

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 19, 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 Reiher, second by Bohrer, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Reiher, Bohrer, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am, Fred Scarborough, Scarborough Construction, met with the Board. Scarborough reviewed a bid for repair of the Courthouse roof. This was tabled until later in the meeting.

At 8:55am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Kuhn updated the Board on the issue with Boner and Brinda concerning the maintaining of Road 1000 south of Road B. There is no written agreement between the parties. Kuhn has spoken to the Smith County, Kansas, Road Superintendent and they have not closed Road A. Kuhn is having the road surveyed to proceed with improvements to the road.

Several Road Employees have volunteered to donate sick time to another employee that is unable to work and has used all of his time. The Board greatly appreciates the employees donating their hours.

Bridge inspections are done. It was the recommendation of the Bridge Inspector to reduce the weight limit or close Bridge 12710 on 1400 Road south of Road L. Kuhn requested approval to proceed with plans for this bridge. The skid steer trailer has been stolen from the Cowles County Yard. SimpleSign has been installed on to the Road Department computers and the staff has had some training using the program.

The Road Construction Crew has completed several culvert and driveway repairs.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to proceed with Project 622. All voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Karr, to proceed with Project 522. All voted in favor.

Discussion was had on mowing along Highway 78. Discussion was had concerning windrows and mowing of ditches along county roads. Kuhn has been in contact with the City of Red Cloud concerning the asphalt on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Commissioner Buschow shared that he had been told by Keith Waterbury that his road had been maintained very well.

The Board commented that Todd's Trees and More had done a very good job removing trees in the Courtyard.

County Government Day will be November 14, 2017. Details to be discussed at a later date.

The pre-advertised Public Hearing for the approval of the 2017-2018 Webster County Budget was opened at 9:30am. No members of the public attended the hearing. After review of the Budget document, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve of an additional 1% increase above the Allowable Base Limit Increase over the 2016-2017 Restricted Funds Authority. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 39 – 2017:**

### **RESOLUTION 39 - 2017**

#### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

**WHEREAS**, a proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska as follows:

Section 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Webster County for said year.

Section 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Section 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no: Bohrer. Absent or abstaining: none.

**RESOLUTION 39 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 40 – 2017:**

### **RESOLUTION 40 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute §77-3443 states: Each County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and forward a copy of such resolution to the Chairperson of the governing body of each of its subdivisions. No final levy allocation shall be changed after September 1 except by agreement between both the County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council which determines the amount of the final levy allocation and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy is an issue;

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board of Commissioners passed **RESOLUTION 42-97** on November 18, 1997, which stated that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby support the introduction of a Legislative Bill that would exempt various fire districts from the County tax levy limit imposed by LB 1114 since these entities operate under laws entirely different from laws for counties due to their separate organization, structure and election;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Webster County Board of Commissioners that Webster County will not grant levy allocation to the Bladen Rural Fire District.

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

**RESOLUTION 40 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 41 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 41 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute §77-3443 states: Each County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and forward a copy of such resolution to the Chairperson of the governing body of each of its subdivisions. No final levy allocation shall be changed after September 1 except by agreement between both the County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council which determines the amount of the final levy allocation and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy is an issue;

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board of Commissioners passed **RESOLUTION 42-97** on November 18, 1997, which stated that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby support the introduction of a Legislative Bill that would exempt various fire districts from the County tax levy limit imposed by LB 1114 since these entities operate under laws entirely different from laws for counties due to their separate organization, structure and election;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Webster County Board of Commissioners that Webster County will not grant levy allocation to the Red Cloud Fire District.

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

**RESOLUTION 41 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 42 – 2017:**

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**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute §77-3443 states: Each County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and forward a copy of such resolution to the Chairperson of the governing body of each of its subdivisions. No final levy allocation shall be changed after September 1 except by agreement between both the County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council which determines the amount of the final levy allocation and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy is an issue;

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board of Commissioners passed **RESOLUTION 42-97** on November 18, 1997, which stated that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby support the introduction of a Legislative Bill that would exempt various fire districts from the County tax levy limit imposed by LB 1114 since these entities operate under laws entirely different from laws for counties due to their separate organization, structure and election;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Webster County Board of Commissioners that Webster County will not grant levy allocation to the Blue Hill Rural Fire District.

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

**RESOLUTION 42 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 43 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 43 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute §77-3443 states: Each County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and forward a copy of such resolution to the Chairperson of the governing body of each of its subdivisions. No final levy allocation shall be changed after September 1 except by agreement between both the County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council which determines the amount of the final levy allocation and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy is an issue;

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board of Commissioners passed **RESOLUTION 42-97** on November 18, 1997, which stated that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby support the introduction of a Legislative Bill that would exempt various fire districts from the County tax levy limit imposed by LB 1114 since these entities operate under laws entirely different from laws for counties due to their separate organization, structure and election;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Webster County Board of Commissioners that Webster County will not grant levy allocation to the Guide Rock Rural Fire District.

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

**RESOLUTION 43 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 44 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 44 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Statute §77-3443 states: Each County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions and forward a copy of such resolution to the Chairperson of the governing body of each of its subdivisions. No final levy allocation shall be changed after September 1 except by agreement between both the County Board, City Council, Village Board or Council which determines the amount of the final levy allocation and the governing body of the political subdivision whose final levy is an issue;

**WHEREAS**, The Webster County Board of Commissioners passed **RESOLUTION 42-97** on November 18, 1997, which stated that the Webster County Board of Commissioners hereby support the introduction of a Legislative Bill that would exempt the Ag Society from the County tax levy limit imposed by LB 1114 since these entities operate under laws entirely different from laws for counties due to their separate organization, structure and election;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Webster County Board of Commissioners that Webster County will not grant levy allocation to the Webster County Ag Society.

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

**RESOLUTION 44 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 45 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 45 - 2017**  
**PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of Webster passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and  
**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is the best interests of Webster County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of Webster County, by majority vote resolves that:

1. The 2017-2018 property tax request be set at \$2,900,000.00.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before September 19, 2017.

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no: Bohrer. Abstaining or absent: none.

**RESOLUTION 45 – 2017** was signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the public hearing at 9:50am.

Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 46 – 2017**:

**RESOLUTION 46 - 2017**

**WHEREAS**, The 2017-2018 County Budget, adopted September 19, 2017 by the Webster County Board of Commissioners, provided for transfers of funds in the total of \$780,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road/Bridge Fund #300;

**WHEREAS**, Sufficient funds are available in the County Treasurer's General Fund (#100) to allow for the first transfer;

**WHEREAS**, There are pending bridge projects that require funding;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska that \$195,000.00 be transferred from the County General Fund (#100) to the County Road/Bridge Fund (#300) as the first transfer of funds as stated in the 2017-2018 Webster County Budget Document;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the above designated transfer of funds shall be made by submitting a claim from the General Fund Account (0100-705-7-0200) and issuing an Imprest Check to the Road/Bridge Fund (0300-590.2).

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

**RESOLUTION 46 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 47 – 2017**:

**RESOLUTION 47 - 2017**

**WHEREAS**, The 2017-2018 County Budget, adopted September 19, 2017 by the Webster County Board of Commissioners, provided for the transfers of funds in the total of \$600,000.00 from the General Fund to the County Road Construction Fund (#800);

**WHEREAS**, Sufficient funds are available in the County Treasurer's General Fund (#100) to allow for the first transfer;

**WHEREAS**, There are pending bridge replacement projects that require funding;

**WHEREAS**, There is sufficient cash balance in the General Fund to make the transfer of the aforesaid budgeted amount for the current fiscal year;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that \$150,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund (#100) to the Road Construction Fund #800 pursuant to the requirements set forth in the 2017-2018 County Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the above designated transfer of funds shall be made by submitting a claim from the General Fund Account (0100-705-7.0202) and issuing an Imprest Check to the Road Construction Fund (0800-590.02).

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

**RESOLUTION 47 – 2017** was signed.

At 9:50am, the Board recessed for a break. The Board reconvened at 10:10am with all members present.

Because of time restraints, discussion concerning the Interlocal Agreement with Nuckolls County was tabled until a later date to be determined by County Attorney.

Discussion was had on the floor of the Extension Office in the Courthouse building. Commissioner Bohrer has spoken to a contractor and will contact him again. Discussion was had on the concrete approach to the west side of the Courthouse building. Discussion was had on removing the steps on the west side of the building that go to the sidewalk and making a sloping entrance. A bid has been received to replace the approach to the west side of the building. Also, discussion was had on replacing the steps at the south entrance to the Courthouse. Commissioner Bohrer will contact the contractor to see if he will also bid the south steps.

Discussion continued from earlier in the meeting concerning repairing of the Courthouse roof. The chimney is in need of very serious repair. The bid from Scarborough did not include repairing the chimney. Commissioner Bohrer will contact contractors. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. A broken window above the south door will be replaced by Jack McGuire. Discussion was had on removing 3 walnut trees and 1 ash tree from the Courtyard.

Discussion was had on proceeding with Phase 2 of the building of the Justice Center. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, for Prochaska and Associates to proceed with Phase 2. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 11:00am, Lonnie Dickson, Community and Regional Planner with Hanna:Keelan Associates, met with the Board to discuss the current Webster County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Dickson reviewed work that he has done over the years for several counties and cities. He agreed that the Webster County plans could be simplified. After discussion, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve for Hanna:Keelan Associates to put together a scope of action to update the

Webster County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 55 salaried employees \$117,440.29

	General Fund		
Adams County Sheriff's Dept.	Fees	\$	117.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		5,465.61
Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt	Counsel		2,395.40
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		22,043.00
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		238.97
Sara Bockstadter	Expense		247.28
Central District Co Officials' Assn	Fee		225.00
Coast to Coast Computer Products	Repairs		299.99
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Supply		2,114.93
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		1,573.06
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fees		238.52
Des Moines Stamp MDG Co.	Supplies		19.40
S.S.	Fica		5,968.25
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies		1,070.22
Emblem Enterprises, Inc	Emblems		311.32
First Concord Benefits Group	Health		222.00
Great Plains Communications	Phones		885.34
Hastings Tribune	Subscription		105.00
Jack's	Cleaning		1,500.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies		337.69
Jared's Auto Expert	Repairs		1,435.94
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees		5,483.75
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs		35.98
Deb Langer	Expense		87.10
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life		15.75
Midland Area Agency on Aging	Handibus		1,316.93
Mips	Supply		152.67
Mips, Inc	Support		1,428.80
NE Dept of Revenue Property Assessment	Training		1,200.00
Nebraska Secretary of State	Training		70.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones		212.05
Nebraska.Gov	Fee		50.00
Lynn Peavy Company	Supplies		92.00
Red Cloud Chief	Publish		695.66
Tami Scheuneman	Expense		31.56
Secretary of State	Supply		10.00
Self-Insured Dental	Premiums		2,752.00
Sequoia Consulting Group	Fee		2,175.34
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Counsel		2,303.80
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility		24.80
Teledigm Physician Service	Medical		481.00
Theobald Law Office	Counsel		1,591.25
The Thompson Company	Supply		441.06
Todd's Trees & More	Repairs		1,900.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone		44.98
Village Pharmacy	Medical		242.51
Watch Guard	Equip		10,040.00
Web Co Clk of District Court	Fees		108.00
Webster Co Clerk District Court	Fees		1,247.37
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer		195,000.00
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer		150,000.00
	Road/Bridge Fund		
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		2,511.68
Village of Bladen	Utility		53.89
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		11,462.36
C & D Service Center	Repairs		1,535.74

Central District Co Officials Assn	Fee	45.00
Century Lumber Center	Repairs	25.82
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	1,534.94
Country Corner	Fuel	182.79
Diamond Lime, LLC	Gravel	7,782.44
S. S.	Fica	2,854.26
Fastenal	Supply	312.00
Linda Grummert	Prior Service	57.00
Village of Guide Rock	Utility	66.90
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs	439.19
JEO Consulting Group	Fees	256.00
Jim's OK Tires	Repairs	574.00
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	519.09
L & M Tire	Repairs	17.98
Lawson Products, Inc	Repairs	268.20
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	15.37
Mips, Inc	Support	108.98
NCK Quarries, LLC	Repairs	6,794.94
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	20.83
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	4,349.29
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	11,757.41
Quill Corporation	Supply	82.36
The Retriever	Repairs	104.00
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	1,106.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	134.61
C . Ardell Talkington	Prior-Service	42.00
Timm's Service	Fuel	2,791.37
Van Diest Supply Company	Supply	453.65
Wiarcom, Inc	Phone	275.40
	Road/Bridge Construction Fund	
Ace/Eaton Metals	Culverts	9,659.28
Diamond Lime, LLC	Surfacing	10,222.44
City of Hastings	Culverts	1,076.92
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	9,723.37
	Modern Records Fund	
Mips	Support	103.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S.	Dental	1,034.20
Bush Family Dentistry	Dental	552.90
Heartland Periodontics & Implant	Dental	106.40
Timothy Lebsack	Dental	217.80
Pediatric Dental Specialists	Dental	208.00
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	213.60
RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC	Dental	129.74
	Hospital Bond Fund	
Union Bank & Trust Company	Pmt	524.00
	Bridge Bond Fund	
Union Bank & Trust Company	Pmt	24,868.77
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	142.68
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	881.72
Blue Hill Leader	Publish	81.90
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	39.30
S.S.	FICA	161.71
Hastings Honda	Repairs	61.39
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	8.65
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	111.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	45.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	48.11
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	801.13

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc  
Olson Enterprises, LLC

Rental  
Fuel

49.30  
122.53

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Dan Shipman - District One

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Trevor Karr – District Two

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Roger Bohrer – District Three

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Keith Buschow – Chairperson – District Four

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JoAnn Reiher – District Five

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ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger, County Clerk