

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 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 January 2, 2018 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Chairman Buschow asked the Members if there was any old business requiring completion before adjourning the 2017 Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to adjourn the 2017 Board with the following projects being continued to the 2018 Board: Road/Bridge Projects and the discussion concerning construction and/or refurbishing of the Courthouse and Jail buildings. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

The 2018 Webster County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Roger Bohrer (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and JoAnn Reiher (District Five). The annual Organizational Meeting began with the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to reappoint Keith Buschow as Chairman. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr and Bohrer. Voting no or absent: none. Abstaining: Buschow. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to reappoint Trevor Karr as Vice-Chairman. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no or absent: none. Abstaining: Karr.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Kuhn reported that some of the Road personnel are taking comp time because of the cold weather. The crews had worked on snow removal over the weekend. The Crews will be working on trimming trees that are low hanging and in intersections, equipment maintenance and sign inventory.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman, to purchase the lots next to the Inavale Shop for \$4,000.00. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Shipman, Karr, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

Kuhn will be negotiating right-of-ways with landowners for future road projects. Kuhn will be attending DOT training in Ogallala, NE for certification for drug and alcohol testing.

Commissioner Karr commented that he had been in the Guide Rock Shop recently and was impressed on how clean and orderly it was.

At 9:00am, the Board opened the pre-advertised Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Road Improvement Plan. No public attended this hearing. After discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 1 -2018:**

RESOLUTION 1 – 2018

The following resolution was introduced by Shipman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Karr.

“**WHEREAS**, the County Highway Superintendent has prepared and presented a One Year and Six Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for Webster County, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on the 16th day of January, 2018, to present this plan and there were no objections to said plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the plans and data as furnished are hereby in all things accepted and adopted.”

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

RESOLUTION 1 – 2018 was signed.

At 9:20am, Kuhn submitted proposals for the position of Webster County Highway Superintendent. Proposals were submitted by JEO Consulting Group, Speece & Lewis Engineers and Oak Creek Engineering. This was tabled until later in the meeting.

At 9:42am, Webster County Attorney Sara Bockstadter met with the Board to discuss contract and bidding requirements. Bockstadter referred to Nebraska Statute 39-810 for contracts for construction and repair of bridges. Bockstadter referred to the County Purchasing Act for other purchases.

At 10:00am, during open forum, Jack McGuire discussed on how to proceed with the repairs to the Extension office floor. The decision was made for Commissioner Bohrer to contact Rasmussen Mechanical Services to see if pipes for the existing boiler system can be removed under the floor of the Extension Office without harming the existing boiler system.

The first meeting for the Citizen Advisory Committee for the construction of the new Justice Center will be Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve **RESOLUTION 2 - 2018:**

RESOLUTION 2 – 2018

WHEREAS, Nebraska Law requires County Officials to make certain publications in official newspapers designated by the County Board;

WHEREAS, Nebraska Law recognizes the Webster County website www.co.webster.ne.us as a form of publication and information; **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the Red Cloud Chief and the Blue Hill Leader be designated as the official newspapers of Webster County for the year 2018. Both official newspapers will publish the County Board Proceedings, the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Statements, the Delinquent Tax Lists at one-half of the legal rate each. Advertising of roads to be opened, closed or constructed will be published in only one newspaper, that being the newspaper closest to the road under construction. All other publications may be required in only the newspaper nearest the area to be served. This Resolution is adopted contingent that both legal newspaper have comparable rates and agree to same;

ALSO BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the Webster County website www.co.webster.ne.us will publish the County Board Proceedings, the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statements, Delinquent Tax Lists and advertising of roads to be opened, closed or constructed.

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

RESOLUTION 2 – 2018 was signed.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Shipman, to approve **RESOLUTION 3 -2018:**

RESOLUTION 3 – 2018

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute §77-1918 places specific duties on the County Board, County Treasurer and County Attorney for the collection of delinquent real estate and special taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners will receive the Webster County Treasurer's Annual Report setting out a complete list of all parcels of real estate in the County on which any taxes are delinquent and which are not sold for want of bidders at the annual tax sale in Webster County, as required by Nebraska Statute §77-1813;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the Webster County Treasurer, pursuant to §77-1918 of the Nebraska Statutes, is hereby authorized and directed to issue Tax Sale Certificates on or before October 1, 2018 covering the delinquent taxes upon such aforesaid parcels of real estate, and deliver the same to the County Clerk, the Board of Commissioners and the Webster County Attorney;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that the Webster County Attorney is hereby directed to commence the foreclosure of each outstanding Tax Sale Certificate held in the name of the County, and for the benefit of all governmental subdivisions entitled to participate therein, within six (6) months after the expiration of three (3) years from the date of the issuance of such Tax Sale Certificate, and then to continue such foreclosure to conclusion.

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

RESOLUTION 3 – 2018 was signed.

Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 4 -2018:**

RESOLUTION 4 - 2018

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Heritage Bank of Red Cloud, The South Central State Bank of Blue Hill and the Cornerstone Bank of Guide Rock be designated and approved for Webster County Funds for the year 2018;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of Webster County, acting in the best interests of Webster County, be and hereby is authorized to deposit funds and invest excessive monies of Webster County and its various districts into any depository bank with sufficient collateral in compliance with Nebraska Revised Statutes §77-2318.01 for the year 2018; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That all public monies paid to or coming into the hands of all elected or appointed Webster County Officials shall be deposited in the aforesaid designated depository banks until making payment to the Webster County Treasurer.

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

RESOLUTION 4 – 2018 was signed.

Discussion resumed on the County Board Appointments including the position of Webster County Highway Superintendent. After discussion, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Bohrer, to appoint Lance Harter of Oak Creek Engineering as the Webster County Highway Superintendent effective February 1, 2018. This motion also terminates the appointment of Tom Krueger of JEO Consulting Group on January 31, 2018 upon completion of the One and Six Year Road Plan submittal to Nebraska Department of Roads. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Bohrer, Buschow, Reiher and Shipman. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve the following appointments:

COUNTY BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS 2018

Webster County Board of Commissioners: Keith Buschow, Chairman; Trevor Karr, Vice-Chairman

Region III Governing Board (Behavioral Services): JoAnn Reiher, Delegate; Trevor Karr, Alt.

Midland Area Agency on Aging: JoAnn Reiher, Delegate; Dan Shipman, Alt.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services – Kearney: Keith Buschow, Delegate; Roger Bohrer, Alt.

Central Community College: Trevor Karr, Delegate; Roger Bohrer, Alt.

Webster County Hospital Trustees Board: Keith Buschow, Board Liaison; Roger Bohrer, Alt.

COUNTY ENGINEER: Tim Farmer, Speece-Lewis Engineers

COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (5-year term) Jim Fitzgibbon (01/01/2020), Michelle Cole (01/01/2019), Sharon Berns (01/01/2019), Debbie Albers (01/01/2023), Roger Crook (01/01/2023), Judy Ord (01/01/2022).

COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT: County Board

COUNTY SURVEYOR: (4-year term) Thomas Krueger of J.E.O. (01/05/2019)

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAL CONTACT: JoAnn Reiher and Roger Bohrer

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Ron Sunday

EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD: (2-Year Term) Tim Engelhardt (12/31/2018), Joe Strickland (12/31/2019), Buffy Niemeyer (12/31/2019), Riley Skrdlant (12/31/2019), Nelson P. Trambly (12/31/2019).

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION RESPONSIBLE CHARGE: Jeff Kuhn/Tom Krueger

FLOOD PLAINS MANAGER: Keith Buschow

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR: Debra Klingenberger

HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE: (6-Year Term) Richard Armstrong (01/01/2021), Jim Farmer (01/01/2019), Michael Buschow (01/01/2019), Janice Hartman (01/01/2023), Charlene Troutdt (01/01/2021).

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION: (3-Year Term) Shannon Schriener (01/01/2019; no appointment – Bladen (01/01/2023), Marvin Hartman – Guide Rock (01/01/2019), Garth Wentworth (01/01/2020), Keith Waechter (01/01/2020), Jerry Langer (01/01/2021), Paul Stoner (01/01/2021).

NIRMA SAFETY COMMITTEE: Abbey Harig, NIRMA Contact Person, Jeff Kuhn, Troy Schmitz, Monte Garvin, Allen Kuhnke, Carol Kumke, Carla Jameson, JoAnn Reiher, Monica Schmitz, Monica Montgomery.

NIRMA CONTACT PERSON: Abbey Harig

PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Tami Scheuneman

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD: Roger Bohrer

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP YOUTH TASK FORCE: Robin Peterson

SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: Jay Hall; Dan Shipman, Alt.

SOUTH HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH: (3-Year Term) Mirya Hallock (03/01/2018), Ron Kuehner (03/01/2019), Roger Bohrer (03/01/2020).

TITLE IV-ADA/504 COORDINATOR: Debra Klingenberger

TRAILBLAZER RC & D: Jim Farmer

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER: Gary Ratzlaff

VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE: (5-Year Term) Don Beitler (06/30/2021), Keith Kort (06/30/2020), Keith Waechter (6/30/2019), Bill Delka (6/30/2018), Roger Mans (6/30/2020).

VISITOR PROMOTION COMMITTEE: (4-Year Term) Ashley Olson (01/01/2019), Jill Coffey (01/01/2020), Rod Ely (06/30/2019), Linda Hitchler (01/01/2022), T.J. Vance (04/01/2020).

WEBSTER COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: Oak Creek Engineers – Lance Harter

WEBSTER COUNTY TRANSIT COUNSEL: Roger Bohrer

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY: Dennis VanWey

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: (3-Year Term) Dean Zalman (01/01/2019), Linda Mans (01/01/2019), Scott Schmidt (01/01/2023), Kevin Herrick (01/01/2021), Rob Wilson (01/01/2021), Tim Meline, Alt.

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

At 10:52am, Roy Montgomery met with the Board. As an Auctioneer, Montgomery does business with Auction Time and is interested in listing property that Webster County may have for sale. At this time, Webster County is compiling items to sell. After discussion, the Board approved of Montgomery selling items for the County. Discussion was had on the Planning and Zoning Position.

At 11:00am, Webster County Weed Superintendent, Dennis VanWey, met with the Board to submit his Annual Report and Activity Report for 2017.

At 11:15am, Colleen Minnick, Barb Goebel and Terri Stokes met with the Board. Minnick and others make Thank you quilts for the Veteran's in Webster County. Minnick was requesting funds to continue this project. After discussion, the Board stated that County funds should not be used to support this project but the members would like to support on a personal level.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report.

At 11:35am, Webster County Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. After discussion concerning permissive exemptions, the Board of Equalization will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 10:30am to approve all permissive exemptions.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve **RESOLUTION 5 – 2018:**

RESOLUTION 5 - 2018

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 third 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, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

RESOLUTION 5 – 2018 was signed.

Motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to approve **RESOLUTION 6 – 2018:**

RESOLUTION 6 – 2018

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, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

RESOLUTION 6 – 2018 was signed.

Discussion was had concerning the leak in the plumbing of the Women’s restroom on the first floor. Commissioner Bohrer will contact a plumber and inspect the issue.

A bid of \$3900.00 from Premier Custom Building Co. was approved to replace the sidewalk on the west side of the Courthouse.

The Board requested that the Director of Midland Agency on Aging attend the February 20, 2018 meeting.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 47 salaried employees \$125,043.23

		General Fund	
Adams County Sheriff’s Dept	Fees	\$	144.40
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		5,870.76
Black Hills Energy	Utility		1,534.22
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health		21161.28
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		236.45
Blue360 Media	Supply		67.25
Sara Bockstadter	Expense		134.52
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Supply		1,466.53
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		1,725.19
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		238.52
S.S	Fica		6,194.57
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		1,033.55
First Concord Benefits	Health		500.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees		234.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Fee		16.50
Glenwood	Phone/Supply		580.00
Government Forms & Supplies	Supply		120.00
Robin Hollman	Expense		855.14
Jack’s	Cleaning		1,500.00
Jared’s Auto Expert	Repairs		84.00
JEO Consulting Group	Fees		787.50
Kenny’s Lumber & Home Center	Repairs		214.93
Lieske Law Firm	Counsel		66.50
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life		18.90
Mailfinance	Lease		303.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info	Dues		100.00
Mips, Inc	Support		1,428.80
NE Assn of County Treasurers	Dues		50.00
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones		165.82
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage		1,000.00
Red Cloud Chief	Publish		61.00
Region 3 Behavioral Health Services	Funding		2,299.74
Scarborough Construction, Inc	Repairs		2,836.34
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums		2,752.00
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Counsel		1,262.75
Theobald Law office	Counsel		805.15
The Thompson Company	Supply		362.76
USDA, Aphis, Wildlife Services	Funding		1,925.81
Verizon Wireless	Phone		47.34
Webster County Court	Crt Costs		38.25
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer		195,000.00
Webster County Treasurer	Transfer		150,000.00
Woodward’s Disposal Service	Utility		5.00
		Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		2,618.79
Black Hills Energy	Utility		191.95
Village of Bladen	Utility		53.69

Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health	11,462.36
C & D Service Center	Repairs	814.40
Caterpillar Financial Services	Pmt	23,858.10
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	2,891.19
Country Corner	Fuel	248.54
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Repairs	332.00
S.S.	Fica	2,921.22
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply	87.18
Energized Electric, LLC	Utility	129.45
First Concord Benefits Group	Fee	11.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phones	154.93
Village of Guide Rock	Utility	66.80
J & A Auto Supply	Repairs	445.00
JEO Consulting Group	Fees	520.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	1,692.50
Jim's OK Tires	Repair	2,109.00
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	2.74
L & M Tire	Repairs	18.98
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	22.00
Mips, Inc	Support	108.98
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	15.70
Newman Traffic Signs	Supply	545.57
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	7,185.86
Oak Creek Engineering, LLC	Fees	1,850.00
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Repairs/Fuel	9,693.16
Power Plan, Dept. 77871	Repairs	15.49
Red Cloud Hardware	Supply	81.48
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	1,106.00
Timm's Service	Fuel	1,904.58
Wiarcom, Inc	Phone	275.40
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Century Lumber Center	Culverts	52.69
Consolidated Concrete Co	Surfacing	2,873.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	1,564.00
Speece-Lewis Engineers	Fees	6,821.51
	Modern Records	
Mips, Inc.	Support	103.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Bush Family Dentistry	Dental	57.00
Central Dental Group	Dental	267.00
Sean M Daly, D.D.S.	Dental	120.00
Minden Dental Clinic	Dental	480.00
Robert G Money, D.D.S.	Dental	18.70
Pediatric Dental Specialists	Dental	609.80
Webster County Dental Clinic	Dental	204.80
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
Adams County District Court	Hearings	711.00
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	152.19
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health	881.72
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	35.80
S.S.	Fica	172.48
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	1.49
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premium	111.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Black Hills Energy	Utility	277.28
Village of Campbell	911	210.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	144.73
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	Rental	49.30

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2018.
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger,
Webster County Clerk