

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 17, 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 Shipman, second by Reiher, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2018 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Shipman, Reiher, Karr, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. The Road Crews had the roads in good shape for wheat harvest. The crews have been working on cleaning weeds from the sides of county roads. It is time for the rural residents to mow their ditches. Commissioner Shipman commented that the trees need trimmed at Road F and 1900 Road. The crews have been collecting used oil. Project 618 is near completion. The final walk thru for Projects 357 & 637 will be on July 18, 2018. A Bridge #1806 has been replaced by a culvert at Road 800 and Road U. Work has been done on the Bridge #2212 east of Bladen. Kucera Construction will begin work on Projects 629 and 630. Kuhn presented the Annual Certification for the funds received by Webster County thru the Highway Street Buyback Program (STP) and the Highway Bridge Buyback Program (HBP). Discussion was had concerning the low water crossing north of the Diversion Dam.

Discussion was had on selling a van for Webster County Transportation, desks and other furniture on Big Iron. Discussion was had on equipment purchases for the 2020/2021 Budget year. The Road Department has been cleaning up projects and completing the One Year Plan. The Road Department got a big Thank you for preparing the entrance for the tank float.

Janet Knehans, Webster County Treasurer, reported to the Board that the County will receive \$38,887.88 for the name plate capacity tax for the wind turbines in 2018. Starting in April, 2019, the County will be receiving \$313,102.00 annually for the name plate capacity tax to be divided up between the districts in the County with the County General receiving \$59,035.74.

At 9:30am, Tami Scheuneman, Webster County Zoning Administrator, presented the Sound Level Compliance Evaluation Report for the Cottonwood Wind Project. The report shows that the sound pressure levels meet the Webster County sound level limit.

Commissioner Buschow reported that he had spoken with the City of Red Cloud about the zoning of the Courthouse building. He was told that commercial buildings can be in a residential zone.

At 10:00am, Mary Delka, Director of Webster County Senior Services and Webster County Transportation, presented an Agreement between Webster County and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for the purchase of a seven passenger Dodge Caravan Minivan. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Reiher, to sign the Agreement. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Reiher, Karr, Bohrer and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

The Webster County Senior Services and Transportation has moved to a new location at 309 N. Webster in Red Cloud. Meals are still available in the Red Cloud area by ordering a meal one business day ahead to be delivered to your home or eaten at the 309 N. Webster location or by using a voucher at Fat Fox's.

At 10:08am, the Board recessed for a break. The Board reconvened at 10:25am with all members present.

During open forum, Audrey Berns addressed the Board with a concern that a tornado warning was issued on June 19 and the wind turbines on the west end of the project did not turn off. Her concern was that Nextera was not in compliance by not turning off the turbines. Berns also asked about the progression of the Cottonwood II (Little Blue Project). The Board assured her that nothing has been filed concerning this project. Berns inquired about the audit of the Primary Election.

Steph Hamel presented to the Board a report of the noise levels of the turbines at her house that she has recorded.

At 10:35am, discussion was had concerning the preparation of the 2018/2019 Budget.

At 11:20am, Sara Bockstadter, Webster County Attorney, Dustin Gay, Energized Electric and Paul Krieger, Krieger Electric, met with the Board. On July 3, 2018, the three entities had signed an Agreement for the HVAC Installation at the Courthouse. Attorney Bockstadter presented a Mutual Rescission of Contract to rescind that Contract. After discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Bohrer, to approve the Mutual Rescission of Contract. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Bohrer, Reiher, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. All parties signed the Agreement.

Bockstadter presented a revised HVAC Installation Agreement. After discussion, motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Bohrer, to approve this Agreement. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Bohrer, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. All parties signed the Agreement.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 45 Salaried Employees \$126,435.50.

	General Fund		
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	\$	5,975.56
Black Hills Energy	Utility		266.27
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life		22,704.50
Blue Hill Leader	Publish/Subscriptions		886.61
Boarders Inn & Suites	Lodging		202.30
Comdata Universal MasterCard	Fuel		52.44
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel		2,087.60
Dunmire, Fisher, Hastings & Pauley	Counsel		11.50
S.S.	Fica		6,297.07

Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	1,314.75
First Concord Benefits	Health	559.50
First Concord Benefits Group	Fee	22.50
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees	234.00
Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Medical	408.00
Furnas Co Sheriff's Office	Fees	37.30
GIS Workshop	Software	5,440.00
Great Plains Communications	Phones	774.74
John V Hodge	Counsel	1,957.68
Hometown Leasing	Lease Pmts	1,548.00
Hometown Market	Supplies	1,596.65
J & A Auto Supply	Supplies	555.32
Jack's	Cleaning	1,500.00
JDS	Support	2,200.00
JEO Consulting Group	Fees	643.75
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	159.21
Janet Knehans	Expense	104.64
Lieske Law Firm	Counsel	63.50
Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc	Life	18.90
Mailfinance	Postage	303.00
Midland Area Agency on Aging	Handibus	1,908.10
Mips, Inc	Support	2,219.97
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	202.20
Postmaster	Box Rent	62.00
Red Cloud Chief	Publish	2,622.11
Region 3 Behavioral Health Services	Funding	2,248.26
Sam's Club	Equip	588.08
Edward Schurman	Repairs	162.90
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	2,770.00
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	Counsel	2,147.90
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	27.43
USDA, Aphis, Wildlife Services	Funding	1,497.03
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	2,618.79
Black Hills Energy	Utility	46.83
Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc	Gravel	12,743.44
Village of Bladen	Utility	55.98
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	11,806.34
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	3,007.87
Country Corner	Fuel	138.26
Diamond Lime, LLC	Gravel	5,917.88
S.S.	Fica	2,907.46
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	36.49
Fastenal	Repairs	363.40
First Concord Benefits Group	Fees	15.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	209.78
Jim's OK Tires	Repairs	394.00
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Supplies	969.71
L & M Tire	Repairs	14.00
Mips, Inc	Support	108.98
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phones	10.85
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	6,694.72
Olson Enterprises, LLC	Fuel/Repairs	10,995.58
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premiums	1,106.00
South Central Pub Power Dist	Utility	139.06
Timm's Service	Fuel	3,421.12
Wiarcom, Inc	Trackers	275.40
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
Diamond Lime, LLC	Surfacing	40,496.44
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Rental	124.99
	Modern Records Fund	

Mips, Inc	Support	103.00
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Central Dental Group	Dental	415.40
Sean M Daly, D.D.S.	Dental	220.60
Mark Driscoll	Dental	205.25
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	152.19
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Health/Life	908.18
Cooperative Producers, Inc	Fuel	246.60
S.S.	Fica	172.48
Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc	Phone	3.99
Self-Insured Dental Fund	Premium	111.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Black Hills Energy	Utility	36.39
Village of Campbell	911 Fee	210.00
Brad Frey	Repairs	154.21
Great Plains Communications	Phone	48.19
Inst-A-Tech LLC	Equip	1,800.00
Kenny's Lumber & Home Center	Repairs	230.42
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc	Oxygen Rental	79.88
Stryker Sales Corporation	Supplies	18,324.84

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

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ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger,  
Webster County Clerk