

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 16, 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 Knehans, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman, Motion carried.

Paul Stoner, Highway Superintendent met with the board at 8:35am. Paul reported the road crews have been working hard repairing the damaged roads and are making some progress. There is an issue along the county line into Kansas and Paul will visit with them on that.

At 9:15am, the Board held their Bid Letting for the southern Walnut Creek Bridge with Engineer Mike Rowe and Road Supt. Lance Harter present. Only one bid was received on this project. Following discussion, and the bid being \$70,000 less than the engineer's estimate, motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Ratzlaff to accept the bid of \$204,779.00 from Norfolk Contracting Inc. with a completion date of April 1, 2020. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Motion was approved.

At 9:30am, Deputy Clerk Abbey Harig met with the Board on County Board Workshop in Kearney June 6 & 7. Keith and Gary will be attending. Credit Card Policy was discussed and tabled until next meeting for a final decision. Abbey presented her District Court Summary Fee Forecast Report for March to the Board. They also discussed the Burial Policy and decided to ask Dayre Williams and John Weddingfeld to attend the May 7th meeting to discuss this matter with them and answer some questions we still have on this issue.

At 9:45am, Sheriff Troy Schmitz and Clerk Louise Petsch met with the board on copy fees. Following a discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to charge \$50 for boarding fees, \$2 for copies and \$5 for picture copies from the Sheriff's office. Motion by Shipman, second by Karr to approve the fee costs listed. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. The Board then discussed copy fees for the Clerk's Office. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Knehans to charge \$1 per copy for documents from the books in the vault if the clerk's office has to find them and .25cents a copy if they do it themselves. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Motion carried.

At 9:55am the Board went through proposals for removing old heat registers in the courthouse. This was published in the April 2nd minutes in the paper and stated anyone wishing to submit a bid could do so by the April 16th meeting. Only one bid was received from Busch Construction of \$20 a register. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this bid. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: Buschow abstained from the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:00am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve salaries and claims for April 16th meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Clerk Petsch met with the Board on two claims for County Assistance for utility bills. The Board felt that not enough information was given at this time to grant this assistance. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Karr to deny these claims. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent, or abstaining: none. Motion carried.

At 11:00am, Philip Jensen from Great Plains met with the Board concerning the new phone system that has been installed in the courthouse. Questions were answered and suggestions were given to improve the system and cutting costs. The Board thanked Mr. Jensen for coming to the meeting.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve **RESOLUTION 16-2019:**

RESOLUTION 16 – 2019

WHEREAS, there is not enough sufficient funds to pay our annual Bridge Bond payment to Union Bank & Trust Company for \$198,875.36.

WHEREAS, there is sufficient cash balance in the Inheritance Fund to make the stated Transfer.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that \$23,000.00 be transferred from the Inheritance Fund (2700-590.02) to the #3700 Bridge Bond Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above designated transfer of funds shall be made by submitting a claim on the Inheritance Fund (2700-990-7-0207) and issuing an Imprest Check to the Bridge Bond Fund (3700-590.02).

ADOPTED, this 16th day of April, 2019

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve **RESOLUTION 16-2019:**

Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. RESOLUTION 16-2019 was signed.

Salaries and claims approved were:\$123,050.23 for 49 employees.

GENERAL FUND:Ameritas Life Ins (retirement)-\$5,772.50; Black Hills Energy (utility)-\$1,600.89; BCBS(health/life)-\$19,979.96; Blue Hill Leader(publish/sub)-\$201.47; C & D Service(repairs)-\$41.90; Carrot-Top(flags)-\$125.43; Central Nebr Cremation(fee)\$400.00; Charm-Tex Inc(supply)-\$85.90; CPI(fuel)-\$1,518.82; DAS St Acctg(fees)-\$225.52; S.S.(Fica)-\$6,041.80; Eakes(supply/leases)-\$1,458.43; First Concord(fees)-\$17.50; First Concord(fees)-\$222.00; Green Acres(snow removal)-\$142.00; Hometown Leasing(leases)-\$1,126.72; Hometown Market(supply)-\$388.82; Jack's(cleaning)-\$1,500.00; Kenny's Lumber(repairs)-\$182.37; Sonja Krueger(expense)-\$27.26; Madison(life)-\$10.56; Mailfiance(lease)-\$303.00; Midland Area Agency(handibus)-\$1,709.93; Midwest Connect(supply)-\$195.00; Mips(support)-\$2,155.97; NACT(registration)-\$125.00; Nebr Tech(phones)-\$67.13;

City of Red Cloud(utility)-\$1,858.76; Region 3 Behavioral(funding)-\$2,248.26; Monica Schmitz(painting)-\$256.25; Self-Insured Dental(premiums)-\$2,777.00; Skalka & Baack Law(counsel)-\$389.50; SCPPD(utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker Law(counsel)-\$1,186.50; Sun Data Supply(supply)-\$99.95; Terwey Law(counsel)-\$386.28; Verizon(phones)-\$240.06; Web Co Hospital(health fair)-\$830.00; Web Co Clinic(medical)-\$75.00; Woodward's Disposal(utility)-\$5.00. ROAD FUND: Ameritas Life Ins(retirement)-\$2,507.81; Black Hills Energy(utility)-\$193.14; BC/BS(health/life)-\$10,898.16; CPI(fuel)-\$1,805.31; Country Corner(fuel)-\$129.26; S.S.(Fica)-\$2,799.87; Faimon Electric(repairs)-\$131.68; First Concord(health)-\$144.89; First Concord(fees)-\$10.00; Village of Guide Rock(utility)-\$74.40; J & A Auto(repairs)-\$62.64; Jim's OK Tires(repairs)-\$165.00; Kenny's Lumber(repairs)-\$270.09; Mips(support)-\$108.98; Nebr Tech(phones)-\$16.36; Nebr Machinery(repairs)-\$8,430.61; Olson Ent(fuel)-\$7,991.42; Self-Insured Dental(premiums)-\$995.00; SCPPD(utility)-\$258.26; Timm's (fuel)-\$1,214.03; Wiacom(phone)-\$275.40. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Blue Hill Leader(publish)-\$67.70. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips(support)-\$108.75. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Mark Driscoll(dental)-\$101.00; Pediatric Dental(dental)-\$438.40; and RC Wilson(dental)-\$209.40. INHERITANCE FUND: Web Co Treas(transfer)-\$23,000.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Ins(retirement)-\$179.59; BC/BS(health)-\$908.18; S.S.(Fica)-\$203.54; J & A Auto(repairs)-\$14.98; Ramada Kearney(lodging)-\$152.00 and Self-Insured Dental Fund(premium)-\$111.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Black Hills Energy(utility)-\$270.61; Bound Tree(supplies)-\$1,159.40; Village of Campbell(911 rent)-\$210.00; CPI(fuel)-\$143.86; McKesson Medical(supplies)-\$496.82; and Marlys Schmidt(training)-\$200.00.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 11:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday May 7, 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 16th Day of April, 2019
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk