

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 5, 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 January 15, 2019 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Knehans, Ratzlaff, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am Jeff Kuhn and Paul Stoner met with the Board. Road employees have been working on the shops and equipment repairs and doing road maintenance. Jeff stated they now have 4 sets of magnets to pick up metal and debris while dragging the roads.

Discussion was held on accident at the Road Shop in Inavale.

Sales tax issues were discussed. There will be a motor grading class in March for the guys to attend. Jeff also reported there are some equipment machine issues that will need to be repaired. Nirma has a Class in March for employment management. The Board approved verbally of letting Paul Stoner keep the County pickup at his home. February 28th will be Jeff's last day of employment with the County.

Gary Ratzlaff met with the Board stating he would need more money in his budget to attend a training session for Veteran Service Officers in Omaha. Cost of lodging, registration, and meals expense will be at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Knehans to approve this additional budget request. Voting in favor: Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion was approved.

The Board discussed publishing costs for the minutes and claims. It was decided to publish full listing of both on the website and keeping a copy in the Clerk's Office for public to see. As far as the Red Cloud Chief and the Blue Hill Leader, they will only be publishing the minutes without the claims.

Motion was made by Knehans and seconded by Karr to adopt Resolution 6-2019. Voting to approve: Shipman, Karr, Knehans, Buschow and Ratzlaff. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 6-2019** was signed.

Motion was made by Knehans and seconded by Karr to adopt Resolution 7-2019. Voting to approve: Shipman, Karr, Knehans, Buschow and Ratzlaff. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 7-2019** was signed.

Motion was made by Knehans and seconded by Karr to adopt Resolution 8-2019. Voting to approve: Shipman, Karr, Knehans, Buschow and Ratzlaff. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 8-2019** was signed.

At 9:30 am, Michele Bever met with the Board with her Annual South Heartland District Report. Legislation was discussed coming from NACO and that less funding is being received from the State and Federal sources and they are getting low on funds to operate on. They feel their agency provides lots of services for the people of Webster County.

At 9:45am, Janet Knehans, Webster County Treasurer met with the Board and presented her Delinquent Tax List that will be published in the paper. She stated to the Board we will probably have a fairly good tax sale on Monday, March 4th at 9:00am. She discussed county lodging tax with the Board. The Board may request a list of Bed & Breakfasts in the County from the State and Keith will sign a letter at the next meeting. Janet also stated the State Auditor's Office will be doing our Audit the week of March 11th.

Clerk Louise Petsch requested an Audit be done at the same time on her office. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to have this done at the same time as the County Audit. Voting in favor: Shipman, Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Jim Farmer met with the Board on funding for RC & D Trailblazer. He requested an increase to \$350.00. He also reported on recycling of waste products. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Shipman to approve this increase. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Knehans, Buschow and Ratzlaff. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Jim thanked the Board for all their help in funding this project.

Brittany Bennett, former employee, met with the Board concerning unpaid wages she felt she was entitled to. County Attorney Sara Bockstadter asks for time to investigate this matter so was tabled until next meeting on February 19, 2019.

Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board on her IT support through Glenwood. Glenwood no longer offers IT support and check payment was returned to her. She asks that the Board allow her to use this amount at a later time when she finds a new company. The returned check has to be put back into the General Fund.

At 11:00am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. All members voted in approval. Ms. Robach, Atty for Vetter Homes met with the Board, along with Kim Grams from Heritage Care Center pertaining to applying for tax exempt status. The Assessor and Board will review this and a decision will be made before June 1st. The Elm Street Center/Webster County Senior Center did not attend the meeting, therefore Board denied the exemption for their facility. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to deny this application. Voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Knehans, Buschow and Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go out of Bd of Equalization. All members voted in favor.

At 11:30am, Troy Schmitz, Board Members and Clerk went into Executive Session for personnel matters with motion from Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman. All voted in favor. At 11:45am motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Executive Session. All members voted in favor.

At 11:50am Dustin Gay/Energized Electric and representatives from O'Connor Corp met with the Board to discuss the new problems associated with the HVAC System. Completion is delayed until April until the problems can be addressed and additional

costs for repairs can be obtained from company Dustin is working with. The Board was relieved this had been detected early so the problems can be fixed. The Attorney's Office also needed Revisions done to their office from the original contract.

At 12:00 noon, Lonnie Knehans asked to be excused from the Board Meeting.

The remaining Board Members of Buschow, Ratzlaff, Shipman and Karr discussed replacing the windows in the Courthouse and our options in doing this. A Representative from Pella Windows will be at the next Board Meeting on February 19, 2019.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Claims were approved.

GENERAL FUND

Ameritas Life Ins	retirement	717.43
Beyke Signs	supply	200.00
Black Hills Energy	utility	2061.11
Blue Hill Leader	publish	102.59
Blu360 Media	supply	71.25
Sara Bockstadter	expense	26.68
Calkins Law Office	counsel	128.25
CPI	fuel	744.18
DAS State Acctng	telecom fee	448.00
EFTPS	fica	788.97
Eakes Office Solutions	supply	1788.33
First National Bank Omaha	supply	427.51
First National Bank Omaha	supply	878.06
Deb Fisbeck	expense	12.04
Franklin Co Chronicle	publish	102.60
Glenwood	fee	10.00
Great Plains Comm	phones	904.26
Great Plains Comm	phone system	44414.81
Hastings Tribune	adv	359.40
Alexa Hinrichs	expense	47.74
Hometown Leasing	payment	129.00
Home Market	supplies	1251.72
Integratiopartners	equipment	550.15
Jared's Auto Expert	repairs	45.00
Leaf Capitol Funding	lease pmt	424.45
Med-Tech Resource	supply	59.95
Menards	repairs	276.84
Midland Area Agency	handibus	1550.43
Mips	repairs	1940.30
Ne Assn of Co Officials	refund	25.00
Ne Assn of Co Treasurers	dues	50.00
Nebr Clk of Dist Crt Assn	registrations	150.00
Neofunds by Neopost	postage	1000.00
Platte Co Sheriff	fees	18.50
Gary Ratzlaff	expense	206.86
Red Cloud Chief	publish	422.88
City of Red Cloud	utility	1693.45
Sam's Club	supply	156.41
Bradley Schick	expense	698.73
Secretary of State	supply	5.00
SCPPD	utility	24.80
Southern Title LLC	fees	150.00
Superior Express	publish	39.39
Theobald Law Office	counsel	855.00
Bonna Vance	service	326.25
Ken VanWey	repairs/mowing/snow remv	495.00
Village Pharmacy	medical	35.15
Web Co Clk Dist Crt	fees	33.00
Web Co Sheriff	petty cash	88.46
Web Co Crt	costs	84.00
Williams Ext	pest control	88.00
Woodward's Disposal	fee	5.00

ROAD FUND

Black Hills Energy	utility	281.54
Bladen Sand	gravel	272.08
Village of Bladen	utility	54.27
Blue Hill Leader	publish	37.75
City of Blue Hill	utility	131.74
Country Corner	fuel	117.96
Eakes	supply	25.98
Fleetpride	repairs	173.92
Garrett Ent	repairs	194.82
Glenwood	phones	155.11
Great Plains Comm	phone	214.19
Hometown Market	supply	5.49
Hydraulic Equip Ser	repairs	650.00
J & A Auto Supply	repairs	258.37
Krueger Land Surveying	fees	560.00
LRNRD	water	22.21
Napa	repairs	139.23
Power Plan	repairs	108.96
R & M Disp	utility	33.00
Red Cloud Chief	publish	57.75
SCPPD	utility	143.99
Universal Hydraulics	repairs	340.00
Verizon Wireless	phone	47.34
Windstream	phone	70.05

ROAD CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Krueger Land Surveying	fees	400.00
Oak Creek Engineering	fees	6333.00
Webster Co Treasurer	transfer	100000.00

SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND

Douglas Baum	dental	392.00
Kory Bumgardner	dental	149.60
Sean Daly	dental	332.40
Minden Dental	dental	392.00
Pediatric Dental S	dental	176.80
Webster Co Dental	dental	995.00
RC Wilson	dental	240.00

COUNTY MEDICAL FUND

Dewitt Funeral Home	cremation	1500.00
Franklin Co Hospital	medical	902.94
Hastings Radiology Assoc	medical	59.78
NE Health & Human	Beatrice/Lincoln	186.00
Teledigm Physician Ser	medical	282.72

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Webster County Treasurer	transfer	44414.81
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NOXIOUS WEED FUND

Great Plains Comm	phone	48.95
Ne Assn of Co Officials	registration	140.00

AMBULANCE FUND

Black Hills Energy	utility	320.98
EFTPS	fica	326.81
Great Plains Comm	phone	48.39
Matheson Tri-Gas	oxygen rental	301.20

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 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 5th day of February, 2019
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk