

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 1, 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 Reiher, to approve the minutes of the July 18th, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr, and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Some Road Department employees have been taking vacation time. The Construction Crews have been working on replacing tubes, washouts and will be starting some large projects. Discussion was had on mowing of ditches.

Discussion for the overhead door at the Inavale shop was continued to the August 15 meeting.

Kuhn presented an Agreement between Webster County and L & M Contractors, Inc. for crane work on Project C91(636). After discussion, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve this Agreement. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

Buschow voiced concerns of a washout at a culvert north of Cowles.

At 9:05am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Bohrer, to enter into Executive Session for the performance evaluation of the Road Manager. At 9:20am, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to adjourn the Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

All members reconvened for the regular business meeting.

At 9:30am, Jeff Kuhn reviewed the proposed budget for the Road Bridge Fund and Road Construction Fund for fiscal year 2017/2018 with the Board.

At 9:55am, Sonja Krueger, Webster County Assessor, met with the Board. Krueger presented the Cemetery Report. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to accept this report. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none. Krueger informed the Board of a clerical error that they found while they were proofing. The error occurred due to an agland data conversion. The issue has been corrected and landowners have been notified.

At 9:55am, Harry Milligan met with the Board to discuss the Webster County Zoning Regulations. Milligan has reviewed the existing zoning regulations and suggests several updates and changes to the document. He quoted a cost of \$8000.00 to update the document. This was tabled to the August 15, 2017 meeting.

During open forum, Audrey Berns voiced concerns about the need to increase setbacks from wind towers. She also voiced concerns about construction equipment for the windfarm being on roads after dark.

At 10:30am, the Board of Commissioners met with Don Prochaska, Paul Ryan, Curt Fields and Zac Svoboda of Prochaska & Associates telephonically. Prochaska and Associates has been working with Dan Evans of Nebraska Jail Standards to determine need and size of a new jail facility. Discussion was had concerning bed count, classification of inmates, staffing and the overall operation of a new facility. Discussion was had on the location of the new jail facility whether it would be at a different location or at the same location or connected to the existing courthouse. Discussion then ensued about the condition of the existing courthouse. After much discussion, the decision was made for Paul Ryan to review a previous assessment of the courthouse, do a walk thru of the building and to meet with the Board of Commissioners on August 15, 2017.

Dennis VanWey, Webster County Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. Discussion was had on the need to control weeds in Webster County. A system of spraying weeds of noncompliant residents is being put into place. VanWey gave the Board copies of forms that he is going to be using. These forms were: 10-Day Individual Notice, Fall Noxious Weed Control Agreement, Notification of a Noxious Weed Problem, a Fee Letter and a Noxious Weed Inspection Report. These forms outline the progression of the County having the infestations sprayed and adding the cost to the landowners property taxes. A management fee, labor, machine hire and miscellaneous expense of \$600.00 and the spraying fees will be added for each parcel and/or quarter.

VanWey will be hauling items to the State Fair using the Weed Department pickup and his trailer. VanWey requested moving his office to an empty office on the first floor. The Commissioners agreed of the move.

VanWey presented his budget request for 2017/2018 budget year.

At 11:51am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Reiher to enter into Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Reiher, Shipman, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none. Sheriff Schmitz joined the meeting. At 11:55am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to adjourn the Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

All members reconvened for the regular business meeting.

At 11:55am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board. Schmitz requested approval of the Board to offer employment to a Certified Officer that lives outside of Webster County. The Board approved.

At 12:00pm, Nebraska Senator John Kuehn met with the Board. Several employees and members of the public joined the meeting. Discussion was had concerning the prison system, the court system, windfarms, schools and valuations. Pizza was provided by the Board for lunch.

At 1:30pm, Sara Bockstadter, Webster County Attorney, met with the Board to present her budget request.

At 1:40pm, Teresa Young, Director of the Webster County Museum, met with the Board to present her budget request.

At 1:45pm, Nelson Trambly and Carol Kumke, met with the Board to present the budget request for the Extension office.

At 2:00pm, Janet Knehans, Webster County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the budget request of the Treasurer office.

At 2:10pm, Gary Ratzlaff, Webster County Veteran's Service Officer, met with the Board to present his budget request.

At 2:20pm, Jolene Duffy, Webster County Clerk Magistrate, met with the Board to present the budget request for County Court and the County Judge.

At 2:30pm, Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board. Schmitz presented the proposed budget for the Sheriff's office and jail.

At 2:45, Sonja Krueger, Webster County Assessor and Appraiser, presented her proposed budget for the Assessor and Appraiser offices.

At 3:00pm, Ron Sunday, Webster County Emergency Manager, presented his proposed budget to the Board.

At 3:15pm, Debra Klingenberger, Webster County Clerk, presented the proposed budget for the Clerk's office, Elections, Clerk of the District Court and Register of Deeds.

The Board reviewed proposed budgets for the following funds: County Board, Planning and Zoning, Building and Grounds, Fund Transfers, Miscellaneous, Dental, Medical/Relief and Grant Expense.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 6 part-time employees & 19 EMTS \$14,543.31

General Fund

	Expense	\$	
Christa Alber	Expense	\$	22.47
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Retire		479.43
ASK Supply Co.	Supply		686.36
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		93.60
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		448.00
S.S.	Fica		583.40
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		82.95
First Concord Benefits	Health		264.82
First National Bank of Omaha	Equip		2,455.79
Glenwood	Fee		10.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Repairs		111.20
Great Plains Communications	Phone		155.72
Harlan County Sheriff's Office	Fee		27.04
John V Hodge	Counsel		1,830.05
Hometown Leasing	Lease		198.99
Liz Kierl	Expense		31.67
Katie Krueger	Fee		122.50
Carol Kumke	Expense		102.20
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Lease		424.45
Med-Tech Resource, Inc	Supply		79.99
Mid-Nebraska Individual Ser	Funding		3,812.00
Midwest Connect	Supply		375.00
Mips, Inc	Supply		60.46
Natalie G Nelsen	Counsel		781.60
Lynn Peavy Company	Supply		160.60
Platte County Court	Fee		2.00
Red Cloud Chief	Publish		1,299.15
Red Cloud Golf Course	Cleanup		11,092.94

City of Red Cloud	Utility	2,068.90
Theobald Law Office	Counsel	877.05
USDA, Aphis, Wildlife Services	Funding	1,470.54
Ken VanWey	Mowing	1,125.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone	47.34
Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund	Replenish	278.68
Webster County Court	Court Costs	85.00
Woodward's Disposal Service	Fee	5.00
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	274.39
Bladen Sand & Gravel	Gravel	31,915.22
City of Blue Hill	Utility	73.03
Country Corner	Fuel	74.63
S.S.	Fica	310.98
First Concord Benefits	Health	500.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phone	154.06
Great Plains Communications	Phone	199.51
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fee	948.50
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	22.21
Mips, Inc	Supply	357.58
NCK Quarries, LLC	Gravel	4,551.52
R & M Disposal, LLC	Utility	33.00
Windstream	Phone	63.12
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	18,375.22
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Sean M Daly, D.D.S.	Dental	204.00
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	672.00
RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, P.C.	Dental	118.00
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
Adams County District Court	Hearing	435.50
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.33
Red Cloud Chief	Publish	120.00
	Ambulance Fund	
S.S.	Fica	218.17

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 1st day of August, 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

