

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 05, 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), Keith Buschow (District Four) and JoAnn Reiher (District Five). Absent: Roger Bohrer (District Three). 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 November 21, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Karr, Reiher, Shipman and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Kuhn reported that Jon Mooberry of JEO had reviewed the Bids for Cowles Northwest and Cowles West, Project Nos. C91(357) and C91 (637) from the bid letting on November 21, 2017. Mooberry recommended that the Board accept the Bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting of Sutton, Ne for \$362,982.13. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to accept the Bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

Kuhn complimented the Road Crews on doing a good job while he was gone on vacation. The Crew has been working on Road 1400 by cleaning up trees and hauling in rock from the windfarm to build up the road. The Crews have also completed a 10 year old driveway project. The Board wanted to stress that landowners are responsible for their own driveways. Kuhn will do a drive thru the windfarm with the manager to inspect the work that has been done. The Bridge Match Proposal has been completed and submitted to the state. Kuhn presented the Board with a list of old and surplus office equipment. The decision was made to list the equipment on Big Iron.

Discussion was had concerning the two pickups that have been damaged in the Road Department. Kuhn has gotten estimates from Jordening Body Shop and RP's Body Shop. For the 2005 Dodge Ram, Jordening Body Shop estimated \$3,200.00 and RP's Body Shop estimated \$2,700.00. The 2005 Dodge Ram does not have any mechanical damage. For the 2000 Ford F150, Jordening Body Shop estimated \$2,500.00 and RP's Body Shop estimated \$3,200.00. The 2000 Ford F150 will be inspected for suspected mechanical issues. After discussion, the decision was made to repair the Dodge. A decision will be made for the Ford once the mechanical inspection is completed. Kuhn will research pickups on the Nebraska State Vehicle Auction website.

At 9:25am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Reiher, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Webster County Treasurer Janet Knehans presented an Application for Exemption for two vehicles that will be used for transporting preschool children at the Valley Child Development Center in Red Cloud. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve this exemption. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Buschow and Reiher. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to recess as the Board of Equalization and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

Treasurer Knehans presented **RESOLUTION 50 – 2017:**

RESOLUTION 50 – 2017

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **SOUTH CENTRAL STATE BANK** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

FHL BANK – TOPEKA
IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #47974
AMOUNT: \$3,500,000.00
EXPIRATION DATE: 02/15/2018

Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 50 – 2017**. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Karr, Buschow and Shipman. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none. **RESOLUTION 50 – 2017** was signed.

December payroll will be done on December 29, 2017.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 51 – 2017:**

RESOLUTION 51 – 2017

WHEREAS, Depository Banks are required for the security of all funds for Webster County;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Webster County Clerk of the District Court has an account at South Central State Bank to secure the funds for Webster County District Court.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Webster County District Court Case Number CR 17-6 requires disposition of property seized prior to the trial. This Journal Entry states that the owner is authorized to sell the property with the proceeds being paid to the Webster County Clerk of the District Court. The Court is to place this money into an interest bearing account and disposition of these proceeds shall be determined by the Court at the conclusion of the case.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Webster County Clerk of the District Court has opened Account Number 5702058 for this money. This money will be deposited into this account upon approval of the Webster County Board of Commissioners. The following persons are authorized to deal generally with this account and their names will appear on the signature card:

Debra Klingenberger – Webster County Clerk of District Court
Abbey Harig – Webster County Deputy Clerk of the District Court.

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr and Buschow. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none. **RESOLUTION 51 – 2017** was signed.

City shares for the Webster County Public Transit were reviewed.

Discussion was had on wages for the Elected Officials for the 2019-2022 term. This was tabled to later in the meeting.

At 10:30am, Webster County Assessor, Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Krueger informed the Board that she has contacted NextEra to get figures for the name plate capacity for the wind turbines. She is waiting for a call back. She says that the tower and the transmission line cannot be taxed but the pad, foundation, road and building can be taxed as personnel property or state assess.

At 10:35am, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Assessor Krueger presented Tax Correction 2017-20 for Spring Creek Home, LLC. for \$143.34 for personnel property. Tax Correction 2017-21 and 2017-22 was for Lois K Frahm whose Homestead Exemption was applied to the wrong property. Motion was made Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve these Tax Corrections. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Buschow and Reiher. Absent: Bohrer. Voting no or abstaining: none.

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 10:45am, Zach Svoboda and Jim Classe, of Prochaska & Associates, met with the Board to discuss the progress of the Justice Center. The Project is in Phase 2 which is the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee. This Committee will exist of residents from the County, the County Sheriff and two Commissioners that will discuss, study and plan the project. Sheriff Schmitz will be contacting residence to serve on the committee.

Sheriff Schmitz shared with the Board that the Sheriff's Department had received a \$25,000.00 grant to purchase equipment for the E-citation program.

Discussion continued concerning Salaries for the Elected Officials for the 2019-2022 term. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to approve **RESOLUTION 52 – 2017**:

RESOLUTION 52 - 2017

WHEREAS, The Webster County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Section 23-1114 of Nebraska Law, Shall set the salaries for all Elected Officials of Webster County for the 2019-2022 term of office; and,

WHEREAS, The County Board have discussed this matter with current Elected Officials and have reviewed the NACO Minimum Salary Recommendations Report;

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the annual base salary of the Elected Officials for the 2019-2022 term will be as follows:

The annual salary for the offices of:	for the years of:			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
County Commissioner	\$21,600.00	\$22,248.00	\$22,915.44	\$23,602.90
County Clerk	\$53,000.00	\$54,590.00	\$56,227.70	\$57,914.53
County Treasurer	\$53,000.00	\$54,590.00	\$56,227.70	\$57,914.53
County Assessor	\$53,000.00	\$54,590.00	\$56,227.70	\$57,914.53
County Attorney	\$57,000.00	\$58,710.00	\$60,471.30	\$62,285.44
County Sheriff	\$57,505.00	\$59,517.68	\$61,600.79	\$63,756.82
Chief Jailer	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00

BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board Chairman shall receive an additional \$50.00 per month for the responsibilities and duties place upon the Board Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED, That with prior Board approval, Elected Officials are also entitled to and may be compensated for duties, labors and responsibilities performed for the County that would clearly exist outside of their respective offices, including preparation of the County budget and levies.

BE IT RESOLVED, That all Elected Officials shall be offered basic health, dental and life insurances and retirement benefits at County expense as other regular fulltime employees of the County.

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

RESOLUTION 52 – 2017 was signed.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 10 part-time & 14 EMTS \$9,954.83.

	General Fund		
Tricia Allen	Expense	\$	90.00
American Fence Co.	Repairs		5,800.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		444.70
Black Hills Energy	Utility		1,219.12
Sara Bockstadter	Expense		20.33
CVSOAN	Dues		60.00
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fees		448.00
S.S.	FICA		489.61
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		1,250.74
Franklin County Sheriff	Fees		95.28
Glenwood	Fee		10.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Repairs		95.00

Great Plains Communications	Phone	160.58
Marvin Hartman	Expense	21.77
Hometown Leasing	Lease Pmts	585.99
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	592.00
Liz Kierl	Expense	27.98
Tanner Krizek	Phone	420.00
Carol Kumke	Expense	56.58
Jerry Langer	Expense	21.77
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Equip	424.45
Jack McGuire	Repairs	300.10
Margaret Anne Meline	Expense	42.00
Mips, Inc	Equip/Monthly Support	3,486.34
NE Assn of County Officials	Dues	1,395.52
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage	1,000.00
Dianne Nichols	Phone	420.00
Quill Corporation	Supply	58.56
Red Cloud Chief	Fee	15.23
City of Red Cloud	Utility	1,501.56
Rene Rodriguez	Phone	420.00
Bradley Schick	Expense	374.20
Shannon Schriner	Expense	14.28
Edward Schurman	Phone	420.00
Verla Steiner	Prior Service	36.00
Paul Stoner	Expense	21.77
Ronald L. Sunday	Phone	420.00
Theobald Law Office	Counsel	1,491.55
Clara Tietjen	Prior-Service	60.00
Ken VanWey	Main/Mowing	380.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone	92.36
Village Pharmacy	Medical	777.31
Keith Waechter	Expense	39.96
Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund	Petty Cash	68.15
Webster County Court	Crt Costs	158.00
Webster County Hospital Clinic	Medical	42.00
Williams Exterminating, Inc	Pest Control	88.00
Zee Medical Service	Supply	29.25
911 Custom	Uniform	189.00
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ace/Eaton Metals	Culverts	413.74
Toby Alber	Phone	120.00
Heath Arterburn	Phone	120.00
Paul Bencken	Phone	120.00
Black Hills energy	Utility	146.21
Village of Bladen	Utility	53.76
City of Blue Hill	Utility	88.27
Christy, Burden, Wilson Partshp	Rental	180.00
Country Corner	Fuel	270.44
S.S.	FICA	102.74
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	82.66
Monte Garvin	Phone	120.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phones	154.66
Linda Grummert	Prior-Service	57.00
Michael Hunt	Phone	120.00
John Deere Financial	Supply	30.00
Bruce Johnson	Phone	120.00
Jeff Kuhn	Phone	120.00
Allen Kumke	Phone	120.00
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	22.00
Mips, Inc	Support	108.89
Monica Montgomery	Phone	120.00
NCK Quarries, LLC	Rock	10,555.95

David Niles	Phone	120.00
R & M Disposal, LLC	Utility	33.00
Michael Reiman	Phone	120.00
C. Ardell Talkington	Prior Service	14.00
Marvin Webber	Phone	120.00
Windstream	Phone	62.83
Kary Winslow	Phone	120.00
Zee Medical Service	Supply	199.30
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
Ace/Eaton Metals	Culverts	2,350.20
Consolidated Concrete Co	Culverts	12,747.54
Vogtscapes, Inc	Culverts	75,878.47
	Modern Records Fund	
Mips, Inc	Fee	103.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Black Hills Energy	Utility	188.65
S.S.	FICA	169.24
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	Rental	48.00

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 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 5th day of December, 2017.
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger,
Webster County Clerk