.99
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms		28.94
Jared's Auto Expert	Repairs		849.03
Liz Kierl	Expense		270.53
Janet Knehans	Expense		181.90
Katie Krueger	Contractor		94.00
Sonja Krueger	Expense		72.90
Carol Kumke	Expense		473.66
Kustom Signals, Inc	Repairs		1,906.00
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Equip		424.45
Duane Lienemann	Expense		348.00
Lieske Law Firm	Counsel		78.76
Main Street Medical Clinic	Medical		125.00
Midland Area on Aging	Handibus		1,594.08
Mips, Inc	Support		1,385.37
NE Assn of County Officials	Dues		1,395.52
NE Assn of School Boards	Training		35.00
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage		1,000.00
O'Keefe Elevator Company	Maintenance		4,218.07
Omaha Fixture International	Equip		111.96
Pederson Distributing	Supply		90.85
Postmaster	Postage		144.00
Red Cloud Chief	Public		35.00
City of Red Cloud	Utility		1,322.24
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Counsel		2,240.30
Sullivan Shoemaker P. C. L.L.O.	Counsel		528.86
Theobald Law Office	Counsel		3,106.55
Ultramax	Supply		299.00
Ken VanWey	Mowing		1,125.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone		47.34
Village Pharmacy	Medical		124.27
Watch Guard	Equipment		5,020.00
Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund	Replenish		219.33
Williams Exterminating, Inc	Pest Control		88.00

Woodward's Disposal Service	Utility	5.00
Zee Medical Service	Supply	45.35
911 Custom	Supply	199.00
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Toby Albers	Phone	60.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	203.41
Paul Bencken	Phone	60.00
Black Hills Energy	Utility	119.31
Bladen Sand & Gravel	Gravel	60,158.94
City of Blue Hill	Utility	66.16
C & D Service Center	Repairs	54.69
California Contractors Supply	Supply	298.80
Country Corner	Fuel	268.61
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Grader Blades	4,250.00
S.S.	Fica	230.53
Elkhorn Valley bank & Trust	Motor Graders	34,376.81
Monte Garvin	Phone	60.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phone	154.18
Great Plains Communications	Phone	201.37
Michael Hunt	Phone	60.00
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs	24.81
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	10,175.00
John Deere Financial	Repairs	170.21
Bruce Johnson	Phone	60.00
Jeff Kuhn	Phone	60.00
Allen Kuhnke	Phone	60.00
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	22.21
Mips, Inc	Support	108.98
Monica Montgomery	Phone	60.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	2,868.24
David Niles	Phone	60.00
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	6,138.58
Power Plan, Dept. 77871	Repairs	816.28
Quill Corporation	Supply	211.51
R & M Disposal, LLC	Utility	33.00
Red Cloud Chief	Publish	24.80
Michael Reiman	Phone	60.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	172.13
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	8,325.00
C. Ardell Talkington	Prior Service	42.00
Tim's Service	Fuel	1,580.93
Marvin Webber	Phone	60.00
Webster County Hospital	Testing	80.00
Windstream	Phone	61.58
Kary Winslow	Phone	60.00
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
Ace/Eaton Metals	Culverts	10,551.40
Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors	Surfacing	17,349.19
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	10,253.00
NCK Quarries, LLC	Surfacing	6,185.54
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	8,450.00
	Modern Records	
Mips, Inc	Fee	100.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Bush Family Dentistry	Dental	130.00
Sean M Daly, D.D.S	Dental	488.80
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	818.60
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
Adams County District Court	Hearing	435.50
City of Blue Hill	Utility	207.67
	Diversion Program Fund	

Sara Bockstadter	Expense	521.93
	State-Federal Grant Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	99.66
S.S.	Fica	98.40
	Inheritance Tax Fund	
Rasmussen Mechanical Services	Fees	387.50
	Noxious Weed	
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	114.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.37
	Ambulance Fund	
A & K Sewer Cleaning & Plumbing	Fees	8,050.00
Black Hills Energy	Utility	83.32
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	49.00
S.S.	Fica	188.05
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.53
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	727.83

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm. After the meeting was adjourned, members of the Board of Commissioners attended a demonstration of a self-powered milling machine. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 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 6th day of May, 2017.

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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