

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Kuhn reported that both of the damaged pickups are getting repaired. Kuhn presented an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Red Cloud and Webster County for sharing of equipment. After discussion, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Bohrer, to approve this Agreement. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Bohrer, Buschow, Reiher and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. The Board confirmed the verbal agreement concerning the use of the shale. Kuhn shared that the Road Department had received a Nirma Assist Grant for \$1,500.00 that will be used for the sign program. Project #378, that has been on the One & Six Year Plan since 1992, has been completed with rock and dirt from the windfarm. Rock and dirt from the Windfarm has been used to repair issues at 10 locations in the county. Kuhn estimates that the County has received 100,000 yards of gravel and 100,000 yards of rock & road base from the windfarm project. The Road Crew will be working on the Road to the substation from Highway 78. Project #622 will be completed this year. Discussion was had for repairing a trailer.

At 9:15am, Michele Bever, Executive Director of South Heartland District Health Department and Joe Morgan, Public Health Risk Coordinator, met with the Board. Bevers discussed with the Board the satellite offices, how to make the public more aware of services South Heartland District Health Department provides and the Essential Services of Public Health. Joe Morgan is in the office on the first floor of the Webster County Courthouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Bever will get a list of services provided to Clerk Klingenberger to be put on the Webster County website.

At 9:45am, Board members inspected the floor in the Extension office. Jack McGuire and Brandon Shafer joined the discussion. They had cut holes in the floor for the inspection. The boards holding up the floor have rotted so there is no support for the floor. Discussion continued to the courthouse basement where they inspected the pipes for the heating system and the foundation of the courthouse. A leak in the sewer system from the ladies restroom on the first floor was also found. McGuire and Shafer will compose a bid to repair the issue. Commissioner Bohrer will contact a plumber to address the sewer leak.

During open forum, Audrey Berns addressed the Board. She was inquiring if the Board was going to hold a meeting with the Webster County residents living in the windfarm during the construction and since it has been completed to discuss pros and cons of the project. The Board did not think that was necessary. Berns asked what is the name of the new windfarm and who is the owner. The windfarm west of Highway 281 has been named the Little Blue Wind Project. Webster County Planning and Zoning has not received any paperwork concerning this project. The Board assumes that NextEra is the owner of the project. Berns was inquiring who is the Webster County Planning and Zoning Administrator since the retirement of Lonnie Knehans. The Board had appointed Tami Scheuneman to that position during the November 21, 2017 meeting. Berns inquired if the Planning and Zoning Board was having a meeting in the near future. Scheuneman said there is a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00pm. Berns asked if Harry Milligan was rewriting the Zoning Regulations. Scheuneman said that Lonnie Dickson of Hanna:Keelan Associates is on the agenda for the January 24, 2018 meeting to discuss the updating of the zoning regulations.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman to approve **RESOLUTION 52 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 52 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, The 2017-2018 County Budget, adopted September 19, 2017 by the Webster County Board of Commissioners, provided for the transfers of funds from the Inheritance Fund (#2700) to the General Fund (#100).

**WHEREAS**, The balance of the General Fund (#100) is not sufficient for the transfers of funds to the Road/Bridge Fund (#300) and the Road Construction Fund (#800);

**WHEREAS**, The balance of the Inheritance Tax Fund is sufficient for the transfer of funds to the General Fund (#100);

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that \$345,000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700-990-7.0201) to the General Fund (0100-590.02) to cover transfers to the Road/Bridge Fund (#300) and the Road Construction Fund (#800);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the above transfer of funds shall be made by submitting a claim on the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700-990-7.0201) and issuing a check to the General Fund (0100-590.02) in the amount of \$345,000.00.

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining.

**RESOLUTION 52 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman to approve **RESOLUTION 53 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 53 – 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 second 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: Bohrer, Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining.

**RESOLUTION 53 – 2017** was signed.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman to approve **RESOLUTION 54 – 2017:**

**RESOLUTION 54 - 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 Expense) and issuing an Imprest Check to the Road Construction Fund (0800-590.02 Revenue).

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining.

**RESOLUTION 54 – 2017** was signed.

Discussion was had concerning an Employee Get Together. The Get Together will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Red Cloud Golf Course.

Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz shared with the Board that he has found several residents of the County that will be on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the construction of the Justice Center. Commissioners Buschow and Bohrer will be on that committee.

Sheriff Schmitz also shared with the Board that Webster County may be receiving a bill for the cost of emergency room treatment for an individual that was not under arrest at the time of the treatment.

More discussion was had concerning the floor in the Extension office. Jack McGuire informed the Board that the concrete that makes the roof of the tunnel that contains the boiler pipes is deteriorating. Discussion was had on what to do with the heating and cooling system in the courthouse building.

Discussion for repairing or replacing the south entrance was had. Commissioner Buschow suggested a metal stairway. Commissioner Bohrer will get estimates.

Motion was made by Shipman, second by Karr, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Abstaining: Bohrer. Voting no or absent: 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		21,161.28
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		228.18
Sara Bockstadter	Expense		390.00
Charm-Tex, Inc	Supply		107.80
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Supply		1,505.38
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		2,194.54
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fees		238.52
Julene J Degener	Mowing		360.00
S.S.	Fica		6,180.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		497.45
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees		234.00
Galls, LLC	Uniforms		71.95
Great Plains Communications	Phones		776.39
Abbey Harig	Mileage		38.52
Jack’s	Cleaning		1,500.00
Jack’s Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms		98.84
Jared’s Auto Expert	Repairs		87.85
JEO Consulting Group	Fees		1,300.00
Kenny’s Lumber & Home Center	Repairs		56.74
Deb Klingenberg	Expense		260.47
Janet Knehans	Exp/Fee Refund		174.20
Sonja L Krueger	Exp/Fee Refund		209.58
Kustom Signals, Inc	Equip		199.00
Lieske Law Firms	Counsel		395.71
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life		18.90
Manatron, Inc	Software		566.68

Midland Area Agency on Aging	Handibus	1,266.64
Mips, Inc.	Supplies	231.87
National Sheriff's Association	Dues	60.00
Nebraska Tech & telecom, Inc	Phones	200.54
Nebraska.Gov	Fee	4.00
Joann K Reiher	Fee Refund	47.14
Sam's Club	Supplies	31.45
Scarborough Construction, Inc	Repairs	29,173.66
Tami Scheuneman	Expense	114.88
Monica Schmitz	Painting	312.50
Troy Schmitz	Fee Refund	100.60
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	2,752.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	24.80
The Thompson Company	Supplies	352.50
Dennis L. VanWey	Equip	67.57
Web. Co Clk of Dist Court	Fees	36.00
Webster County Court	Crt Costs	127.17
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer	195,000.00
Webster County Treasure	Transfer	150,000.00
Woodward's Disposal Service	Fee	5.00
911 Custom	Equip	1,218.00
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Retire	2,615.86
Auto Glass Experts, LLC	Repairs	100.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	11,462.36
Consolidated Concrete Co	Gravel	387.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	1,915.05
Country Corner	Fuel	139.02
Diamond Lime, LLC	Gravel	775.17
S.S.	Fica	2,972.29
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust	Pmt	34,376.82
Energized Electric, LLC	Supply	129.45
Great Plains Communications	Phone	210.11
Village Of Guide rock	Utility	67.00
J & A Auto Supply	Supply	99.20
JEO Consulting Group	Fees	65.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	1,575.60
Jim's Ok Tires	Repairs	723.50
Jeff Kuhn	Expense	02.48
Lawson Products, Inc	Equip	327.04
NCK Quarries, LLC	Gravel	779.76
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	17.39
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	3,799.14
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	6,935.07
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	1,106.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	2,041.73
C. Ardell Talkington	Prior Service	28.00
Timm's Service	Fuel	2,313.38
Wiarcom, Inc	Phone	275.40
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	2,557.25
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	4,750.72
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Bush Family Dentistry	Dental	76.40
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	429.00
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
NE Health & Human Services System	Beatrice/Lincoln	180.00
	Inheritance Tax fund	
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer	345,000.00
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Retire	152.19

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health	881.72
S.S.	Fica	172.48
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs	29.48
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	6.79
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	111.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Great Plains Communications	Phone	48.28
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel	76.37

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 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 December, 2017.  
Webster County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Debra Kligenberger,  
Webster County Clerk