

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 21, 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.

At 8:35am, Larry Cerny, a member of the NIRMA Board of Directors, met with the Board. Cerny reviewed Webster County's involvement in the organization.

At 8:45am, Monica Montgomery, the Office Manager for the Webster County Road Department, met with the Board. The Road Crews have been working on reclaiming corners, storm damage and culverts. After discussion, the Certification of County Highway Superintendent was signed designating Thomas Krueger as the Highway Superintendent for Webster County for 2017. Discussion was had concerning two pickups that have been damaged. One was hit by a deer while traveling on Highway 281 north of Red Cloud. One was backed into on a job site by an employee. The decision was made to have estimates done on both pickups.

A revised Interlocal Agreement between Webster County and the City of Red Cloud for the maintenance and repair of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue was discussed and signed.

Montgomery reported that she has entered 650 signs into the sign program.

At 8:55am, Ed Gerickie, a resident of Inavale, met with the Board. Gerickie discussed concerns of an alley way being blocked in the Village of Inavale. He has tried several ways to remedy the situation. After discussion, Commissioner Bohrer will discuss the situation with the County Attorney and be in contact with Gerickie.

Discussion was had concerning a Maintenance Man for the Courthouse. Commissioner Shipman had conversation with Kenny VanWey about the position. After discussion, the Board agreed to offer VanWey the position. Commissioner Shipman is to contact VanWey.

Discussion was had on completing the painting projects around the Courthouse. The decision was made to hire Monica Schmitz to complete the projects for \$25.00 per hour.

At 9:50am, Tami Scheuneman met with the Board concerning the Webster County Zoning Administrator position. After discussion, motion was made by Buschow, seconded by Reiher to appoint Scheuneman as the Zoning Administrator with a salary of \$250.00 per month. This includes all Zoning Permits and issues except those involving wind farms. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Buschow, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Bohrer. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Commissioner Bohrer left the meeting at 10:10am.

Discussion was had concerning payment of Cash in Lieu for Webster County employees that are not on the County Health Insurance. It was recommended by Jude Allen of NACO that it would cost the County more money than it would be saving to administer the payments. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to revisit this during budget time. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Absent: Bohrer. Abstaining: Shipman. Voting no: none.

Discussion of the County paying for family health insurance coverage was discussed. This was also not included in the Budget for 2017-2018 so will be discussed again at budget time.

At 11:00am, the Bid Letting for Cowles Northwest & Cowles West, Project No. C-91(357) & C91(637) was held. There were 4 bids. The first bid was from Midlands Contracting, Inc. of Kearney, NE. The bid was \$396,270.50 with a start date of May, 2018. The second bid was from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting of Sutton, NE. The bid was \$362,982.13 with a start date of March, 2018. The third bid was from Myers Construction, Inc. from Broken Bow, NE. The bid was for \$533,196.70 with a start date of May, 2018. The fourth bid was from K2 Construction from Lincoln, NE. The bid was submitted prior to the letting but was inadvertently not opened or read during the public meeting. The bid was opened following the public meeting by Keith Buschow, Board Chairman, Debra Klingenberger, County Clerk and Monica Montgomery, Road Department Office Manager. The bid was for \$686,574.40 with a start date of April, 2018. Jon Mooberry, JEO Consulting Group, will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Webster County Board at the December 5, 2017 meeting.

At 11:08am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Deputy Assessor Tami Scheuneman presented Tax Correction 2017-17 and 2017-18. These two Corrections totaling \$365.66 are for SDD Farms, LLC for the homesite and building site not being reverted back to agricultural land. Tax Correction 2017-19 was for Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation for \$11,544.46 for the property being designated as a permissive exemption. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Reiher, to approve these Tax Corrections. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Reiher, Shipman and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

At 11:15am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Buschow and Reiher. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

At 11:20am, discussion was had concerning a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for Webster County Employees. First Concord Benefits will be the Administrative Firm for the Plan. Under this plan, Webster County Employees will be able to deduct out of pocket medical expenses, dependent child care and group insurance premiums on a pretax basis. After discussion, motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Shipman, to approve participation in the Plan. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

Discussion concerning the Citizen Advisory Committee for the construction of the Justice Center was tabled to the next meeting. The Board of Commissioners would like to have Prochaska and Associates attend the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to update them on the progress of the project and to answer questions that they have.

At 12:10pm, discussion was had concerning wages for the Elected Officials for the 2019-2022 term. Several Elected Officials joined the meeting. The proposal from the Elected Officials was based on the 2019-2022 Salary Recommendations for County Officials Report by Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO). Their proposal started at the median of the recommendation from the NACO report which was \$58,150.00 per year. Several proposals were made by the Board. After much discussion, this was tabled to the December 5, 2017 meeting.

Motion was made by Reiher, second by Shipman, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Abstaining or voting no: none.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 54 salaried employees \$121,893.65

	General Fund		
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	\$	5,660.07
Blue/Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		22,043.00
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		197.76
Calkins Law Office	Counsel		380.07
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		95.16
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fees		238.52
Dataspec, Inc	Fee		449.00
Deanna Disney	Expense		103.93
S.S.	Fica		6,180.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Agreement		102.55
Electronic Systems, Inc	Repairs		50.00
First Concord Benefits	Health		301.16
Debra Fisbeck	Expense		122.96
GIS Workshop	Software		700.00
Glenwood	Repairs		237.50
Glenwood Telecommunications	Supply		94.95
Great Plains Communications	Phones		873.04
Hickman Masonry & Construction LLC	Repairs		8,500.00
Hometown Leasing	Lease Pmts		1,032.00
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs		119.04
Jack's	Cleaning		1,500.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Survey Fees		1,025.00
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life		15.75
Main Street Medical Clinic	Medical		340.00
Midland Area Agency on Aging	Handibus		2,266.76
NACO	Registration		750.00
Nebraska Extension	Registrations		200.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones		161.99
Vanessa Neuhaus	Fees		117.70
R P's Body Shop	Repairs		250.00
Tami Scheuneman	Expense		69.55
Secretary of State	Supply		5.00
Self-insured Dental Fund	Premiums		2,736.00
Sequoia Consulting Group	Fees		760.00
South Central Pub Power Dist.	Utility		24.80
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O	Counsel		628.63
Sunbelt Rentals	Fee		245.54
Theobald Law Office	Counsel		3,396.25
The Thompson Company	Supply		232.56
Web Co Clk of Dist Court	Fees		31.00
Webster County Hospital	Medical		95.95
Webster County Hospital Clinic	Medical		853.32
911 Custom	Equip		1,125.55
	Road/Bridge Fund		
ACE/Eaton Metals	Culverts		5,404.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		2,615.86
Auto Glass Experts, LLC	Repairs		100.00
Bladen Sand & Gravel	Gravel		26,373.84
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		11,462.36
C & D Service Center	Repairs		133.36
Caterpillar Financial Services	Repairs		5,200.00

Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	1,448.26
S.S.	FICA	2,972.29
Great Plains Communications	Phone	210.11
Village of Guide Rock	Utility	67.23
J & A Auto Supply	Supply	256.24
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	2,266.00
Jim's Ok Tires	Repairs	300.00
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Supplies	238.10
L & M Tire	Repairs	14.00
NACO	Registration	125.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	18.25
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	2,726.45
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	10,105.85
Power Plan, Dept. 177871	Repairs	565.89
Self-insured Dental Fund	Premiums	1,106.00
Shipman Seed, LLC	Fees	3,355.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	133.90
Michael Todd & Company	Repairs	64.32
Wiarcom, Inc	Phone	275.40
	Road/Bridge Construction Fund	
ACE/Eaton Metals	Culverts	8,499.74
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	5,418.25
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	3,860.64
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Butler Orthodontics	Dental	1,000.00
Andrew R Glenn, DDS	Dental	164.00
Island View Dental	Dental	20.00
Walter D Martin, D.D.S.	Dental	95.20
Minden Dental Clinic	Dental	94.90
Robert G. Money, D.D.S.	Dental	206.40
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	104.00
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
NE Health & Human Services System	Beatrice/Lincoln	186.00
	Inheritance Tax Fund	
Prochaska & Associates, Inc	Fees	5,165.56
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Adams County Sheriff's Dept.	Fee	45.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	152.19
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	881.72
C & D Service Center	Repairs	97.16
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	49.66
S.S.	FICA	172.48
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.53
NACO	Registration	125.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	2.20
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premium	111.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Great Plains Communications	Phone	48.28
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	48.48

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017  
Webster County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger,  
Webster County Clerk