

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 4, 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 May 21, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board and reported he had met with FEMA and they stated we had to start all over with the process of getting federal funds to help with flooding issues, etc. on county roads. Paul also asked if he could call one of the commissioners if he had to order parts valued at \$500 or more using the credit card. The Board said this would be okay with them. The road crews are continuing to repair tubes and ditches in the county due to weather conditions. It will take some time to get all the repairs needed done correctly. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve the Resolution submitted by Ron Sunday, Emergency Manager for Webster County to replace the one previously sent. Corrections were made to the proper name they wanted in order to approve our disaster relief. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

District Court Summary Fee Report was presented to the Board.

At 9:05am, Gene Boner met with the Board asking for entrance to T-L Irrigation land with panels being open at all times. Paul Stoner was present. It has been a verbal agreement for several years and Mr. Boner would like to have the access open all the time. Paul will look into the situation and see what he can do to solve the problem without any conflict with Mr. Boner and T-L Irrigation since they have been honoring this entrance for many years.

At 9:30am, Robert Fontaine met with the Board with an estimate for having our Numerical Index, Deeds, etc. scanned for use in the MIPS Register of Deeds software and converted to microfilm for archival purposes. He had discussed this with Clerk Petsch and she felt it was something the Board needed to consider doing. After discussion, the Board decided to go with the plan submitted through a 2-year period of budgeting the money to have this done. This will benefit the County as well as the abstractors.

At 9:40am the Board discussed the appointment to the Midland Area Agency on Aging Board. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Shipman to appoint Keith Buschow. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Buschow. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Treasurer Knehans met with the Board on Letter of Credit #55535 that was no longer needed. She notified the Board that the bank sent the Letter of Credit Cancellation removal since it was done at tax time when monies were high and we needed protection to secure deposits. She stated at the next meeting, she will have another Letter of Credit to submit. Janet also discussed hotel and mileage expense their office will be having in September to attend meetings pertaining to the new titling system going into effect. These meetings are mandatory for the Counties and costly. She wanted the Board to know ahead of time her budget will have to reflect this increase in those line items.

At 10:00am, Dan Rutt from Revive Ministries – Horizon Recovery and Counseling met with the Board and gave a presentation on the work they do for youth and adults for treatment needed to help them overcome alcohol and drug abuse issues. It is a very worthy cause and has helped many. He is presently working with the Red Cloud High School and will be doing presentations later for the students and parents wishing to attend. He was also asking for budget request of \$2,000 to help with their program. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to grant this request. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Knehans. Motion carried.

At 10:15am, Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Karr to approve **Resolution 22-2019**.

### **RESOLUTION 22-2109**

**WHEREAS**, The 2018-2019 County Budget, adopted September 20, 2018 by the Webster County Board of Commissioners, provided for transfers of funds in the total of \$376,219.68 from Inheritance Fund to the County General Fund #100;

**WHEREAS**, Sufficient funds are available in the County Treasurer's Inheritance Fund (#2700) to allow for this transfer;

**WHEREAS**, There are pending HVAC System projects that require funding;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska that \$100,000.00 be transferred from the County Inheritance Fund (#2700) to the County General Fund (#100) as the 3<sup>rd</sup> transfer of funds as stated in the 2018-2019 Webster County Budget Document;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the above designated transfer of funds shall be made by submitting a claim from the Inheritance Fund Account (2700-990-70201) and issuing an Imprest Check to the General Fund (0100-590.02)

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Resolution 22-2019 was signed.

At 10:30am, Jim Daubert from First Concord spoke to the Board about the Cafeteria Cash in Lieu Program available for county employees. Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to do 50% of cost of health employee insurance this first year and increasing as needed each year. Hopefully, this will be a savings for the County and benefit all employees. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Buschow. Motion carried. The program will begin in July.

At 10:45am, Jerad Reimers from Congressman Adrian Smith's Office met with the Board and gave an update of items Adrian Smith is trying to get through the House and Senate to benefit rural and long term health care, critical access care, ag issues, disaster relief bill and health care. Paul Stoner discussed the FEMA aid not given to the County because of wording. He stated a lot of work

had been done in the Road Office to gather all information needed and pictures for the application of disaster relief for the County. Mr Reimers felt the frustration the County was experiencing but had no control on this matter.

At 11:00am, Assessor Krueger met with the Board on 4 Assessor Protests. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: All members. Following Sonja's information on these protests, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent, or abstaining: none. Motion carried. Sonja also discussed changes made in the Employee policies she has been working on.

Abbey Harig, Deputy Clerk met about the Great Plains phone bills needing to be simplified. Since the new phone system has increased claim work, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to have Clerk Petsch pay all of the phone bills out of Courthouse Fund and the offices will turn over that amount of money they previously budgeted to the Courthouse Fund. This will make it easier to do one claim for all offices for the Clerk's Office. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Knehans. Motion carried.

At 11:45am, Gary Ratzlaff met on the Special Designated Liquor License on behalf of Stacy Rasser for event on Sept 21, 2019. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve the Application. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve payment of claims and payroll. All members voted in favor. Wages for 30 part-time employees totaling \$13,902.17.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$657.58; Beman's Appliance Sales & Service (Repairs)-\$125.50; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$319.84; Bockstadter Law Office (Contract)-\$1705.00; Sara Bockstadter (Expense)-\$74.24; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$60.61; Ron Brumbaugh (Cleaning)-\$1766.67; Carpenter & Skalka Crt Reporting Inc (Deposition)-\$114.25; Carrot-Top Industries Inc (Flags)-\$110.33; Das State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$448.00; Dell Marketing, L.P. (Supply)-\$282.18; FICA - \$730.98; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1604.51; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$300.00; Glenwood (Fee)-\$10.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$993.05; Alexa Hinrichs (Expense)-\$79.46; Hometown Leasing (Lease Payment)-\$250.00; Krieger Electric Company (HVAC)-\$100,000.00; Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC (Lease)-\$424.45; NACO (Registrations)-\$250.00; NE Assn of Co Ext Bds (Dues)-\$100.00; NE Assn of County Officials (Dues)-\$1394.72; NIRMA (Insurance)-\$42,465.00; O'Keef Elevator Company (Maintenance)-\$4354.55; Pierce Electronics (Repairs)-\$750.00; Prochaska & Associates Inc (Fee)-\$4126.02; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1226.06; Roger's Inc (Repairs)-\$119.99; Amber Stoner (Expense)-\$74.24; Sunset Law Enforcement (Supply)-\$376.60; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$831.25; Ken VanWey (Mowing/Repairs)-\$1260.00; Village Pharmacy (Medical)-\$45.06; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$75.14; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ace/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$2977.60; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$92.73; Heath Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00; Paul Bencken (Phone)-\$120.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$112.99; Bladen Sand & Gravel (Gravel)-\$1221.27; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$102.54; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$727.87; Diamond Lime, LLC (Gravel)-\$3210.49; FICA - \$105.09; Equipment Blades, INC (Repairs)-\$812.00; Fastenal (Repairs)-\$23.79; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$41.01; Monte Garvin (Phone)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$159.23; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$108.27; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Michael Hunt (Phone)-\$120.00; J & A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$25.09; John Deere Financial (Repairs)-\$271.98; Bruce Johnson (Phone/Exp)-\$270.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$24.42; Monica Montgomery (Phone)-\$120.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$423.72; David Niles (Phone)-\$120.00; NIRMA (Insurance)-\$38,164.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2921.54; R & M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$33.00; Michael Reiman (Phone)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Phone)-\$120.00; C. Ardell Talkington (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$47.34; Marvin Webber (Phone)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$72.78; Kary Winslow (Phone)-\$120.00. **VISITOR PROBATION FUND:** Blue Hill Community Club (Adv)-\$250.00; Byway 136/Heritage Hiway (dues)-\$100.00; Red Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (Adv)-\$1962.50. **VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Willa Cather Foundation (Adv)-\$2750.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$100,000.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** NIRMA (Insurance)-\$2213.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** FICA - \$225.89; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.28; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Rental)-\$154.44; NIRMA (Insurance)-\$5424.00.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday June 18, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 4th day of June, 2019  
Webster County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk