

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 4, 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 Reiher, second by Karr, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Reiher, Karr, Bohrer, Shipman, and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. The weather has changed the plans for the Road Department. Kuhn has received good reports from the public concerning the snow removal. The Road Crews have been working on cleaning up the highway approaches. The Maintenance Construction Crew has been working on equipment, shop repairs and replacing signs. The Crews have been re-facing the signs instead of purchasing new. Concrete will be poured in the Inavale shop.

Kuhn shared three proposals submitted to the Nebraska Department of Roads for Bridge Match money. The funds will be awarded on January 11, 2019.

Kuhn informed the Board that Road employee Allen Kuhnke will retire on December 31, 2018. An advertisement for that position has been published in the local newspaper.

The Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Road Plan will be Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 11:00am.

Discussion was had on fund balances.

Discussion was had on how to fill the position of Road Maintenance Coordinator due to the resignation of Jeff Kuhn. Discussion was had on how the position has changed in the last four years. Discussion was had on promoting from within or advertising for the position. The decision was made to advertise for Road Superintendent/Road Department Manager in local newspapers and the Omaha World Herald. If a Webster County employee is interested in the position, they will need to apply.

Commissioner Shipman commented that the Board of Commissioners have a better relationship with the landowners than in the past.

Kuhn shared that the Tree and Brush Policy has been a success. Kuhn is asking the Board how to proceed with the few residents that did not respond. The Board agreed to send one more courtesy letter.

Kuhn told the Board that Webster County will receive funds from a NIRMA Assist Grant to purchase a tree and brush cutter. Approval was given to purchase a disc.

Commissioner Buschow shared reports from the Webster County Community Hospital.

At 9:30am, discussion was had on when to have the Commissioner meetings in January, 2019. The decision was made to have a meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 8:30am to approve claims. The swearing in of the newly elected officials will be on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 9:00am.

At 9:55am, Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz met with the Board. Sheriff Schmitz shared with the Board that he has two checking accounts for donations made to the department for safety equipment and for the K-9. At the direction of the Nebraska State Auditor's office, Sheriff Schmitz is informing the Board that he will close these checking accounts. Funds will be created in the budget document so that this money can be receipted through the County Treasurer and paid out using the claim process. The Board approved this procedure.

At 10:22am, Janet Knehans, Webster County Treasurer, met with the Board. Knehans presented a printout of the balances of the Webster County bank accounts. Tax statements have been mailed out.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to approve **RESOLUTION 45 – 2018:**

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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 #52916
AMOUNT: \$3,000,000.00
EXPIRATION DATE: 02/15/2019**

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Reiher and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Chairman Buschow signed **RESOLUTION 45 – 2018.**

At 10:30am, discussion was had on the County Employee Get-Together. The Get-Together will be on January 20, 2019 at Deano's in Guide Rock. Social hour will be at 5:30pm and dinner will be at 6:30pm.

The Board accepted the report from Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz stating that he had collected \$6,782.74 for Distress Warrants.

At 10:50am, Lonnie Knehans met with the Board. Discussion was had concerning the fund balances and wages of elected officials and the County Road Maintenance Coordinator.

At 11:10am, discussion was had on the Courthouse being closed on Wednesday, December 5, 2019, for National Day of Mourning in respect for former President George H.W. Bush.

At 11:15, Liz Petsch met with the Board. As the Clerk-Elect at the 2018 General Election, Petsch was inquiring about getting paid for her accumulated sick time and vacation hours. Petsch would like to donate 40 hours of her sick time to a pool for other

employees to use. Petsch also discussed the Ambulance billing process. Petsch also asked for reimbursement for paying for the registration fee for the NACO Conference. The Board approved her getting reimbursed for the Conference.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 7 part-time & 17 EMTs \$5,424.42

		General Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	\$	198.94
Black Hills Energy	Utility		1,560.45
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		136.51
C & D Service Center	Repairs		76.38
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		448.00
Julene J Degener	Mowing		370.00
S.S.	Fica		200.34
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		1,482.96
First Concord Benefits	Health		1,000.00
Franklin County Chronicle	Publish		34.20
Glenwood	Phone		10.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone		105.90
Green Acres Motel & RV Park	Snow Removal		110.00
Hastings Tribune	Publish		162.30
Troy Himmelberg	Expense		65.07
Hometown Leasing	Lease		129.00
Hometown Market	Supply		779.52
IAAO	Dues		210.00
J & A Auto Supply	Supply		74.97
Elizabeth Janning	Expense		239.80
Jared's Auto Expert	Repairs		558.06
Krieger Electric Company	Contract		100,000.00
Jerry Langer	Expense		50.90
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Lease		424.45
MIPS, Inc	Support		2,159.97
National Sheriff's Association	Dues		60.00
NE ASSN of County Officials	Dues		1,391.76
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues		175.00
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage		1,000.00
Red Cloud Chief	Adv		40.70
City of Red Cloud	Utility		1,387.66
Bradley Schick	Expense		106.82
Scott Schmidt	Expense		68.34
Paul Stoner	Expense		51.99
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O.	Counsel		674.50
Superior Express	Publish		13.95
Ken VanWey	Repairs/Mowing		450.00
Keith Waechter	Expense		70.52
Williams Exterminating, Inc	Pest Control		88.00
Woodward's Disposal Service	Fee		5.00
		Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire		16.99
Heath Arterburn	Expense		226.24
Paul Bencken	Expense		120.00
Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc	Gravel		17,377.81
City of Blue Hill	Utility		99.75
Caterpillar Financial Services	Rental		5,200.00
Country Corner	Fuel		432.43
S.S.	Fica		19.26
First Concord Benefits	Health		273.27
Monte Garvin	Phone		120.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phones		155.14
Linda Grummert	Prior-Service		57.00
Michael Hunt	Expense		120.00
J & A Auto Supply	Supply		250.25
John Deere Financial	Repairs		659.16

Bruce Johnson	Expense	120.00
Jeff Kuhn	Expense	120.00
Allen Kuhnke	Expense	120.00
LRNRD Rural Water Project	Water	24.42
Mips, Inc	Support	108.98
Monica Montgomery	Expense	120.00
David Niles	Expense	120.00
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	2,180.11
Oak Creek Engineering, LLC	Fees	3,010.15
R & M Disposal, LLC	Utility	33.00
Michael Reiman	Expense	120.00
C. Ardell Talkington	Prior-Service	42.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone	47.34
Marvin Webber	Expense	120.00
Windstream	Phone	67.25
Kary Winslow	Expense	120.00
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
Joe's Fence & Welding, LLC	Repairs	5,917.48
	Modern Records	
Mips, Inc	Support	108.75
	Self-Insured Dental Fund	
Mark E Bush, DDS	Dental	57.00
Sean M Daly, D.D.S.	Dental	165.60
Robert G. Money	Dental	141.40
Steven Swenson, DDS	Dental	400.00
	Noxious Weed Fund	
Nebraska Weed Control Assn	Dues	210.00
	Ambulance Fund	
Black Hills Energy	Utility	240.11
S.S.	Fica	195.40
Moore Medical, LLC	Supply	654.99

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 11:40am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 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 4th day of December, 2018.
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger,
Webster County Clerk