

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Karr to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting with a correction stating that Bush Construction who made the only bid for removing the registers from the courthouse is Keith Buschow. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman, Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. He reported the road crews are working diligently to continue repairing the roads and equipment that had windows broken. They have been piling concrete they got from the destruction of the Bladen School. It will be crushed this summer and used for their projects.

At 9:00am, Abbey Harig met with the Board and submitted her District Report for the month.

The Board discussed the Flood Plain Management Agreement. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this agreement and have Keith sign it. This being for pipeline repairs. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, Sharon Hueftle from SCEDD met with the Board and gave her annual updated report on projects being done and future plans for the agency.

At 9:30am, Clerk Petsch presented a County Medical Claim that had been submitted the month before, but included more information needed by the Board. Following discussion, motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Buschow to approve payment of these two bills. Upon roll call vote: Voting no: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Knehans. Abstaining: Shipman. Motion was denied for approval of these claims.

At 9:55am, Assessor Krueger met with the Board on new properties purchased by Willa Cather Foundation presented for tax exempt status. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Following discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to partially approve the tax exemptions for Willa Cather Foundation. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion was then made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve payroll and claims for May 7th meeting. All members voted in favor.

At 10:00am, Treasurer Knehans, met with the Board for two pledged securities for Letters of Credit with South Central State Bank. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Karr to approve **Resolution 17-2019 and Resolution 18-2019:**

Resolution 17-2019

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 #55379

AMOUNT: \$2,500,000.00

EXPIRATION DATE: 04/17/2020

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of May, 2019.

Resolution 18-2019

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 #55379

AMOUNT: \$2,600,000.00

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/14/2019

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of May, 2019.

Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Both Resolutions were approved. Janet also gave a report to the Board of taxes paid and an update of amount unpaid.

The Board discussed contracting Lutz & Associates for a 3-year contract with estimate of \$3,000.00 a year to do the County Budget. Sara James had sent one for the Board to look over. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Knehans to approve the contract with Lutz & Associates since they did such a good job for us last year. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 10:30am, Attorney Bockstadter met with the Board on the previous meeting discussion of the "In God We Trust" campaign being done throughout the State of placing a sign in or outside of the Courthouse. Public response has been favorable and Sara said it was okay if the Board wanted to display this somewhere. Clerk Petsch will contact them and have them send some suggestions for the Board to decide on at the next meeting. Sara also discussed with the Board some suggestions and ideas for replacing her secretarial position on a contract basis since the position will be filled probably in July since her previous secretary will be moving. The Board will look at her proposals at the June 18, 2019 meeting.

At 10:45am, Deputy Harig, Attorney Bockstadter and Dayre Williams met with the Board for discussion of Burial Policy and Cremation. Dayre agreed to submit to the families a form stating the decedent's financial status for cost of the cremation and he in turn will submit this to the County with his Cremation Claim expense. We will continue to work on this policy and submit a document for the families to sign to be given to Dayre and other funeral homes in the area who will be performing this service.

At 11:00am, Sheriff Schmitz and Jack McGuire met with the Board on repairing the Jail Foundation. Jack submitted a bid of \$8,800.00 to do this work. The Board discussed the pros and cons of repairing this old building but felt it needed to be done in order to have a functioning jail for as long as we could. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this repair done by Jack McGuire. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Buschow. Motion carried. Jack informed the Board that this is not a permanent fix to the existing problems but may keep us going for another 10 years.

The Board discussed replacing the windows in the Courthouse and will continue to get more information before taking bids on this project in the near future.

At 11:30am, Rob Wilson met with the Board for approval of the Designated Liquor License for the Webster County Ag Association. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve of this Liquor License for the Webster County Fair. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 11:45am, Assessor Krueger met with the Board on two Tax Corrections (#2019-7 and #2019-8). Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. The Tax Corrections were both approved. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor. All members.

The Board discussed Protest Hearings to be done July 2nd, 16th and 17th.

Deputy Harig talked to the Board about the credit card policy.

The following claims were approved for payment: Salaries: 10,459.13 for part-time employees and EMTs.

GENERAL FUND: Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fee)-\$26.00; Ameritas Life Insurance (Retire)-\$443.29; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel) -\$161.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$711.33; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$42.16; Ron Brumbaugh (Cleaning)-\$1766.67; Calkins Law Office (Counsel)-\$42.75; Centec Cast Metal Products (Markers)-\$590.95; Charm-Tex Inc (Supply)-\$57.18; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1560.33; Das State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$448.00; Dugan Printing & Promotions, LLC (Supply)-\$718.28; FICA -\$497.43; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$603.60; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$50.00; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$1150.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$76.24; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$164.18; Glenwood (Phone/Repairs)-\$105.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1053.11; Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$81.78; Alexa Hinrichs (Expense)-\$138.40; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$250.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$307.26; J & A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$30.48; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$291.10; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$20.66; Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC (Lease)-\$424.45; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2155.97; Naco (Registration)-\$170.00; Nebr Assn of County Clerks (Registration)-\$125.00; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$203.38; Ramada Kearney (Lodging)-\$174.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$604.25; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1697.24; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$83.09; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1520.00; Village Pharmacy (Medical)-\$55.09; Web Co Clerk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$216.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$82.00; Webster Co Hospital Clinic (Medical)-\$7371.78; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$50.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$28.94; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$1131.87; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$2707.46; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$58.82; City of Blue Hill (Utilities)-\$102.04; Century Lumber Center (Supply)-\$25.80; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$406.94; Fica -\$32.80; Fastenal (Repairs)-\$12.20; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$15.46; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$154.64; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$228.66; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$ 73.70; J & A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$8.70; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; Monica Montgomery (Expense)-\$80.82; Napa Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$112.02; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2934.17; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$10,046.05; R & M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$33.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1738.59; Michael Todd & Company (Equip)-\$8156.16; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$47.34; Windstream (Phone)-\$71.09. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** MRJ Engineering (Fees)-\$15,400.00; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$5275.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.75. **SELF INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Douglas P Baum, DDS (Dental)-\$96.00; Bush Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$266.40; Central Dental Group (Dental)-\$168.00; Sean M Dally, DDS (Dental)-\$120.00; Timothy Lebsack (Dental)-\$138.00; McCann-Carpenter Dental LLC (Dental)-\$50.40; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$119.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$157.40. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Company (Fee)-\$524.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$122.14; Bound Tre Medical LLC (Medical)-\$5.64; Fica -\$268.37; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.28; Mathenson Tri-Gas, Inc (Oxygen Rental)-\$52.50.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday May 21, 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 7th day of May, 2019
Webster County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk