

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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), Lonnie Knehans (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Knehans, to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2019 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Knehans, Ratzlaff, and Buschow. Abstaining: Shipman and Karr.

At 8:30am, Paul Stoner, Highway Superintendent met with the Board. Paul reported the road crews had been working very hard to repair damages to the roads and have taken pictures, etc to ensure proper evidence of damage in case federal funds became available to the counties of Nebraska. Trevor Karr reported to the Board that Silver Lake Schools called him to compliment the Road Department on keeping the roads in as good of shape as they can for travel. The Board would like the landowners to know they are working diligently and ask for their patience in trying to get the roads ready for Spring. There are a lot of repairs to do and the road crews are working night and day to accomplish this.

At 9:15am. The Board opened the bids received by various people on the cleaning and mowing for the Courthouse. After reviewing the 4 applications for cleaning, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to hire Ron Brumbaugh. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Ron Brumbaugh will begin his janitorial contract on May 1, 2019.

The Board then reviewed the 3 applications received for mowing. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to hire Van Wey Mowing Service. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Buschow. Motion carried. There were no snow removal applications received.

At 9:30am, Paul Moyer of Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture and Dennis Van Wey met with the Board. He presented his review of the Noxious Weed Dept and found it to be very favorable. He had no negative things to report and stated that Dennis is doing a great job. High scores were reported.

At 10:00am, Co Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board and presented the sale proceeds report for delinquent taxes done on March 4, 2019 at the Courthouse. The Board accepted the report. She also needed approval from the Board to establish a new fund #2200 in the budget for Webster County Transportation Handibus. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to establish this. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Knehans. Motion carried. The Museum Fund was also discussed.

Chairman Keith Buschow signed an Emergency Management Letter from Ron Sunday for disaster relief funds from damages occurring with the recent flooding.

At 10:30am, Dustin Gay met with Board to ask how installing his fresh air system would coordinate with the new windows.

At 10:45am, Clerk Liz Petsch met with the Board on ambulance billings.

Abbey Harig also reported to the Board on the Burial Policy and County Medical Assistance Policy. She is still working on them.

Ron Kuehner is retiring from serving on the South Heartland Board of Health Board. The Board is looking for a replacement! Anyone interested is asked to contact a Board Member. Appointment will be done in April.

Keith reviewed with the Board the recent Auditor's report that he had discussed with the Auditor last week. Audit changes will need to be implemented for minor problems found in present system.

At 11:30am, Teresa Young, met with the Board on County Museum.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve payroll and claims for 3/19/19. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fee)-\$21.86; Ameritas Life Ins (Retirement)-\$5929.01; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brant (Counsel)-\$702.68; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$2037.09; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$20,888.14; Blue Leader (Publish)-\$749.42; Central District NACO (Meeting)-\$240.00; Das State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$225.52; S.S.-\$6211.53; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$349.22; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$25.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$210.00; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$78.32; Great Plains Communications (Several)-\$194.15; Hastings Radiology Association (Medical)-\$536.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease Payment)-\$121.00; Hometown Market (Supplies)-\$1139.94; J & A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$15.98; Jared's Auto Expert (Sheriff)-\$118.10; Kustom Signals Inc (Sheriff)-\$154.00; Laquinta Inns & Suites (Lodging)-\$199.90; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$18.90; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1465.99; Mips Inc. (Support)-\$2155.97; Nebraska State Patrol (Fees)-\$744.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, INC (Phones)-\$69.57; Lynn Peavy Company (Supply)-\$63.50; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$76.00; Tami Scheuneman (Expense)-\$75.40; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2795.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1421.10; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utilities)-\$29.56; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2660.00; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$33.00; Webster County Court (Costs)-\$53.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Fees)-\$5.00. ROAD FUND: Ameritas Life Ins (Retirement)-\$2507.81; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$3651.62; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$10,898.16; C & D Service Center (Repairs)-\$1625.09; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$211.20; Cooperative Producers, Inc. (Fuel)-\$1171.73; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$59.23; S.S.-\$2799.87; Faimon Electric & Digging Inc (Repairs)-\$1929.52; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$15.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utilities)-\$74.05; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs)-\$54.98; J & A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$60.27; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$813.00; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$345.50; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$108.98; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$17.52; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$3612.95; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$8853.30; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$995.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$291.44; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$826.89; Vision Service (Plan)-\$16.68; Western Pathology Consultants (Supply)-\$55.00;

Wiarcom Inc (Trackers)-\$275.40. ROAD CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION: Van Kirk Contracting (Culverts)-\$8444.54. MODERN RECORDS: Mips Inc (Fees)-\$108.75. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$211.00. COUNTY MEDICAL FUND: NE Health & Human Services (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$354.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retirement)-\$179.59; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$908.18; S.S.-\$203.54; NE Weed Control Assn-Region (Dues)-\$15.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$111.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$133.80; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$88.00; Physio-Control, Inc (Supply)-\$529.83.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 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 20th day of March, 2019
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk